



Leon J. Kostek

February 13, 1948 - May 25, 2025

Leon J. Kostek, 77, of Florence, MA, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, passed away peacefully at the Hospice of the Fisher Home on May 25, 2025, with family by his side.

Born Feb. 13, 1948, in Northampton, MA to the late Anthony and Lulu (Sadlowski) Kostek.

Leon grew up in Hadley and was devoted to working on the family farm. Leon worked for the Town of Hadley, MA Highway and Water Department for most of his adult life and was adored by the townspeople for his dedication.

Following his retirement, Leon spent quality time with his wife of 50 years, Sarajane Kostek, whom he married on July 13, 1974, and was a devoted, loving husband and caregiver up until his recent illness.

Leon took pride in caring for their home, tending to their vegetable garden, making his specialty spaghetti sauce and goulash. He crafted handmade rocking horses for his grandchildren in his garage workshop and enjoyed tinkering with small engines and farm tractors.

In their younger years, Leon and Sara enjoyed long walks around Look Park, relished the sights and smells of the beaches in Maine every summer and were avid movie goers. He was a kind and generous man who will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

He leaves behind his wife, Sarajane (LaPalme) Kostek, a stepson, Jeffrey Morin (Connie) of Manchester NH; two stepdaughters Ellen Bouthillette (Kevin) of Holyoke MA, and Lauri Laroche (Jim) of South Hadley MA; his

brother Tony (Carol) Kostek of Hadley, MA; his sister, Arlene Kostek McGonagle of Providence, RI. Leon also leaves behind seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sister Caroline.

There will be a calling hour on Friday June 6, 2025, from 10 AM – 11 AM at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME, 120 DAMON RD., NORTHAMPTON, MA. A prayer service will begin at 11 AM, in the funeral home followed by his burial in Spring Grove Cemetery, Florence, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Leon's memory can be made to:
Neurofibromatosis NF Northeast, 9 Bedford St., Burlington, MA 01803,
nfnortheast.org.

To view Leon's online tribute, or to send flowers or condolences to the family, please visit www.DrozdalFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd.
Northampton, MA 01060
drozdalfh@aol.com
<http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com>

Prayer Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM - 11:20 AM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-5306
<https://drozdalfuneralhome.com/>

Burial

JUN 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

Spring Grove Cemetery
5 N. Maple St.
Florence, MA 01062

Tribute Wall

LP

“ *Sorry for your loss.*

Lou Palmisano - June 21, 2025 at 12:42 PM

CJ

“ *Sara and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Leon's passing. I will always remember bumping into Sara and Leon at the Fish Hook restaurant and how we would always chuckle at seeing each other there all the time. Leon was a good person, who I'm sure will be sorely missed by family and friends alike, but he is at rest now, and I hope those who hold him dear can take comfort in that. My sincere condolences....
Chris Jackman*

Chris Jackman - June 06, 2025 at 08:45 AM

SL

“ *I used to run into cousin Sarah and Leon during my walks with my dad Armand La Palme at Look Park. We would stop and chat, checking on family members and wondering about the weather. Leon was a very kind and thoughtful man and will be missed.
Stephen LaPalme*

stephen j lapalme - June 03, 2025 at 12:25 PM

RL

“ *I am very sad to see yesterday's obits with Leon's photo, shocked as well. He and Sarah have been so good together...very sad .*

Robert Armand LaPalme - June 03, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Leon J. Kostek.*



June 02, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ *To Sara and family, My deepest condolences to you as you grieve the loss of Leon. His love for Sara and family was so apparent and so admirable. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time.*
Laurie Korza

Laurie Korza - June 02, 2025 at 06:15 AM



“ *Joe,Laurie,Kelsey,Ross,Mike,Agathe purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Leon J. Kostek.*



Joe,Laurie,Kelsey,Ross,Mike,Agathe - June 01, 2025 at 02:26 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear that Leon has passed on. I will always remember he and Sara walking hand and hand just about every day on their walks. He will always be missed in the neighborhood. We will have a big hole now. My heart goes out to your family . He helped me many times over the years. God bless him.*

Linda - June 01, 2025 at 12:59 PM

B)

“ Leon, You are and will be missed. The Neighborhood will not be the same without you. You knew how to fix anything like my snowblower or the lawnmower knowing every part that made it run. I still can see you walking down your driveway across the circle with a bag of grass over your shoulder out to the field. You are now in a peaceful place shooting the shit with my Father. Miss you, Your Neighbor Brian. My Thoughts and Prayers go out to you all. Leon and Sara, Jeff, Ellen and Lori. So many Great Memories growing up with all of you on Claire Avenue. God Bless with Love Brian ❤️

Brian Boyle (Claire Avenue) - June 01, 2025 at 12:00 PM

TC

“ Leon was a wonderful human being. He was so kind caring and helpful to everyone who knew him. Sorry for your loss. R.I.P Leon

Terry Carr - June 01, 2025 at 11:05 AM