



Leo Embro Bendixen

October 21, 1923 - November 26, 2017

Dr. Leo Embro Bendixen, age 94, passed away in his sleep in Columbus, Ohio on Sunday November 26, 2017. He remained firm in his testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ. Leo was born in Mills, Utah, and after graduating from Juab High School, served in World War II on the flight crew of B-29 bombers for the US Army Air Corps, reaching the rank of staff sergeant. After the war, he served the Church of Jesus Christ as a missionary in Denmark, where he met his sweetheart, Ellen Hyllen Sorensen of Aalborg, Denmark. They were married in the Manti Temple. Ellen predeceased him along with their son Steven. Later Leo was married in Manti to Constance Blanche Gault of Ashland, Ohio, who just passed away in August. Dr. Bendixen received his PhD from the University of California, and became a professor with The Ohio State University, where he worked for over 30 years. He traveled the world presenting his scientific research throughout Asia, Australia, Europe, and North and South America. He also served the Church of Jesus Christ as a bishop and counselor in three stake presidencies of the Columbus Ohio Stake. He later served in the Copenhagen Denmark Temple. He is survived by three children: Christian Bendixen Haven of Columbus, Ann Margaret Woods of Hayden, Idaho and Sarah Lynn Wilcox of Portland, Oregon; 21 grandchildren, and 51 great-grandchildren, who affectionately call him Grandpa Leo the Friendly Lion. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 2, 2017 in the LDS Chapel, 3880 Gateway Blvd. (next to the Columbus Ohio Temple). Graveside service following the funeral at Union

Cemetery, 3349 Olentangy River Rd. Arrangements by RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME. To leave a condolence for the family please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43202
(614) 267-5471

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

LDS Chapel
3880 Gateway Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43228

Tribute Wall



“ *Leo Embro Bendixen*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *God Bless/RIP. A heartfelt Thank YOU, S/Sgt. Bendixen for your service in WWII. The USA would NOT be as it is today. I treasure the freedoms for which YOU fought.... And Semper Fi.*



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - December 02, 2017 at 12:53 PM

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“ In 2004 I was lonely and depressed. I prayed for the Lord to send me a friend. A few days later I got a phone call from the sisters. They were having dinner with a couple, and he was insisting they needed a drive home in the dark for safety reasons, but they could not ride with him because his wife was too sick to come too....I went to rescue the missionaries and met the Bendixons. Ellen was that special friend that I prayed for. She and Brother Bendixon lived right by us, and I would walk over to their home to visit with my small children. We shared family nights together. We watched conference. We shared meals. Brother Bendixon could cook a very nice meal! Once, on Steven's birthday, we watched a slide show of his life. Brother Bendixon cried and cried. It was so tender. Ellen loved the small children and was exactly what I needed as a young mother. When my fourth was born, I took him to see them and Ellen sat and held him. She, (with Leo's help) made Sam a pirate blanket. She passed away just one week later.

I watched Brother Bendixon show so much love and sacrifice to care for Ellen. He was remarkable. He was so kind to our little family! I will continue to remember them both every time I eat a fresh raspberry. No doubt his reunion with Ellen was a very sweet one.

I am so grateful for the influence they both had on me. Thank you for sharing them with us! God bless you all during this time of loss. I hope you all can feel how much they loved you. I saw your pictures and heard them speak of their love for you many, many times.

*With love from Kentucky,
Becky Shumway*

Becky Shumway - November 29, 2017 at 10:36 AM

KP

Becky, I am pretty sure you are the family I met a couple of times, who had grandparents as your own while in Columbus. So special! Thanks for all that have a picture from one of your visits to share with you guys.

<https://photos.google.com/album/AF1QipMUV8SFsFIRd-dMSid723oPMblAosyJ0ONIsSEt/photo/AF1QipMkYf3YTVz7yvXPKN6WH-key=CPjAg4mV8t7UAW>

- Karen Peckinpaugh, Lafayette, IN, dkpeckinpaugh@gmail.com

Karen Peckinpaugh - December 05, 2017 at 04:02 PM

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I just came across this. Thank you so much for sharing! It was quite tender. :) Are you okay if I post this on Family Search for others to see?

-Ericalynn B. Roberts, Leo and Ellen's granddaughter, Christian's 3rd daughter

Ericalynn Roberts - November 01, 2018 at 10:45 AM