



Leonard Earl Meekins

August 15, 1954 - December 12, 2016

Leonard Earl Meekins (Lenny) was born August 15, 1954, to A.D. and Eula Meekins in Roswell, New Mexico. He was a retired Air Force veteran. He was an accomplished, self-taught pianist. He loved to share his talent with anyone that was willing to listen.

Leonard is preceded in death by his mother and father, A.D. and Eula Meekins, who he lovingly assisted with their care until their passing in 2002. He is also preceded in death by his sisters: Earlene Meekins and Earnestine Pleasant; and his brothers: Audry Vernon Meekins, Terry Meekins and Clarence Meekins.

Leonard is survived by his brothers: Robert Meekins and his wife, Barbara of Georgia, James Meekins and his wife, Linda of Frost, TX, and Leroy Meekins of Frost, TX. He is also survived by his sisters: Corine Dawson of Portland, Oregon, Debra Young of Roswell, New Mexico, Sherry Shiner and her husband, Jimmie of Portales, New Mexico, and Holly Cannon and her husband, Ebbie of Cedar Hill, TX; as well as an aunt and an uncle, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and all others left to cherish his memories.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for 10:30 AM on Saturday, December 17, 2016, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home in Roswell, New Mexico. Reverend Richard Gorham of the Ware's Tabernacle Baptist Church will officiate.

A reception at Church on the Move's Oneighty building, located at 901 W. Brasher RD, will immediately follow the Memorial Service.

Burial will be on Monday, December 19, 2016, 10:30 AM at General Douglas McBride Veteran's Cemetery. The family would like to thank everyone who said a prayer, made a call, or shared their love face to face. We appreciate you all!

Obituary loving written by Leonard's family.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Back in the mid 80s, I was assigned to the 44th Transportation Squadron at Ellsworth AFB in South Dakota with Sergeant Meekins. He was truly one of the kindest and most caring human beings I’ve had the honor of knowing—a true gentle giant. Rejoice before God’s most wondrous and everlasting presence, Sergeant Meekins—you positively touched countless lives, mine included.

Mario Hall - December 05, 2025 at 11:37 PM

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“ May your soul now be at rest. I love you Uncle Leonard.



Erica Meekins - December 21, 2016 at 07:43 PM

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I was stationed with Leonard at Vandenberg and moleswort. He is one of the best people I have met in my life. I can't remember him not having a great smile for anyone he met.

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Great Individual

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“*Mr. Meekins came to play for the residents at Mission Arch. He was kind enough to do this without payment. The piano was out of tune but he did not let this ruffle his feathers. He attacked it like a hound dog to a bone. He chewed it up and spit it out. We was marvelous. You would never know that old piano wasn't right. Mr. Meekins played beautifully. I wish that I had a recording of it. It was a special treat to anyone within earshot. That was the only time I heard him play. God blessed him with a special talent. Now the angels will be blessed to hear his music.*

Jane Rains

Jane Rains - December 16, 2016 at 01:44 PM

DB

“*I didn't know Lenny well, but I do have a very nice musical memory of him. Once when I was still on the fulltime faculty at Eastern New Mexico University / Roswell campus, must have been about fourteen or fifteen years ago, Lenny set up his electronic keyboard and I set up my drums, at a spot on the campus grounds between the buildings, and we had a sort of impromptu jazz mini-concert. I recall especially that we played a kind of jazz-blues version of "House of the Rising Sun." Lenny was a really fine musician.*

Dr. Donald R. Burleson - December 16, 2016 at 08:20 AM