



## Leonard Anthony Flens

September 13, 1942 - August 18, 2018

Murrells Inlet

Leonard Anthony Flens

Leonard Anthony Flens, age 75, died on Saturday, August 18, 2018. He was born in Chicago, IL to the late Stanley Edward and Gertrude Mary Flens. Mr. Flens received his Bachelor's degree from University of Illinois. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, in the office of Secretary of Defense, Chief Actuary office attaining rank of specialist 5th class. After his honorable discharge from the Army, he went on to serve his country in the Department of Defense at the Pentagon, where he retired after 35 years with AFDSC/AFPCA. He was a member of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. Preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Stanley Flens. Survivors include, his loving companion of 50 years, Barbara Louise Abrahams Phipps of Murrells Inlet; 2 step-daughters and son-in-law, Bobbi and Pete Hyder of Murrells Inlet and Lisa Phipps of Murrells Inlet; 2 brothers, Ralph Flens of Schererville, IN and Dominic (Andrea) Flens of St. John, IN; 1 sister, Carolyn Flens of Calumet City, IL; and many loving family members. Special Thanks to Lakes of Litchfield for their loving care. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association 1105 48th Avenue N, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

Graveside service at National Memorial Park in Falls Church, VA, will be announced at a later date.

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com).

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

 Lisa Phipps

“ Len, you came into our lives quietly so many years ago and helped us become a strong family. You were the unexpected gift we needed. I'm sure it wasn't always easy, especially during those Bobbi and Lisa teenage years. You were with us at all the milestones of our lives and gave mom the support she needed. Most importantly, your love for her was the best gift you could have given us. Bobbi, Pete and I know the best gift we can give you is to take care of her. Please rest assured that we will. From the bottom of our broken hearts, we miss you and we will always love you.

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**Lisa Phipps** - August 24, 2018 at 08:06 AM

 WU

“ Thanks for your service Soldier !!!  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps



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**Wayne Williams - USMC** - August 21, 2018 at 06:55 PM

 CS

“ To all the family and friends of a dear man, I have had the please of knowing Len for 30+years mostly through bowling trips and on vacations to South Carolina. Kind soul. Be at peace my friend.

*Thoughts and prayers for the families: Flens', Phipps', Hyder's.*

*Cindi Stout*

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**Cindi Stout** - August 21, 2018 at 08:34 AM

BH

“ When you came into our lives almost 50 years ago, im sure none of us could have known what a huge difference you have made. Mom, Lisa and I were trying to manage life and find our way, then you came along and we truly have become a family. You have been there with us through good and bad times and have always stood strong and supportive. Thank you for everything you have done for us, but especially thank you for loving mom and making her life so much better. Pete, Lisa and I promise to take care of her now just as you did. Our hearts are breaking and our family feels such a loss, but we know you are in heaven and at peace at last. Love you Len  
❤️

Bobbi Hyder - August 20, 2018 at 12:19 PM

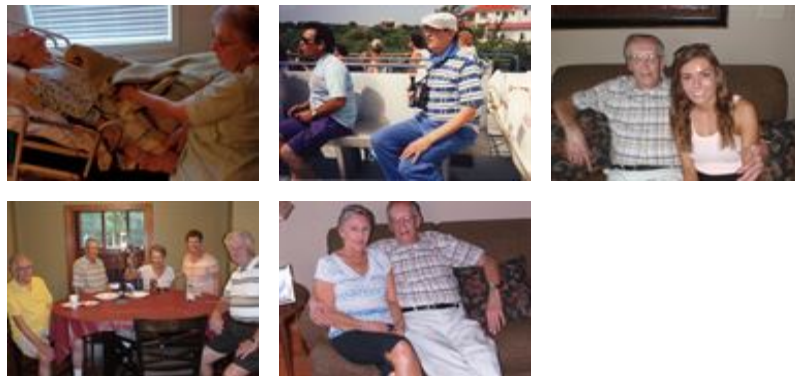
MD

“ Steve and I shared wonderful memories of us cruising. Very nice man  
RIP

Michele Dambrosio - August 20, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ 72 files added to the album Life Tributes



Goldfinch Funeral Home - August 20, 2018 at 11:48 AM

LS

“ *My old boss, my friend, my confidant. You will be missed. Thanks for all of the wonderful memories.*

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**Lynn Schmitz** - August 19, 2018 at 06:27 PM

CM

*Your pain and suffering are over. May you rest in peace.*

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**Christine Mash** - August 19, 2018 at 07:41 PM

MP

*My thoughts and prayers are with Len's Family and Friends, during this as time. Rest In Peace.  
Mary Pieczybski*

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**Mary Pueczybski** - August 19, 2018 at 10:41 PM

CH

*You were a wonderful friend and coworker.*

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**Clarence Hoop** - August 20, 2018 at 09:45 AM

GF

*He was the Best Man at my Wedding and a godfather to my first born. Rest in Peace. Gerald Flens*

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**Gerald Flens** - August 20, 2018 at 11:02 AM

TS

*Len was a huge part of my AFDSC family, always will be. He and Barb were an integral "family unit" of several AFDSC folks & their families that we had enjoyed for such a long time in the good 'ol days. Like all in that family, he was a large influence on me, and what I have become. A friend & mentor of the nth degree.*

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**Thomas Simpson** - August 20, 2018 at 12:10 PM

RF

*Len, You are at peace..we had many good times together.*

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**Ralph Flens** - August 20, 2018 at 01:56 PM

DF

*Going to miss you Bro ! We had plenty of good times together when I was growing up. Now I have the memories to look back on. I recall the first road trip we ( mom, dad, myself, Ralph, Carol Ann and Natalie) took to see you shortly after you started working at the Pentagon. It was in dads old green Olds 98. Dad was doing a 100mph in Ohio going out to you. During my latter grade school years and early high school years, I would spend most of summers out by you. This was back with planes were still prop planes. The first apartment you had by yourself was in Arlington, VA, next to the national cemetery. Your had a great view of the city and the lit up monuments at night. The planes flew over your building on their way to Wash Nat'l airport. The apartment was on the 7th or 8th floor if I recall. Your 2nd apartment was at Skyline Towers on the 7th floor. You never wanted a higher floor because you said the fire department ladder truck could only reach 7 floors up. I recall one evening when our cousin Jerry came over for dinner. He was in DC for training at the time. After dinner, we played a board game and killed a couple bottles of Lancers wine. This place also had a nice pool where I would spend most of my time. I came home so dark one summer, Mom & dad didn't recognize me. During these trips, you took me to my 1st R rated movie (Candy Stripe Nurses), my first nude strip club in DC with Bill Herchizer, par 3 golf after work, road trips to the back hills of VA and*

*surrounding areas. It was on one of my early visits that you introduced me to Barb. You took us all out to dinner at the officer's club, that's when I met her daughter Bobbi as she went with us. The second time Barb cooked us Sunday dinner ( stuffed green peppers and mashed potatoes) at her condo in Fairfax. That's when I met Lisa. It was also on one of these trips that I had fish for Sunday breakfast ( A Phipps family tradition !!) I can probably go on and on, but just wanted you to know that you were a big part of my growing up years and that I appreciated you looking out for your young brother. I trust that you'll find rest now that you are in Gods hands. Love you always!*

*Dom Flens*

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**Dom Flens** - August 20, 2018 at 09:55 PM