



Leonard "Len" E Ashley Jr

November 19, 1947 - December 13, 2023

Leonard "Len" E. Ashley, Jr.
Surfside Beach.....

Leonard "Len" E. Ashley, Jr. passed away peacefully at his home, "Beach Music," on Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

Born in Chester, SC on November 19, 1947, he was the son of Leonard E. Ashley, SR., and Allie Hathcock Ashley and was raised by his stepmother, Mossie Ashley, after his mother died young.

He is survived by his wife, Betty (BJ) Ashley (Surfside Beach); his son Elliott Ashley (Carla) and granddaughter Cullum Ashley (Columbia); he is also survived by his stepson Ed Parler (Elizabeth) and grandchildren Walker, Emma, Emerson, and Eleanor Parler (Pawleys Island).

A graduate of Chester High School, where he played football and was in the band, Len graduated from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC, where he was a member of The Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

After graduation, Len joined the South Carolina Army National Guard, from which he retired after 25 years as a Major. He worked as a medical sales representative for Johnson & Johnson. He retired from PSS World Medical. Having lived in Columbia, SC during his working career, he retired to Surfside Beach. During retirement, he was a member of Belin United Methodist Church in Murrells Inlet. He enjoyed traveling with friends, USC football, being with friends and family, especially with his grandchildren around the pool at Beach Music, and walking his dog, Cookie, on the beach.

A Memorial Services will be held Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Belin United Methodist Church with an internment at Belin United Methodist Church Cemetery following the Service.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or to Tideland Community Hospice, 259 N. Fraser Street, Georgetown, SC 29440

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Belin Memorial United Methodist Church
4182 US-17 BUS
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Tribute Wall

CC

“ I was so bummed to hear this. While I have only seen he and BJ a handful of times since I left USC, I will miss him.
YITB Brother

Carl Cholewa - December 19, 2023 at 01:48 PM

LS

“ Larry and I are so sorry about Lynn’s passing. We enjoyed talking with him and seeing him while he was walking Cookie on the beach. Larry was a Chester high school friend of Lynn. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this difficult time.



Larry and Linda Stewart - December 15, 2023 at 03:57 PM

MM

Major Ashley was my first company commander that I served with. He made me a better officer... And a better man. I lived in Chester and we knew a lot of the same people. Your family has my sincere condolences. He will be truly missed.. And he left an indelible touch on my life.

Michael A Mobley - December 18, 2023 at 12:40 AM

MM

The finest officer I ever served with.

Michael A Mobley - December 18, 2023 at 12:46 AM

DP

BJ, We were sad to read of Len's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family. Dan and Lynn

Dan Parler - December 18, 2023 at 09:46 AM