



Leonard Washington Jr.

October 6, 1940 - May 28, 2020

Leonard Washington, Jr., departed this life and joined the ancestral plane on May 28, 2020 at the age of 79. He was born on October 6, 1940 in New Orleans, Louisiana, to the late Leonard and Melba (Hill) Washington. He was preceded in death by his brother Leroy Elliott Washington of New Orleans, LA. Leonard graduated from Walter L. Cohen High School in New Orleans. He continued his education at Dillard University in New Orleans, Howard University in Washington, DC, and Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management in Evanston, IL with a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Social Work and Master of Business Administration degrees respectively.

He joined the staff of the Lebanon VAMC in 1963 as a social worker. In 1969, he moved to Illinois where he was appointed Supervisory Social Worker at the North Chicago VAMC. During the 1970s and early 80s, he held several federal government assignments of increasing responsibility: Hospital Administration Specialist at the VA Central Office in Washington, DC; completed Assistant Director training at the Shreveport LA VAMC; Assistant Director at the Canandaigua, New York VAMC; and the Associate Director at the Brecksville, Ohio VAMC. In 1982, he returned to the Lebanon VAMC where he served as CEO until retiring in December 1998.

For 34 years, Leonard had made it his mission to care for the heroes who had placed their own lives on the line to present the freedom we all enjoy. As the CEO of the Lebanon VAMC, his record of excellence is well documented in Central Pennsylvania and Washington, DC. He committed the VAMC to provide more than just medical service; he made sure the Lebanon VAMC head presence in the community and the region. Under his guidance, the Lebanon VAMC introduced the first mobile screening van in the region, the Camp Hill Outpatient Clinic and a Substance Abuse Unit. These merely scratch the surface of his illustrative accomplishments.

In spite of his busy schedule, he served on several boards and in many community organizations. He was a member of the original planning committee which designed the Leadership Lebanon Valley Program and served as a board member of the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he was honorary chair of the 1998 Relay for Life in Lebanon and a member of the Lebanon Rotary. He was chair of the Government Relations Committee for the South Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis

Society and retired in 2018 from the board of The United Way of Lebanon County after 35 years. He is a proud 60 year member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity active in the Kappa Omega Chapter and a proud member of the Beta Pi Boule of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. In his spare time, he had been active in area theater productions including the Lebanon Community Theater, Mt. Gretna Playhouse and the Theater of the Seven Sisters. He especially enjoyed his work with Directors Art Ford and the Kreider Brothers.

After his retirement, Leonard was able to continue with his love of traveling, gardening, cooking and reading. In addition to spending time with his family, he immensely enjoyed his Breakfast Prayer Group, the VAMC Dinner/Luncheon Group and his longstanding outings with Phil Feather and Lee Sholly.

Leonard was a faithful and active member of Trinity United Methodist Church where he willingly took on leadership positions in the church as Lay Reader, Chair of the Pastor Parish Committee, Choir Member, Men's Breakfast Leader and served on local and district committees.

Leonard received many honors, recognitions and awards, most notably the Founders Day Award from Lebanon Valley College. The Founders Day Award recognizes people whose character and leadership contributed to the enhancement of life in Central Pennsylvania. Leonard's energy, discipline and selfless years of service have touched many lives directly and indirectly. His smile, wit and dry humor will be missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Albertine (Tina) Washington; his children: Henry C. Moore and wife Stephanie of La Place, Louisiana; Tracy Felton and husband George (Ammioz) of Suitland, Maryland; and Troy Washington and wife Kim of Upper Marlboro, Maryland. He was a blessed grandfather to five grandchildren: Henry C. Moore, Jewllecia Moore, Priel Felton, Logan Washington and Landon Washington. Leonard is also survived by his sister, Myrtle Duffel and her husband Anthony of Marina, CA, his uncle Alfred Washington and special cousin Jazzette Washington of New Orleans, LA, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and scores of wonderful friends. A Celebration of Leonard's Life is planned for the fall. Additional details will be made public at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of Leonard Washington Jr., to SAFE FUNDS, Dillard University Office of Development, 2601 Gentilly Blvd, New Orleans, LA, 70122 or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements entrusted to Porterfield-Scheid Funeral Directors & Cremation Services, Ltd., Lebanon. To share on line condolences please visit www.porterfieldscheidfh.com

Comments



“ A great man, a great leader and a great asset to the Lebanon community. Respected, thoughtful, positive, supportive and a visionary. Grateful for having known and worked with Leonard. A champion who will be greatly missed and legacy remembered.

Tim Rollings
Former Director Lebanon Valley Family YMCA

Tim Rollings - June 04 at 07:19 PM



“ Mr. Washington was Director of VAMC Lebanon when I worked there. He always greeted you in the halls and generally knew your name. Personable, approachable, and involved in the VA life. There was never a stronger replacement. RIP our friend.

Carol Heagy - June 02 at 03:33 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear this news. Tina, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May his memory be eternal.

Annie Skamangas-Scaros

Annie Scaros - June 01 at 10:52 PM



“ I share sincere my sympathy with Tina and the entire Washington Family. It was my pleasure to be side by side with Leonard for three decades in service to the United Way of Lebanon County. And during my years as GSH CEO ,Leonard and I collaborated on several important health care projects. What a gentleman and how dedicated he was in all these endeavors. Our community has lost a wonderful beacon of hope and kindness. He will be sorely missed. God Bless Leonard Washington.
Bob Hoffman

Bob Hoffman - June 01 at 10:23 PM



“ My prayers of comfort to the family for your loss. I will always remember his warm spirit and kind words. Rest In Peace brother Washington



Sheila Graves - June 01 at 09:13 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Tina and her family . I had the pleasure of knowing Leonard for 30 years. I was given the pleasure of knowing the entire family when they would visit Inn 422. Waiting on Leonard was always a pleasure and such a great time when he came in with his buddies! He always has a kind word and concern for how you were....Leonard loved his seafood salad and his anchovies!! God Bless you Leonard!

sherry long - June 02 at 07:35 AM



“ Sending my prayers of support to Link Tina and the family

Lynette Chappell Williams - June 01 at 06:49 PM



“ The first time I heard the name Leonard Washington was from the mouth of Herb Bruntel.
I was a new physical therapist and Herb was showing me around my new job site; the Lebanon VA Medical Center. Herb had worked his way up the ranks and was very appropriately serving as the chief of physical therapy. I admired Herb in many ways, and when Herb told me about Leonard Washington, who himself had worked his way up the VA ranks, it was obvious that Herb very much admired Leonard. When I finally met this tall, distinguished yet somehow spritely figure, I began to understand the admiration people felt for him. He had an energy and sophistication about him that absolutely fit his leadership role. Until Mr. Washington retired, I had the pleasure of knowing that the VA was in capable hands under the direction of a compassionate heart.

Arthur Lyon - June 01 at 02:59 PM



“ Dear Tina, Tracy and Troy, my heart is filled with sadness. Leonard was one of the most talented VA Medical Center Directors ever at the helm of the Lebanon VA, He was truly concerned about the well being of all veterans that came to us for care. He made it a point to talk with our patients and staff. Mr. Washington recognized

employee's family events, weddings, births, and accomplishments. He was truly a gentleman. Leonard was supportive of my career and encouraged me to be all that I could be. I owe my success to Leonard Washington. Rest in Peace my friend. Lee and Debra Sanders

Dr. Lee Sanders - June 01 at 02:59 PM



“ God bless the loved ones and RIP SIR!

Phyllis Wise - June 01 at 02:31 PM



“ Dear Tina, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mike often talks about the fun times he and Leonard had singing in the choir at Trinity. Many jokes were told during practices when they were suppose to be singing! I shall miss his smile and caring comments. With love, Caroline and Mike Jacobs

Caroline and Mike Jacobs - June 01 at 01:39 PM



“ I met Mr. Washington while chairing the Relay for Life in Lebanon. He was a warm, caring man who was willing to share his battle with cancer and his love for life. I had the utmost respect for his positive outlook and concern for others. He was a true hero in many ways.

My sincere condolences, sympathy and prayers for his family and friends.

Sue Walewski

Sue Walewski - June 01 at 01:50 AM



“ I loved to be around Uncle Leonard because there would always be so much fun and laughter. His great sense of humor will definitely be missed. I love you all. Winter Smith

Winter Smith - May 31 at 10:57 PM



“ My favorite memory of Leonard was meeting him the first time at Cyndi Kensinger’s wedding. As we stood in the buffet line and met we shared that we were expecting our first child- Leonard’s response was I have one bit of advice - get a good babysitter! He was so adorable and we know you were blessed with an amazing man for over 50 years. God bless you Tina and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you
Randy and Amy

amy derr - May 31 at 10:07 PM



“ Mozella Joyce Mosley lit a candle in memory of Leonard Washington Jr.



Mozella Joyce Mosley - May 31 at 09:52 PM



“ Tina: Your have our sincere condolences. I first met Leonard when he returned to the LVAMC as its CEO. Over the years, I was privileged to be in Leonards company, often at the YMCA and later at the Riding Club. Leonard was the kind of person that everyone enjoyed knowing. He was caring, thoughtful, and insightful. He will be missed by many, many people.
Take care,
Jim Snell & Penny Sullivan

James A. Snell, Esq. - May 31 at 08:10 PM



“ Tina, Dale and I would like to offer our deepest sympathies. Rest assured of our prayers for you and the family! ~Dale and Dori Ludwig.

Dori Ludwig - May 31 at 05:45 PM



“ My condolences to the family. Mr Washington always had a smile, and cared for all veterans and employees at the VA. It was a pleasure to have work for him and known him. God bless.



Deb Gerhart - May 31 at 05:12 PM



“ Nancy A Miller Thomas lit a candle in memory of Leonard Washington Jr.



Nancy A Miller Thomas - May 31 at 04:46 PM