



Leon Francis Bouknight, Jr.

October 22, 1955 - June 25, 2025

Anderson, SC

Leon Bouknight Jr.

Leon Francis Bouknight Jr., age 69, passed away peacefully after a brief bout with cancer on Wednesday, June 25th, surrounded by his family in Anderson, SC. Leon was born on October 22nd, 1955, to Leon "Pete" Bouknight and Annette Sample Bouknight of Saluda, SC. He was an 8th generation South Carolinian and a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Leon was a modern-day renaissance man of many talents, and he forged his professional career from a variety of interests. From youth pastor, public speaker, professional magician, radio announcer, multimedia specialist, author, and technology specialist. Leon was an insatiably curious serial entrepreneur who was well known for his compassion, creativity, and storytelling abilities. Though he blazed a trail across many fields, his work was often in service of others, and Leon left an indelible impression on everyone he encountered.

A consummate gourmand, his culinary exploits were nearly legendary and only rivaled by his love of music and of the arts. Quick to make friends and a willing confidant, Leon rarely met a stranger. His travels took him across the whole of the United States, Canada, Africa, South America and Europe. His journeys on this earth were marked by his dedication to his ideals, his love of family, and his commitment to God.

Those who knew Leon will remember him for his humor and ability to mesmerize a crowd with his entertaining, robust storytelling. Though, above all, his contributions to the fashion of suspenders will be most sorely missed, the fields of coffee brewing, bike riding and facebooking are the poorer for his loss.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Susan McCall Bouknight, his three sons Jamie,

Josh and Jonathan, and their families. He also leaves a sister, Deborah Perry, and many other family members and friends who will sadly miss him.

Services will be held 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at Ramey Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Shiloh Methodist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

An upstate Celebration of Life will be held 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, 2025, at Flat Rock Baptist Church. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to please make donations to Shiloh Methodist Church, c/o Kent or Glenda Rushton, 4036 John J. Rushton Road, Saluda, SC 29138 or Living Hope Baptist Church, 7615 Liberty Highway, Liberty, SC 29657 or Cancer Association of Anderson, 215 East Calhoun Street, Anderson, SC 29621.

Cemetery Details

Shiloh Methodist Church Cemetery

1305 Shiloh Road
Saluda, SC 29138

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Ramey Funeral Home
202 N Rudolph St
Saluda, SC 29138
(864) 445-2366

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115 Slab Bridge Road
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ I met Leon when he set up a computer system where I worked. From the get-go I knew I had made a friend for life. He was always ready with a story or a joke, but thing I loved most about him was his big smile.

He was a wonderful man with a beautiful heart. He will be missed.

Debi Swing - July 05, 2025 at 08:40 PM

AB

“ Almastine Butler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leon Francis Bouknight, Jr..

Almastine Butler - July 02, 2025 at 08:40 AM

WS

“ He and his family was a blessing was to our family. He will be missed and I know his family are blessed.

Wanda Shull



Wanda Shull - July 02, 2025 at 08:06 AM

BG

“ I've never met a more loving, surprising clown in my life! You never knew what he was going to come up with and I always enjoyed being with him and will miss him. I loved Leon and will see him again.

Buck Griffin

Buck Griffin - July 02, 2025 at 07:26 AM

KD

“ We are blessed to have met Leon at the wedding of our son & his granddaughter which he officiated. He was also the DJ for the reception and he left a positive impression on everyone there. 🙏

Karen Denas - July 01, 2025 at 07:58 PM



“ *What an honor it was to call him my brother in Christ. To be with him last spring in West Virginia on our mission trip and to have him share his testimony with the youth that was there.*
He helped lead two young men to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ while he was there and they were able to find a church that opened there doors so that these young men could be baptized.
That is the Leon Bouknight that will live in my heart until I can hug his neck again I love you and miss you. You worship Jesus and make Him like you did all of us, we will look after Susan.
Deno Bolt

Deno Bolt - June 30, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Leon Francis Bouknight, Jr..*



June 30, 2025 at 08:55 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leon Francis Bouknight, Jr..*

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“ *I remember meeting Mr Bouknight decades ago when he came to our school to speak. He was so funny. I remember to this day "oh, I say! Have you heard of Harry?" I would quote it every time I would run into him RIP dear sir.*



CHRYSTAL W SCOTT - June 30, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ *what a blessing Leon was to all who knew him a country boy from a small town made his mark in the world RIP*

billie starling - June 28, 2025 at 04:02 PM

BS

“ *billie starling lit a candle in memory of Leon Bouknight*



billie starling - June 28, 2025 at 04:00 PM

WG

“ *William & Naomi Goodman lit a candle in memory of Leon Bouknight*



William & Naomi Goodman - June 28, 2025 at 12:06 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leon Francis Bouknight, Jr..*



June 26, 2025 at 08:47 PM