



John Wade Leonard

November 11, 1952 - June 26, 2025

John Wade Leonard, 72, of Preston, MD passed away unexpectedly at home on June 26, 2025. Born on Nov 11, 1952, in Easton MD, to the late Ridgeway Leonard & Jeanette Miles Leonard. Wade grew up on a farm on Royal Oak creating his own adventures with his 4 brothers and 1 sister. Wade graduated from St. Michael's High School, where he participated in cross country. Immediately after high school he began driving trucks for Weems Brothers, which cultivated a more than 50-year professional trucking career with Crown Cork & Seal and CW Transport.

Wade married the love of his life, Robin Drue Cheezum in August of 1973, after courting her while working her high school job at Windy's. Together they raised two sons, Bryan & Kevin. They created many memories and friendships together along the way until her untimely passing in 1995 of breast cancer.

Wade was a selfless and simple man. He always put others before himself, and his big heart for the people around him will not be forgotten.

Wade is preceded in death by his late wife, Robin Leonard, his parents Ridgeway & Jeanette Miles Leonard, brothers Ridgeway, Tom, and Fred. He is survived by his son Bryan and his wife Tracey, son Kevin and his wife Harley, brother Bruce and his wife Deborah, and sister Jenny. He was blessed to be a

grandfather to Carter Leonard, Olivia Leonard and Saylor Lednum.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, July 6, 2025, from 3 pm – 5 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Easton, MD. A service will follow the next day, Monday at 10am. Burial will take place at Spring Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Caroline County EMS, 9391 Double Hills Road, Denton, MD 26729, or the Caroline County Humane Society, 407 W. Belle Street, Ridgely, MD 21660 (<https://www.carolinehumane.org/>), in memory of Wade Leonard.

Cemetery Details

Spring Hill Cemetery

N. Aurora St.
Easton, MD 21601

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. - Easton
200 S. Harrison St.
Easton, MD 21601

Service of Remembrance

JUL 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service

JUL 7 (ET)

Spring Hill Cemetery
N. Aurora St.
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John Wade Leonard* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 09, 2025 at 10:52 AM

BA

“ *I remember Wade from SMHS. He was always very kind. God bless his family.* ”

Barbara Ayres - July 23, 2025 at 01:14 PM

TT

“ *Tammy Tarr lit a candle in memory of John Wade Leonard* ”



Tammy Tarr - July 07, 2025 at 09:02 PM

GM

“ *Gina And Duff McConnell lit a candle in memory of John Wade Leonard* ”



Gina and Duff McConnell - July 03, 2025 at 11:59 AM

AB

“ Kev and Bryan - I am so sorry for the loss of Mr. Wade. Thinking of both of you and your families.

April Bitter - July 03, 2025 at 11:19 AM

CS

“ So sorry about Wade. One of the nicest persons I've ever met. What a great memory of Wade meeting Robin at Windys.. Thinking of the family at this sad time.

Connie Harris Sypniewski - July 01, 2025 at 08:28 PM

JH

“ Remembering Wade as a quiet, nice, good guy who seemed to get along with everyone. A fellow farmer's kid. I don't recall running into him since high school. Godspeed Wade. ❤️

Julie Hopkins - July 01, 2025 at 07:03 PM

KL

“ Wade was one of our small class of SMHS of 1970. We was a quiet and always a kind person. He left our world a much better place. Without a doubt, Wade will be missed by all those who lives he touched.

Klaus Liebig - July 01, 2025 at 05:31 PM

SF

“ I have such special memories with Robin and Wade and being such a close and loving family. You were a wonderful husband to Robin and a good father to Bryan and Kevin. I know you are with your beloved Robin now and can rest in peace. Love you, Wade, and will miss you ❤️

Suzanne Foster - July 01, 2025 at 10:19 AM

BL

“ *The bond we shared were never broken, neither by time or distance or the circumstances of our lives. The memories we shared and the new ones we made these last few months are now treasures I'll carry until we meet again. When we met for the last time yesterday, even in silence, your spirit spoke to me, reminding me of your kindness. I will miss you endlessly. Forever in my heart, big brother. Love you . . .Bruce*

Bruce Leonard - July 01, 2025 at 08:31 AM

SF

*I have such special memories with my sister, Robin, and Wade. We were such a close family and had so many fun times. He was such a loving husband to Robin and father to his boys. He is with his beloved Robin now. Love you Wade ❤️
Suzanne*

Suzanne Foster - July 01, 2025 at 09:55 AM

DW

It was such a pleasure to have Wade and Robin as my brother and sister-in-law. I remember Wade always having a smile on his face, and how kind he and helpful was, But most of all I remember how he great was as a father to his children, He will be dearly missed by everyone whose life he touched.

Donna Jean Weems - July 01, 2025 at 08:01 PM

BL

“ *1 file added to the album Wade*



Bryan Leonard - July 01, 2025 at 08:26 AM

JC

“ *Joyce George Cox lit a candle in memory of John Wade Leonard*



Joyce George Cox - June 30, 2025 at 10:56 AM

JC

I am so sorry to hear of Wade's passing. I went all through school with Wade...we graduated 1970 St Michaels. I haven't seen him for years but I remember that Wade was always the sweetest, kindest, soft spoken person. My sincere condolences to Wade's family.

Joyce George Cox - June 30, 2025 at 11:01 AM

TH

“ *We lost “ A Good Man” this week.
So many of us will miss Wade but we can take comfort knowing he's with the one person who he loved his whole life.
Wade was a quiet man who loved his friends and all his family. I have many fond memories of times at his home playing horseshoes, having a few beers and enjoying the friends and family I grew to know.
To Brian and Kevin, my sincere condolences and know that your father was one of the best friend I ever had the pleasure of knowing. An example of integrity, love, courage and compassion.
He truly was ,” A Good Man”.*

Tom Holden

tom holden - June 29, 2025 at 10:31 AM

MW

“ *Bryan and Kevin, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. He was such a devoted husband and father. I know you will miss him. Thinking of your mom and dad together again make me smile. Praying for you and your families during this difficult time.*

Marti Wright - June 29, 2025 at 06:27 AM