



## Leonard Crizer

June 12, 1936 - April 17, 2012

Leonard O'Day Crizer of Easton, MD, formerly of White Sulfur Springs, WV, passed away at the Genesis Health Care the Pines on April 17, 2012, at the age of 75.

Born on June 12, 1936, he was the second son of the late, Edward Francis and Audrey Pauline Crizer. He proudly served in the United States Army as a Morse code operator stationed in Asmara Ethiopia from 1956 to 1959. After serving in the Army, he returned home to Baltimore, MD, and became the loving husband to Irma "Midge" Crizer (nee: Dragoo) for more than 50 years, loving father to Valerie Laureska and her husband, Tim of Trappe, Jeffery and his girlfriend, Cherly Payne of VA, and Julie and her husband, Jeffray of VA.

He is survived by six grandchildren, Jacob Laureska, Shane Laureska, Logan Crizer, Brianna Crizer, Mason Jones and Madison Jones. He was also a loving brother to Edward Crizer, Charles Crizer, Vella Markowski, the late, Barry Crizer, Gary Crizer, and Rosalie Gaynor, as well as a loving uncle to many nieces and nephews.

While raising his family in Glen Burnie, MD, Leonard was employed with the Department of Defense (DOD) for over 37 years, routinely traveling to Scotland and Alaska for special projects. In addition, Leonard coached the DOD's men softball team (The Longshots) for many seasons. He was the

Scoutmaster of Glen Burnie Boy Scout Troop #780 where his son ,Jeffery, attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

After retirement from DOD, Leonard and Irma retired to the beautiful Eastern Shore to enjoy a simpler life- gardening, holidays and BBQ's with family, and making new friends. After moving to the Shore, he earned his license as a real estate agent and worked part time as an assistant at Queenstown Harbor Golf Course. He and Irma later realized that retirement and enjoying their membership at the Easton Elk's Lodge #1622 suited them perfectly.

Friends may call at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home P.A, Easton, on Friday, April 27, 2012, from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Service will be held at the Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Chapel in Hurlock MD, at 1p.m.

Memorial Donations may be made in memory of Leonard to the Alzheimer's Association, 1850 York Road, Suite D, Timonium, Maryland, 21093.

# Cemetery Details

## Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery

Hurlock, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location  
200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

APR 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Maryland Veteran's Cemetery Chapel Hurlock  
Hurlock, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leonard Crizer*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 25, 2023 at 09:02 PM



“ *Leonard Crizer*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Leonard Crizer*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Leonard Crizer*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Midge, I was so sorry to hear about Wimpy. I know you and your family will miss him much. I'll be praying for you all.  
Love, Shirley Craft Harryman*

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**Shirley Craft Harryman** - May 07, 2012 at 11:22 PM

JJ

“ Hey Pop,  
Your memorial service was beautiful and I hope you felt all the warmth and love that we did in your honor. So many family and friends whose lives you touched. May you now rest in peace with your fellow veterans -- an honor that you so much deserve. I am so sorry that Mason and Maddie will not get more time with their Pop-pop but they will always have memories. We will always love you and will miss you dearly.

*Love, Julie, Jeff, Mason and Maddie*

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**Julie Jones** - April 29, 2012 at 07:33 AM

VA

Wow Sis and family,  
Well said. Yes, we will miss him so much and all he stood for!  
Val

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**ValerieLaureska** - May 01, 2012 at 08:07 PM

DB

“ As friends of Val & Tim's, Larry and I were very fortunate to get to know Lenny. He was a joy to be around, and we always enjoyed his company. He was obvious how much he loved his family and life in general. He will always be an inspiration to us and will be truly missed!

*Dottie & Larry Becraft*

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**Dottie Becraft** - April 26, 2012 at 02:53 PM

BM

“ *Midge and family. It's quite obvious that Len left a huge impression on the whole Mantz family, including me. If there was one person who I was sorry to leave when we moved from Glen Burnie, it was Len. It's been a long time since I've been able to laugh like we did then. Many years have passed, and there have been many changes in our lives, but the last time I saw him, which was unfortunately at Chip Snyder's services, and in spite of his advanced illness, he called me by my name. (How's that David Allen Coe ?) That was special. And so was the brief time we were able to visit together.*

*With love to all, Bill*

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**Bill Mantz** - April 26, 2012 at 01:55 PM

VA

“ *Hi, it's Val again :)  
Just want to thank all who have shared their memory on this blog. It has been a real blast from the past for us. Please share with others so we can have more memories to keep.  
Pop, have been working on platters for Friday - wishing you will be in the middle of it all! Man, I miss you!*

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**Valerie** - April 25, 2012 at 07:04 PM

KA

Val,

*Oh how I miss you all! It's been way too long since I've seen the Crizer family! Every time my mom comes for a visit I ask about you all. My best childhood memories have you guys in them...loved our "houseboat" and "surgeries" on the kitchen table. Can you believe you were allowed to babysit us?! I could have lost a spleen! I loved your dad, as did everyone of course. And even though I hadn't seen him in a few years, I will miss him so much. I know how much you all must be hurting now, and I am so sorry. You know you had a #1 dad! Please pass on to everyone my heartfelt sadness and let them know you are all in my thoughts every day. Unfortunately I can not join my mom and dad tomorrow, I requested, but can't get off of work.*

*Peace and love to you all.*

*Kim (Mantz) Austin*

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**Kim (Mantz) Austin** - April 26, 2012 at 11:26 AM

DM

“*Miss Irma, Val, Jeff and Julie; I just want you to know that my thoughts are with you. All my earliest memories from Glen Burnie include the Crizer family - I really miss seeing you. You should know that "Mr. Lenny" had a profound impact on me because when we would get together after we moved to PA, he would always pull me aside to talk to me about school, Scouts and extra curricular activities. In a house full of adults, he always found time to pull me, a nerdy school kid, aside for a chat. He would encourage me to keep up my activities and to go to college where he told me I would be successful. Of course I will always remember all the fun parties, the songs and the laughs and Len's great sense of humor, but what will stay in my heart is how good a person he was and how much he genuinely cared about my family. He will be missed but always remembered.*

*- Dan (Danny) Mantz aka Little Walter Cronkite*

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**Dan Mantz** - April 25, 2012 at 11:11 AM

PB

“ Hi everybody, my condolences and love are with you all. Just remembering when all us Crizer cousins were kids and our parents would take us camping together, times I will never forget. Love you all Paula

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**Paula Crizer Barron** - April 25, 2012 at 09:20 AM

DE

“ Midge and family, my sincere condolences on the passing of Len. He was a fine, fun gentleman who was a joy to be around. I truly cherish the time and laughs we shared. May God bless and comfort you during this difficult time

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**David Etheridge** - April 25, 2012 at 06:52 AM

IC

Thanks for your kind thoughts Dave. Yes we had some good times together, the ones we will remember. Midge

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**Irma (Midge) Crizer** - April 25, 2012 at 07:32 AM

JB

“ I met Lenny a few years ago when I sold a house next door to him to a nice young couple and then sold it for them a couple of years later. We connected again when I listed a house for sale a couple of doors down. Lenny helped pass the time while I sat there at open houses. He almost always visited with me for a short while and I would stop if I was in the area and found Lenny working in his yard. What a nice fellow and I am glad I had the opportunity to meet and get to know him a little. Later on when I would occasionally run into Lenny out in the community he at times would not recognize me but he always had a smile on his face and would stand and talk a little. My thoughts and Prayers are with Lenny and his family this evening I am sure he will be missed and dearly remembered.  
Jim Bent

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**Jim Bent** - April 24, 2012 at 09:26 PM

IC

*It is so good to hear from you Jim. I remember Len loving to go over and talk to you. You are one of the many people he met after we moved here and loved to talk to on an almost regular basis. He loved a cup of coffee and a chat.*

*Midge*

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**Irma (Midge) Crizer** - April 25, 2012 at 07:35 AM

KA

“*Hi Mr Lenny...I've known "Mr. Lenny" my whole 42 years. He and his family were my next door neighbors when I was little...He was the funniest man I have ever known and he really knew how to take over a room! The world has truly lost a great man. I'm so sorry Miss Irma, Val, Jeff, and Julie along with your families. Heaven has a new comedian for sure!*

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**Kim (Mantz) Austin** - April 24, 2012 at 06:34 AM



“*Hey Wimpy, Just want you to know I think of you every day and will never forget you. You were such a big influence on my life and I will never forget how you helped me to grow. I know you are with Mom, Barry, Lucy and all the other family that are with God, but just remember, Mom does love you but I'm her favorite. I am so honored to have such a wonderful brother, who was so caring, loving, sincere and so, so much fun!!!. I will never forget you ever!!!. You will be missed tremendously. Love you Much,  
Your baby sister Rose.*

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**Rosalee Gaynor** - April 23, 2012 at 05:08 PM

SM

“ Len meant family, friends, and love for his country. The times we shared were some of the best in my life. I have never known a more wonderful man. I will always remember making him an "honorary Marine" and singing with David Allen Coe. I am honored and blessed to have had him in my life. Good-by my friend. I will miss you.  
Sue Mantz

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**Sue Mantz** - April 23, 2012 at 10:20 AM

VA

“ Hi Pop!  
I'm checking this site to see if your info was downloaded and see it was. Always thinking about you. Love you and will miss you, Val

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**Valerie** - April 22, 2012 at 10:22 PM

RS

“ Mrs Crizer, I've met you a couple times but you probally don't remember me. I have known Len since 1964. We worked off and on for our entire career. Most recently we worked together at the Golf Course at Queenstown. I always liked Len, He was a great Guy, always had a smile. I will miss him, Deepest Sympathy to you and your family, may God be with You. In God's Love, Ron Smith, Gambrills, Maryland

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**Ronald C. Smith** - April 20, 2012 at 06:54 PM

DE

Pidge and family, my sincere condolences on the passing of Len. He was a fine, fun gentleman who was a joy to be around. I truly cherish the time and laughs we shared. May God bless and comfort you during this difficult time.

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**David R. Etheridge** - April 20, 2012 at 10:00 PM

CW

*When i think of Len, i think of family,love and joy. He was truly one of the nicest of men and he will be greatly missed. My love and condolences go out to you Midge and to the family.*

**Charlotte Wallace** - April 21, 2012 at 09:22 AM

IC

*Hi Ron, thanks for your kind message about Len. I am sure I would remember you if we met. I'm so glad you know about his passing and perhaps we will see you on the 27th.*

**Irma Crizer** - April 24, 2012 at 02:43 PM



*Hi Len, I met you Midge, Val and Julie about 3 years ago and you all treated me like family. I wish I could have known you longer. I will take care of Jeff and love him with all my heart. He misses you so very much. Love, Cheryl*

**cheryl payne** - April 25, 2012 at 05:49 AM