



LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR.

May 31, 1947 - March 26, 2025

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, DONATIONS CAN BE MADE IN LEON'S MEMORY TO:

SAINT SIMON THE APOSTLE CHURCH
1010 GREEN POND ROAD
NEWFOUNDLAND, NJ 07435

REFLECTING HIS LIFELONG DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE
COMMUNITY HE LOVED DEEPLY

VISITATION:

SUNDAY: MARCH 30, 2025

2PM TO 6PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

FUNERAL MASS:

MONDAY: MARCH 31, 2025

10AM

ST. SIMON THE APOSTLE CHURCH

1010 GREEN POND ROAD

GREEN POND, NJ 07435

973-697-4699

INTERMENT:

MONDAY: MARCH 31, 2025

FOLLOWING FUNERAL MASS

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY

STATE ROUTE 94

SPARTA, NJ 07871

973-896-2460

Leon S. Kafafian Sr., a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2025. Born on May 31, 1947, Leon lived in Newfoundland, NJ, where he built a life filled with love and an unwavering dedication to family.

Leon was proud to serve his country in Vietnam as an Army veteran. He had a distinguished career as a Certified Public Accountant, known for his integrity and attention to detail in all interactions.

Leon cherished his time outdoors. A true nature lover, he enjoyed fishing and tinkering at his beloved cabin in Hartwick, NY. His love for the outdoors was only matched by his devotion to his family.

Leon is survived by his cherished wife of 57 years, Helena Kafafian (née Galvin), and their three sons: Leon S. Kafafian Jr. and his wife Patricia, Daniel J. Kafafian and his wife Kimberly, and Thomas G. Kafafian and his wife, Monica. He was the cherished grandfather of Saige, Nolan, Brook, Robyn, Nathaniel, Gabriel, Patience, Thomas, and Noah, all of whom brought immense joy to his life.

Visitation and services will be held on Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road,

Newfoundland, NJ 07435. A funeral mass will take place on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Saint Simon the Apostle Church, 1010 Green Pond Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435. Leon will be buried at the Northern New Jersey Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Sparta.

Leon was a long-time parishioner and dedicated accountant for Saint Simon the Apostle Church in Newfoundland, NJ. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Leon's memory to Saint Simon the Apostle Church, reflecting his lifelong dedication and service to the community he loved deeply.

On line condolences and directions: www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **30**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home
187 La Rue Road
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)
Newfoundland, NJ 07435
(973) 697-6700
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

MAR **31**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Simon the Apostle RC Church
1010 Green Pond Road
Newfoundland, NJ 07435
(973) 697-4699

Interment

MAR **31**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY
Route 94
Sparta, NJ 07871

Tribute Wall

GC

“ I just found out a year after Lee's passing when I went to drop off my taxes, what a shock to hear that he had passed. I saw him once a year for over 25 years. He was such a great guy, so generous with his knowledge and stories. It was an honor getting to know him and doing business with him, he will be missed.

George C. - March 13 at 04:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..

April 07, 2025 at 10:08 PM

FL

“ From Gray Law Group, LLC purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..



From Gray Law Group, LLC - March 31, 2025 at 01:22 PM

FL

“ From Gray Law Group, LLC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..

From Gray Law Group, LLC - March 31, 2025 at 01:22 PM

MF

“ Matt O'Brien & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..



Matt O'Brien & Family - March 31, 2025 at 11:24 AM

Jacquelyn
Manetakis

“ Our sincerest condolences to the Kafafian family. We will miss you Uncle Leon. Rest in Peace.----Manetakis Family (Texas)

Jacquelyn Manetakis - March 30, 2025 at 08:04 PM

CF

“ Celine November (Butch) and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..



Celine November (Butch) and family - March 30, 2025 at 10:05 AM

CF

“ Celine November (Butch) and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..

Celine November (Butch) and family - March 30, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..

March 29, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*



March 29, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ *George S. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*



George S. - March 29, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ *George S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*

George S. - March 29, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ *A great partner and friend*

George Sr. Frizzell - March 29, 2025 at 10:25 AM

DA

“ *Dana/Elyssa/Geeta/Jay/Melissa/Samantha purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*



Dana/Elyssa/Geeta/Jay/Melissa/Samantha - March 29, 2025 at 09:06 AM

RG

“ *Lee you will be missed! He was a great friend to me and helped me out during tough times. I will miss the long conversations we had over the years. A very proud Veteran and believed in the old school ways! Lee was very proud of his kids! Prayers to all the family! Rich Giacobbe*

richard Giacobbe - March 28, 2025 at 07:37 PM

RS

“ *My deepest condolences to your entire family. Mr. K's warm smile and great laugh will always be remembered. Rebecca (Kunzier) Santelli*

rebecca Santelli - March 28, 2025 at 06:53 PM

DD

“ *DEA New Jersey Field Division purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*



DEA New Jersey Field Division - March 28, 2025 at 06:11 PM

DD

“ DEA New Jersey Field Division planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..

DEA New Jersey Field Division - March 28, 2025 at 06:11 PM

MF

“ Manetakis Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..



Manetakis Family - March 28, 2025 at 05:14 PM

ED

“ Our sincerest condolences to the Kafafian family. Take comfort knowing Lee is with God and resting in peace. Eileen and Rocky DiDomenico

Eileen DiDomenico - March 28, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ Always by Your Side - Pillowcase was purchased for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..



March 28, 2025 at 02:57 PM

SE

“ *Sergei planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*

Sergei - March 28, 2025 at 02:54 PM

SE

“ *Sergei purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*



Sergei - March 28, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*

March 28, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*



March 28, 2025 at 02:50 PM

RM

“ So many memories and so many good times with our children growing up in our little section of West Milford. Lee will be missed. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family. Love Anne Marie and Bob Pohlman



Robert and Anne Marie - March 28, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..



March 28, 2025 at 02:40 PM

RP

“ So many memories, so many good times - having our children growing up together in our little part of West Milford.

Robert Pohlman - March 28, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..



March 28, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*



March 28, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ *Eileen DiDomenico lit a candle in memory of LEON KAFAFIAN*



Eileen DiDomenico - March 28, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*



March 28, 2025 at 01:20 PM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*

March 28, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..

March 28, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..



March 28, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ The Darabaris Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..



The Darabaris Family - March 28, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the love of family and friends and strength in the cherished memories that will always remain in your hearts. - The Darabaris Family

Daniel Darabaris - March 28, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..



March 28, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Laurie Ulsh and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..

Laurie Ulsh and Family - March 28, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ Laurie Ulsh and Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..



Laurie Ulsh and Family - March 28, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..

March 28, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..



March 28, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..



March 28, 2025 at 09:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..

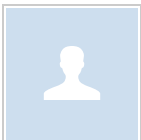
March 28, 2025 at 09:30 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..



March 28, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..

March 28, 2025 at 09:13 AM

IW

“ *Isa and Alia Suqi - Nextwave Web purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*



Isa and Alia Suqi - Nextwave Web - March 28, 2025 at 09:00 AM

IW

“ *Isa and Alia Suqi - Nextwave Web planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*

Isa and Alia Suqi - Nextwave Web - March 28, 2025 at 09:00 AM

FY

“ *From our FCP Family to yours. purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*



From our FCP Family to yours. - March 28, 2025 at 07:41 AM

SN

“ *Sue,Dave,Davie,Angela,Greg Niggel purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of LEON S. KAFAFIAN SR..*



Sue,Dave,Davie,Angela,Greg Niggel - March 28, 2025 at 07:33 AM

SN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Susan Niggel - March 28, 2025 at 07:26 AM

TO

“ Please accept our deepest sympathies. Sending you and your family healing prayers, hugs, love and strength during this difficult time. Tina,Eugene,Brian,Kevin O'Neill

Tina O'Neill - March 27, 2025 at 07:43 PM

MS

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Rest in Peace. You are always loved and will always be missed. MaryEllen Snyder

MaryEllen Snyder - March 27, 2025 at 03:45 PM

MS

“ MaryEllen Snyder lit a candle in memory of
LEON KAFAFIAN



MaryEllen Snyder - March 27, 2025 at 03:43 PM