



## Leon Elias Peckham

October 5, 2023

Leon (Jeff) Elias Peckham, 81, of Chepachet, RI, passed away on October 5, 2023.

He was the son of Elias Wilson and Marion Emma (Cook) Peckham; devoted husband of Gail E. Peckham; loving and wise father to Wendy L. Peckham, Randy L. Peckham, and his wife, Dana M. Peckham; and a proud grandfather of Abigael and Lucas Peckham, who affectionately called him “Poppy.” Brother of Nancy (Peckham) Brown, Cynthia (Peckham) Spencer, and the late Priscilla (Peckham) Lowell. His beloved cat Sam will dearly miss their early mornings and sitting on his lap.

Leon was born and raised in Rhode Island. He grew up working beside his father on the family sawmill. After serving in the Air Force, he worked at Pratt and Whitney, in the R&D and experimental group, for 44 years. He and his wife, Gail, enjoyed 59 years of marriage. He loved to travel with his wife, which included many adventures together on his Goldwing, and many trips out West. His determination, creativity and wit were an example to his family. He could build or fix just about anything. He loved to tell stories, Dad jokes, and chuckling along with his listeners. He planned and planted a lavish vegetable garden, and enjoyed cooking and preserving his bounty every year. He was a creative baker, making breads, cakes, pies, and cookies from scratch and often grinding his own wheat; his specialties were cinnamon buns, blueberry

cake and lemon meringue pie, just to name a few. His woodworking abilities were amazing. He built his family home, and most of the furniture inside, from wood he cut down and milled himself. He was a hard worker, and a true New England Yankee. He will be sorely missed.

Calling hours will be held 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at the Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory, 571 West Greenville Road, North Scituate, RI. A Celebration of His Life will be held immediately following.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory  
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)  
Scituate, RI 02857  
(401) 647-5421

## Celebration of Life

OCT 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Gail, Wendy, and Randy, there is nothing more that I can say than how deeply sorry I am for your loss.

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**Jo-Ann Barlow** - October 27, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Uncle Jeff was an amazing man. I only wish he lived next door. Only getting to see him on occasion was not enough. He will be deeply missed and my thoughts and prayers are with my Aunt and Cousins families.



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**Walter Monroe IV** - October 17, 2023 at 11:20 AM

KR

“ Family can be near or far, separated by time if not distance. But family is always important, so this “cousin” (2nd ??) wants to add my sympathy and wishes for peace to Cynthia, Nancy and all the generations of family who loved Leon.

*Kathie Raleigh*

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**Kathie Raleigh** - October 13, 2023 at 05:24 PM

CM

“ Gail, my deepest condolences to you and your family. I have not seen you in years, but I remember all the wonderful stories about your travels together. You have an angel on your shoulder now, looking after you and your family. May his memory be eternal.  
Christine Mitchell (from Envy)

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**Christine Mitchell** - October 12, 2023 at 11:14 PM

MF

“ Deepest sympathy to you and your family, Randy. Hope the many marvelous memories you hold dear help soften the pain of right now. Sending hugs..Maggie Fennessey

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**maggie fennessey** - October 12, 2023 at 12:41 AM

LB

“ Dana and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I was reading several messages on this page, and he was obviously a wonderful man, who loved much and was loved by so many. May he rest in God's peace. May you all find strength in the many memories you all shared together.

*Lori Baggesen*

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**Lori Baggesen** - October 11, 2023 at 08:11 PM

PF

“ Our condolences to Dana and the Peckham family.  
May he RIP 🙏

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**Passarelli Family** - October 11, 2023 at 05:31 PM

MT

“ Leon Peckham was truly a wonderful man, and an important part of our extended ‘family’. Although he was my sister’s father-in-law, the warmth and care that he and his equally wonderful wife Gail showered on my sister, brother-in-law, niece and nephew was inspiring. We spent many holidays together, and marked happy and sad occasions together. Mr. Peckham was a true county gentleman and will be greatly missed. It was an honor to know him.

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**Mike Tullie** - October 11, 2023 at 05:24 PM

JB

“ One of my favorite Uncle Jeff memories comes from the summer I stayed with Gail and Jeff after my senior year in high school. Every morning, I'd sleep in far too late...and every morning, after being up and about for hours, Jeff would come to the bottom of the stairs and shout (LOUDLY), "Welcome the day with enthusiasm!" I'd drag myself downstairs for a late breakfast of colon-blo pancakes, thick, broiled bacon, and a rehash of the latest *Prairie Home Companion* all courtesy of Uncle Jeff. I will never forget his amazing sense of humor.

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**Jen Bond** - October 11, 2023 at 04:30 PM

HF

“ Heather Fancher lit a candle in memory of Leon Elias Peckham



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**Heather Fancher** - October 11, 2023 at 03:18 PM

KA

“ When I think of Jeff, it always brings a smile. He was always so polite and would indulge we "women" in girl talk and quietly listen and nod as though our conversations were so interesting!! But, I would call him "Paul". He never corrected me, he would just give me a little wave or smile. He was "Paul" to me for many years! Every time I saw him, he was coming out of the woods by foot or by tractor. He was such a big man and so rugged in his flannel shirts that he reminded me of Paul Bunyan! I truly thought his name was Paul and he never corrected me! So rest in peace Paul. You will always be fondly remembered.

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**Karen Antonelli** - October 11, 2023 at 02:59 PM

CA

“ Our condolences to Gail, Wendy, Randy, Dana and all of the family. We are so sorry for your loss and our prayers are with you.  
Love,  
Chris and Karen Antonelli

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**Chris & Karen Antonelli** - October 11, 2023 at 02:41 PM