

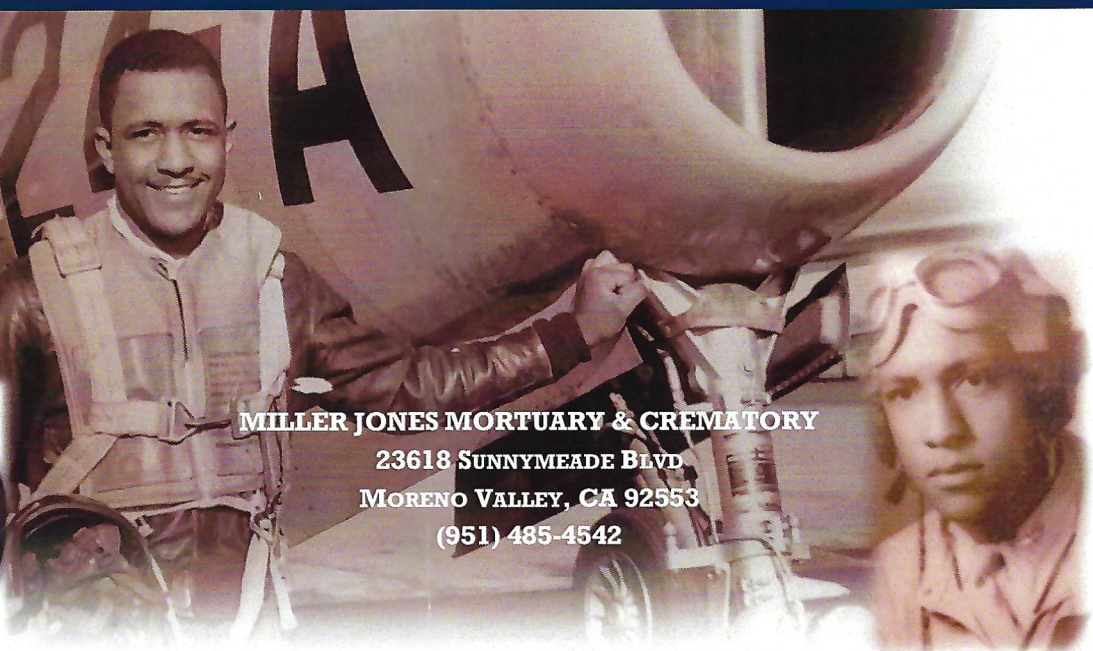


LIEUTENANT COLONEL HARLAN QUENTIN LEONARD, JR.
(RETIRED) USAF

SUNRISE: 30 SEPT 1926 KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

SUNSET: 29 MARCH 2023 MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

MEMORIAL SERVICE
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023
10:00 A.M.



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"WELCOME"

RHONDA D. LEONARD HOROWITH

OPENING PRAYER

PSALMS 16: 8-9 PHILIPPIANS 2:3

MYRNA J. LEONARD

SONG

KING OF GLORY

CECE WINANS

OBITUARY

KARLA M. LEONARD

EULOGY

MYRNA J. LEONARD

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR

RHONDA D. LEONARD HOROWITH

PICTORIAL HONORING OF

LT. COL. HARLAN Q. LEONARD, JR

(RETIRED) UFSA

DEDICATIONS

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SPECIAL VIDEO INTRODUCTION

KARLA M. LEONARD

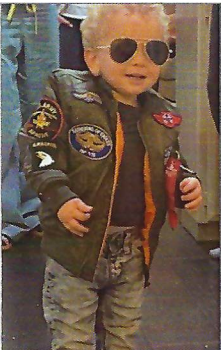
CLOSING REMARKS AND REPASS ANNOUNCEMENT

RHONDA D. LEONARD-HOROWITH

MILITARY HONORS



Great-Grandson
JULIAN BOLER



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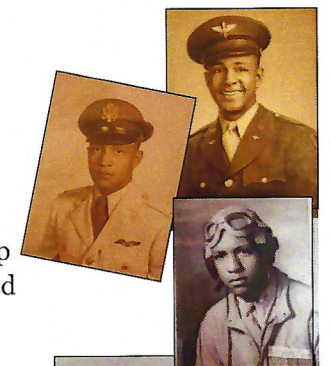
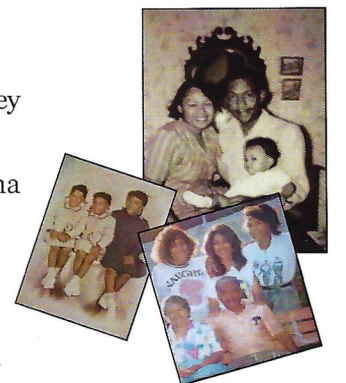
Lieutenant Colonel Harlan Quentin Leonard, Jr. was born on September 30, 1926 in Kansas City, Missouri. His grandmother, Inez Pennington was a caterer. His Father, Harlan Quentin Leonard, Sr. was an American Jazz Bandleader [Harlan Leonard and His Kansas City Rocketts]. Leonard, Sr. majored in Math and Engineering in High School. His mother, Bernice Leonard, wife of 58 years to Leonard, Sr. was a caterer and daughter of Inez Pennington, who was prominently known as a caterer also.

Harlan had a younger sister, JoAnn Leonard (deceased) . She made her first stamp in American History by breaking the color barrier and becoming the first African American sales clerk for Chinese Americans who owned exclusive stores in Pasadena. She went on to become a very successful Graphic Designer & Entrepreneur.

In 1949 Harlan met and married the love of his life, Bertha Stevens (Bunny). Upon graduation she turned her young life to her first love, singing. Her vocation as a professional singer was short but very enjoyable. Leonard was Blessed with an exceptional wife for a Military Officer. Their life was full of commitments not only to their family but to the social obligations as she supported him in the high ranking position that he attained in his life. His wife's social graces and eloquent manner made it easy for them to flow and regulate their time between the two worlds. Both Dad and Mom loved to play Golf and to Bowl. There are many Trophies adorning our home from both of them from the Tournaments they played in and won.

Harlan and Bunny had three daughters. Rhonda was their first daughter. Karla and Myrna (Identical Twins) were born 18 months after Rhonda. Our Dad and Mom taught us the value of the Love of GOD and family and good study skills as a pathway to our goals. Together they made sure we became well rounded young ladies. Rhonda is a graduate of UCR (BS Math) (BA Black Studies), USC (Law Degree), University of Michigan (MBA). Karla is a graduate of UCR (BA Economics) (BA Art History). Myrna is graduate of UCLA (BA Art History) (BA Fashion Design). Dad also attended UCLA prior to going to Tuskegee and returned to UCLA after his completion at Tuskegee to continue his major in Engineering. All three daughters have families and have professional careers.

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of Harlan Leonard is his involvement with the Tuskegee Airmen. As the first inclusion of African-American pilots in the Air Force, the Tuskegee Airmen were a rarity. Before the Civil Rights Movement had even begun, Harlan and his contemporaries paved the way for racial integration in the military. Leonard mentioned that he had expected resistance to this integration; however, once the initial step of inclusion had occurred, everything else seemed to fall into place. This was greatly assisted by an executive order for wholesale integration of the armed forces. Today, the Tuskegee Airmen are known worldwide as representatives of racial tolerance and equality and have been highly praised. In fact, the group as a whole was awarded the CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL OF HONOR, the highest award given to US citizens, in 2006. The Smithsonian currently possesses the official Medal, but all of the Airmen, including Harlan, have an official replica issued by Congress. As a member of the Tuskegee Airmen Los Angeles Chapter and later the Riverside Chapter, Harlan was often asked to attend ceremonies and other special events, such as the ROSE PARADE of 2010 in Pasadena, California.



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His military career as an Engineer allowed him to transfer very easily to civilian life; in 1969, he applied for and received a job at IBM, following his passion for Engineering. For four years, he worked as a Marketing Representative for Computer Systems. In 1973, he left his job at IBM and went to work at BOURNS INC., a global manufacturer of automotive electronic components, circuit protection, magnetic and resistive products and sensors and controls located in Riverside, California. From 1973 to 1991 he was Design and Staff Electronic Engineer. He served as Consultant Engineer for BOURNS, INC. until 1994. In both of these jobs, his military experience aided him greatly.

Harlan was a remarkable man. One could say that his life represented a change in eras, and he was certainly one of the first to take advantage of many new opportunities offered to African-Americans. He witnessed a change from intolerance to equality, and it was certainly men like him that accelerated the process of racial acceptance. Even overlooking his contributions as a pathfinder, he still stands out as a very successful Engineer and Soldier as well as a phenomenal husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. When his country needed him the most, he answered the call and joined the military; and when his society needed his skills, he contributed as an Engineer. When his community needed his consultation he contributed his time and lifetime experiences expertise to inspire and give hope to the youth. He loved speaking to Jr. High and High School students to encourage them to seek out their goals, that all things are possible if you have Faith in GOD and in yourself, stay focused and he always emphasized the importance of family. Harlan committed much time to Grier CONCERNED CITIZENS and to the RIVERSIDE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY (RAAHS).

Leonard leaves behind three daughters: Rhonda, Karla and Myrna; nine grandchildren: Tahir, Amirah, Amber, Shawn, Niko, Daegan, Ilia, Josh and Alana; and nine great-grandchildren: Sophia, Miles, Julian, Aurelius, Eloisa, Isadore, Caius, Halo and Rome (Twins). He was very proud that not only were all three daughters college graduates, but he was extremely proud that all nine grandchildren are also college graduates from the following colleges and universities: Cal State North Ridge, Clemson, USC, The Ohio State University Medical Center, University of Miami, Southern Vermont College, Duke University, Vassar College, MIT, Southeast Missouri State University, University of San Diego and a Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Cardiology.

We still await to see what the tremendous accomplishments of the great-grandchildren will be in the future. They currently range in ages from two years old to ten years old. The Leonard Family breeds greatness from the great great-grandfather down to the last great great-grandchild. It's a family that presses through the barriers, focuses on our goals and makes sure if there is a legacy to leave, we leave it! We have had dynamic family roll models that have shown us how to accomplish our goals, to appreciate family, live our dreams and always put Faith in GOD first and foremost.

Certainly, anyone could aspire to be like Lieutenant Colonel Harlan Quentin Leonard, Jr.

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EDUCATION

Lt. Col. Leonard (Retired USAF) received his B.S.E.E. in 1953 and M.S.E.E. in 1959 from the USAF Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS AS AN OFFICER & AIRCRAFT FLOWN

YEAR	RANK	ASSIGNMENT*	RATING	A/C TYPE	BASE
44-45	Cadet	Pilot Training		PT-13;T-6	Tuskegee AAF, AL
48-49	Cadet	Pilot Training		T-61;F-51	Williams AFB, AZ
49-50	Lt.	Jet/SE Fighter Sqa	Pilot	F-84;F-51	Otis AFB, MA
50-51	Lt.	Instructor Pilot	Pilot	F-51;C-45	Tyndall AFB, FL
51-53	Lt.	USAFIT for BS Engrg	Pilot	C-45	W-P AFB, OH
53-57	Capt	Spec'l Wpns Proj Ofc	Sr. Pilot	B-25;T-33	Kirtland AFB, NM
57-59	Capt	USAFIT for MS Engrg	Sr. Pilot	C-45;C-47	W-P AFB, OH
59-63	Maj	Elect Engr at NSA	Sr. Pilot	T-33;C-47	Ft. Meade MD
63-64	Maj	Ch R & D Br of a Scty Gp	Sr. Pilot		Japan
64-66	Maj	Elec Engr at NSA	Sr. Pilot	T-29	Ft. Meade MD
66-68	Lt. Col	Res&Engrg Staff at NSA	Cmd Pilot	T-29	Ft. Meade MD

SINCE RETIREMENT FROM MILITARY

Lt. Col. Leonard (Retired USAF) has held the following positions with companies indicated:

1969-73 Marketing Rep for Computer Systems IBM Riverside, CA

1973-94 Design and Staff Electronic Engineer Bourns Inc Riverside, CA

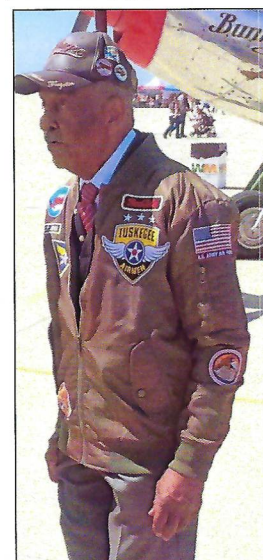
FAMILY

Harlan & Bertha Leonard, wife for 65 years (deceased 2014)

THREE DAUGHTERS: Rhonda Leonard-Horwith, Karla Leonard, Myrna Leonard

NINE GRANDCHILDREN: Tahir Leonard, Amirah Horwith, Amber Boler, Shawn Horwith, Niko Horwith, Daegan Smith, Ilia Sarno, Joshua Leonard Goodwill, Alana Roselle

NINE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN: Sophia Boler, Miles Boler, Julian Boler, Aurelius Sarno, Eloisa Sarno, Isadore Sarno, Caius Sarno, Halo Roselle, Rome Roselle



Aircraft Flown

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T-6 (SE PROP TRAINER)



F-51 (SE PROP FIGHTER)



F-84 (SE JET FIGHTER)



C-45



B-25 (TE PROP BOMBER)



T-29 (TE PROPR TRAINER)



T-33 (SE JET TRAINER)



C-47 (TE PROP CARGO)



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Children



TAHIR



AMIRAH



DAEGAN



ALANA



KARLA

RHONDA

MYRNA

Grandchildren



ILIA



AMBER



SHAWN



JOSH



NIKO

Great-Grandchildren



AURELIUS



SOPHIA



ELOISA



ISADORE



HALO & ROME
[TWINS]



MILES & JULIAN



CAIUS

Acknowledgement

The family of Lieutenant Colonel Harlan Q. Leonard, Jr. is grateful for your many kind expressions of sympathy, love and respect. It lifted our hearts to know that you care. May GOD continue to Bless each of you and we ask you to continue to keep us in prayers. We ask, in lieu of flowers, please make donations to:

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