



Curt C. Leben

July 7, 1917 - November 21, 2008

Curt C. Leben, age 91, of Wooster, passed away, Friday, November 21, 2008 at his home following a lengthy illness.

A Remembrance Service will be Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County, 3186 Burbank Rd., Wooster with Rev. Elaine Strawn officiating. Interment of the cremains will take place at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, 2284 Benden Dr., Wooster is handling arrangements.

He was born on July 7, 1917 in Chicago, IL. to Curt Sr. and Lena (Schloss) Leben and has been a Wooster resident since 1959. He graduated from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio and received his Ph.D. in Plant Pathology in 1944 from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. His specialty was research on bacteria and tree and plant diseases.

He was an active member of the American Phytopathological Society and was elected in August, 1981 to be an APS Fellow. He worked for the OARDC for 29 years before his retirement in 1988. He was a charter member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County; enjoyed sailing, camping, painting, and was an ardent supporter of nature conservancy, forests, and national parks.

He is survived by a younger sister Joanne (Richard) Roberts of Del Mar, California; a wife, Margaret (Hofer) of 64 years of Wooster; two sons, Clay (Norma) Leben of Pflugerville, Texas and Monte (Elaine) Leben of Columbus,

Ohio; two grandchildren, Rachel of Columbus, Ohio and Tyler of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: www.custerglenn.com.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the Nature Conservancy at <http://www.nature.org> or the Wayne County Library Book Endowment Fund at <http://www.wayne.lib.oh.us/BookEndowmentFund.asp>.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County
3186 Burbank Rd.
Wooster, OH

Tribute Wall



“ Clay and family, We extend our sincere sympathies to all of you at this time of loss. We know all too well how difficult it is to lose a father, even after a good long productive life. May his memories live on through you and others.##imported-begin##Cheryl and Steve Pervier##imported-end##

December 14, 2008 at 06:50 PM



“ Hi webmaster! cyw##imported-begin##Kazelyjr##imported-end##

December 14, 2008 at 08:03 AM



“ I recently retired from Plant Pathology, and Dr. Leben was my favorite person on the 1st floor, which was always an inside joke. He said we were the best floor. As a technician, working for Dr. Pat Lipps, I was always amazed at his paintings, and all that he did. I really missed him when he retired. My deepest sympathy to all of the family.##imported-begin##Audrey L. Johnston##imported-end##

December 06, 2008 at 06:57 PM



“ Clay and Norma, we are so sorry to hear of your loss, especially at this holiday time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both. We look forward to hearing of your memories of him, memories that live on, inside you, and in the telling.
With much love,
Joy & Joe##imported-begin##Joy & Joe Luther##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 11:54 PM



“ I took care of Curt Leben for 3 years as an employee for FRIENDS IN DEED, as a personal aide. I have a lot of memories of Curt. My fondest memory of him was when he would show so much love towards Margaret by ending the evening at nights after supper with a kiss. Their usual "Sweetbird" and "Honeybunch" nicknames exchanged immediately after. These moments were very dear to me and will always remind me of the dear Leben Family##imported-begin##Arlene Troyer##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 08:30 PM



“ Clay and Norma,
We were sadden to hear of your loss. We remember you telling us of his love of sailing and painting.
Our deepest sympathies to you and your family.
Prayers, Peace, and Hugs.##imported-begin##Bob and Karen Jones##imported-end##

November 29, 2008 at 11:12 AM



“ My wife and I wish to express our most sincere condolences to Margaret and Clay and Monte. We have fond memories of Curt and the boys from our involvement with the Boy Scout Troop at Central Christian Church. I enjoyed taking them on camp outs. You are all in out thoughts##imported-begin##Lee and Bonnie Graber##imported-end##

November 23, 2008 at 09:18 PM



“ I remember Curt as being the always cheerful, supportive and quite tolerant parent when his sons had various groups of kids over to their house, for music related or other activities. As I remember Clay was in a musical group with Bill Zapf and Monte was involved in the WHS band, and many times had groups for different kinds of activities at their house. Also Curt helped me to learn how to sail my first sailboat over at the Charles Mill Lake and sailing club. I offer my condolences with a smile, and how much I appreciated the friendly and supportive "grownups" from my rather interesting adolescent and teen years. My family and I currently live in Fairfax, VA, and my last remembered contact with Monte was in the summer of 1974 at Bowling Green State University: with Clay through Bill Zapf, Doug Spittler? and their rock band from the late 1960's at WHS.

- Dr Daniel Cottle and family, WHS '72##imported-begin##Daniel Cottle##imported-end##

November 22, 2008 at 02:19 PM