



## Mr. Leonard Goss Sr.

March 11, 1937 - September 18, 2025

Leonard Linton Goss Sr. was born on March 11, 1937, in Rutledge, Georgia. He was the fourth of seven children born to Reverend Lovett Goss Sr. and Mabel Sanford Goss.

From the day he was born the best way to describe him was unique. He loved to talk, debate, explore, investigate and discover other ways to do things. He often spoke about growing up on the farm and being unable to go to school, however, he never let that stop him. He persevered and graduated from Pearl High School in Madison Georgia.

Being the son of a Baptist minister, church was a very important part of his family life. Although his father was a member of Union Springs Baptist Church, he would follow his maternal grandmother to church and eventually joined Macedonia Baptist Church in Rutledge. There he met the 16-year-old niece of his pastor Yvonne "Pat" Mann, and they began a seven-year letter writing relationship.

After high school he started working for Newton County Hospital. He met a man there who told him he should go back to school. The man also told him to join the Navy, and he could go to school and go anywhere in the world. So, in July of 1960 he joined the Navy and left Atlanta for recruit training in Great Lakes, Illinois.

While in recruit training it was important to maintain good grades to get your choice of where you wanted to be stationed. He wanted to be stationed in Massachusetts because he was trying to get close to his letter writing

girlfriend Pat. So, he worked hard, maintained good grades, and got his choice of duty in Chelsea, Massachusetts.

Leonard and Pat's romance blossomed and on August 18, 1962, they were married at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Dorchester, Massachusetts. After marrying his sweetheart, Leonard was more determined to succeed in his military duties. He traveled with the military to Spain, New York, and Virginia before being honorably discharged. He decided to make Massachusetts his home.

Leonard worked in the laboratory at the VA Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. He excelled becoming Supervisor at both hospitals but that just wasn't good enough. His thirst for knowledge had him wanting more so he enrolled in Boston State College, now known as the University of Massachusetts-Boston. He did this while working two jobs and taking care of his wife and the three daughters that he had been blessed with. This was not an easy task but he was determined to reach his goal. He made sure he always spent time with his girls, otherwise known as "the boys". This was a nickname he gave his girls because he didn't have any boys. He affectionately called all of the neighborhood kids "the boys" even though they were girls. He was also known as the neighborhood Doctor talking care of the neighborhood children.

Being determined, he received his Bachelors of Science degree in 1973 but still had that hunger for more knowledge. He then enrolled in the Physician's Assistant Program at Northeastern University and received his Master degree and became a Physician's Assistant (PA). He was one of the first person of color to become a PA. His first position was with Brown University in Rhode Island in the student health services. Leonard commuted from Boston to Rhode Island daily. While at Brown, he decided to increase his knowledge and obtain a Master's in Public Health. Throughout his career he worked with and took care of some of the most prominent political and medical figures in the world from the son of John F Kennedy to the daughter of Nat King Cole. In 1978, Massachusetts experienced a blizzard that crippled the state. In the

fall of 1978, Leonard finally got his boy and they were inseparable. The commute to Rhode Island became too much so Leonard took a position working with the US Postal Service in the Health Services Department. He retired from the post office in 1992 after 30 years of service with the federal government. He decided to continue working a little longer and took position with Children's Hospital and retired in 2004.

In 2005 Leonard and Pat relocated back to Georgia where it all began. They joined with the Union Springs Baptist Church in Rutledge and Leonard became a Deacon. In retirement Leonard's passions were painting his gourds, studying and discussing the bible and politics.

Leonard leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, strength, and values that will live on through his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all that knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Lovett Goss, Sr & Mabel Sanford Goss, and brothers, Lovett Goss, Jr, Henry Goss, and Alonzo Goss. He leaves to cherish his memories his devoted and loving wife of 63 years, Yvonne "Pat" Goss; 3 daughters, Carla (Leonard) Howze, Jennifer (Roy Sr.) Marshall, Linda (Martin) Griffith all of Massachusetts and 1 son, Leonard Jr. (Amber) Goss of Covington, Georgia; 9 grandchildren, Candace (Roderick) Tinsley, Roy (Kelly) Marshall, Marquis (Grecia) Marshall, Leila Goss, Zaria Griffith, Shawn Howze, Linton Goss, Kendall Griffith & Martin Griffith; 2 great-grandchildren, Roderick Thomas Tinsley and Cameron Tinsley; 2 sisters; Amma Lou ( Charles, Sr.) Gaither of Oxford, Georgia , Mary (Melvin) Woods of Decatur, Georgia ; 1 brother, John Clifford Goss of Covington, Georgia ; 1 sister-in law, Doris Campbell of Massachusetts, godson, JD Fergus, of Massachusetts and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and beloved church family.

Celebration of Life for Mr. Leonard Goss, Sr. will be 11:00 A.M. Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Union Springs Baptist Church, Rutledge. Final resting

place will be in the church cemetery. Visitation for Mr. Goss will be from 12:00 Noon - 8:00 P.M. Friday, September 26, 2025 and the family will receive friends from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Young-Levett Funeral Home, COVINGTON CHAPEL, 770-786-2944.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **26.** 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Young Levett Funeral Home  
3106 West St. SW  
Covington, GA 30014  
(770) 786-2944

## Family Hour

SEP **26.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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3106 West St. SW  
Covington, GA 30014  
(770) 786-2944

## Celebration of Life

SEP **27.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Springs Baptist Church  
1400 West Main Street  
Rutledge, GA

## Interment

SEP **27** (ET)

Union Springs Baptist church  
1311-1380 W Main St  
Rutledge, GA 30663  
(706) 557-9830



# Tribute Wall

TS

“ *The MBTA Call Center Staff purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mr. Leonard Goss Sr..*



**The MBTA Call Center Staff** - September 26, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Goss Sr..*



September 26, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Leonard Goss Sr..*

September 26, 2025 at 10:20 AM

TM

“ *The Gray Family of Massachusetts purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. Leonard Goss Sr..*



**The Gray Family of Massachusetts** - September 25, 2025 at 10:30 PM

FQ

“ From Alan & Anna Quinn purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Leonard Goss Sr..



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**From Alan & Anna Quinn** - September 25, 2025 at 10:21 AM

FQ

“ From Alan & Anna Quinn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Leonard Goss Sr..

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**From Alan & Anna Quinn** - September 25, 2025 at 10:21 AM

SR

“ Our prayers go out to the family. A memorial tree was planted for Mr Leonard Goss Sr. 🙏  
Marshall and Sandra Robbins

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**sandra Robbins** - September 24, 2025 at 09:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Leonard Goss Sr..

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September 24, 2025 at 09:32 PM

MM

“ Thankful for all the wisdom Deacon Goss shared. The history lessons were phenomenal. Take your rest Sir.



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**Michelle Maddox** - September 24, 2025 at 09:02 PM

CS

“ Clarice S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Leonard Goss Sr..

Clarice S. - September 24, 2025 at 08:24 PM

PW

“ I will forever be grateful for Lenny's guidance, friendship and kindness- during our time together at Children's Boston-- he was truly a mentor and friend. He was a caring husband and father and his family meant everything to him. He lived a life of faith and for this reason we will find comfort knowing that he is at peace and present with God. Rest peacefully Lenny.

phillippa weech - September 24, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Goss Sr..



September 24, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Leonard Goss Sr..

September 24, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Goss Sr..*



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September 24, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Goss Sr..*



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September 23, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Leonard Goss Sr..*

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September 23, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Goss Sr..*



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September 22, 2025 at 10:45 PM

KG

“ DAYS WILL PASS AND EVEN YEARS BUT I  
WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU WITH  
SILENT TEARS.



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**kathy gaither** - September 22, 2025 at 04:15 PM

JW

“ Len, your smile had warmed my heart. I enjoyed our friendship in  
the past 30 years.

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**john wu** - September 22, 2025 at 01:52 PM

MW

“ Min. Willie And Stella A Williams lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. Leonard Goss Sr.



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**Min. Willie and Stella A Williams** - September 22, 2025 at 12:02 PM