



## Leonard Greener

March 6, 1943 - July 11, 2024

Leonard F. Greener, passed away peacefully on July 11, 2024, at the age of 81. Leonard was born on March 6, 1943. He attended St. Bridget Church and school. He was a graduate of Hobart High School, Class of 1961. Leonard graduated from Indiana State University with a Master of Science and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. He was a dedicated teacher of over 30 years at Portage schools.

Leonard is preceded in death by his parents Francis and Elinor Greener, his sisters JoAnne Schinella and Mary Ellen Thyen and brother Thomas Greener. He is survived by his daughter Samantha Russell, son-in-law Kennis Russell, grandchildren Evangeline and Pierce Russell, his life partner Cheryl Kaczorowski, his siblings Susan Graves, Michael Greener, Cynthia Theodoros, Gregory Greener, Lisa Field, Jeffrey Greener and Betsy Van Deinse and his many nieces and nephews.

Known for his sharp wit and humorous spirit, Leonard could always be counted on to lighten the mood with a well-timed joke or a playful remark. Leonard was a devout Christian and a caring friend. His love for his family was profound and he found immense joy watching his grandchildren grow and thrive. He loved sports, travel and playing poker.

Leonard's presence will be deeply missed by his family, friends, students, and colleagues. His legacy as a dedicated teacher, loving father, doting grandfather, and loyal partner will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

A private memorial service will be held in honor of Leonard in Empire,

Michigan

# Tribute Wall

EA

“ In the early ‘70’s, when Charlie and I lived in Hobart on 2nd Street, Lenny was a frequent visitor to our house for poker parties. Among the regulars besides Lenny were Dave Koziol, Terry Lee, Paul Eikenberry, and a few others. I don’t recall if the card game went well but all the boys enjoyed the beer, food (tacos), and fellowship. Lenny was a good guy and we have good memories.  
*Elaine Averill*

Elaine Averill - July 17, 2024 at 11:25 AM

LF

*Elaine Averill, thank you for the memories* 💕💕

Lisa Field - July 17, 2024 at 07:38 PM

MW

“ I remember Lenny from his house on Cleveland Ave. In Hobart when I was growing up. So sorry about his passing.

Michelle Wagner - July 16, 2024 at 09:45 PM

LF

*Michelle Wagner, so many wonderful memories!* 💕💕

Lisa Field - July 17, 2024 at 07:39 PM

SW

“ Lenny was a joy to be around he will be missed. My deepest condolences Samantha Lisa Cheryl and family. Sandra Williams (Brentwood Hobart)

Sandra I Williams - July 16, 2024 at 08:04 PM

LF

*Sandra Williams, our family was so Blessed to have the Brentwood family take care of Len. We will be forever grateful to your staff for their love and support. Bless you All! 💕💕*

**Lisa Field** - July 17, 2024 at 07:42 PM

KZ

“ *Leonard was an amazing man, father, and grandfather! He will be greatly missed!*

**Kelly Zieba** - July 16, 2024 at 05:26 PM

LF

*Love you Kelly, you have been an amazing friend to Samantha and our family. We will always be grateful for you. 💕💕*

**Lisa Field** - July 17, 2024 at 07:45 PM

NM

“ *Nancy L Martinez(Darnell) lit a candle in memory of Leonard Greener*



**Nancy L Martinez(Darnell)** - July 16, 2024 at 03:06 PM

NM

“ *Mr.Greener was my teacher at Garyton elementary school in Portage. 1971 He was the best teacher he will truly be missed.*

**Nancy L Martinez(Darnell)** - July 16, 2024 at 03:05 PM

RT

*He was my favorite uncle Leo, I will miss his humor and kindness and the games of chess. Rest in peace till we see you again.*

**Rob Thyen** - July 16, 2024 at 04:29 PM

LF

Love you Rob💕💕

Lisa Field - July 17, 2024 at 07:56 AM

CM

Lenny was a joy, always inserting fun in every day activities. I was a frequent guest of Mary Ellen, who also sadly left us too soon, but Lenny often showed up during my visits to chat with us. Mary Ellen always made me laugh and I miss her so much. She and Lenny shared a great sense of humor. RIP

Cheryl Weatherholt Mattix - July 17, 2024 at 03:16 PM

LF

Nancy Martinez and Cheryl Mattix,  
Thank you for the memories!💕💕

Lisa Field - July 17, 2024 at 07:37 PM

PS

I have been friends with Lenny since first grade at St. Bridget School. Through the years we had a tons of fun. We shot a lot of pool at Cressmoor Lanes with Paul Eikenbary during our college years. Then Sue and I bought a home with a pool table in it, so we renewed our pool shooting each Christmastime from 1986 until the early 2000s when Ike returned from Pittsburgh.

Leonard and I both became elementary school teachers. I believe it was Sister Gabriel, who taught us in 1st, 2nd, 7th and 8th grades, who influenced us both to become elementary school teachers. So we shared many stories through the years about our classroom experiences.

I will miss my longtime friend but I know that he is celebrating in Heaven because we also talked many times about our shared faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.

Paul Sheehy - July 18, 2024 at 02:43 AM

LF

Paul Sheehy, thank you for your memories and thank you for your friendship. May God Bless you and your family.

Lisa Field - July 19, 2024 at 06:23 AM