



## Leo Howard

December 11, 1953 - December 17, 2022

Leo Math Howard, 69, passed away on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at his home with his loving family at his side. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 19, at Old Path Country Church. Visitation will be the day of the service from 12:00 p.m. until service time at the church. Interment will immediately follow the service in Owens Chapel Cemetery.

Leo was born December 11, 1953, in Winston County, Mississippi, to Leonard “Sam” and Ruth Hight Howard. He enjoyed hunting and fishing until he was no longer able to do so. Leo enjoyed “rambling”—whether it was around the neighborhood to help someone, giving someone a ride to the doctor, or going to auctions. He was retired from the Street Department for the City of Louisville.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Susie Sisson Howard; and his three children: Tanya Marie Burton of Louisville; Misty Anne Dempsey and husband, Robert, of McCool, Mississippi; and Jerime Brent Howard and wife, Debbie, also of Louisville. One of his greatest joys was being “Papaw ‘Eo” to his six grandchildren: Donovan Dempsey, Amber Nichole “Nikkie” Howard (Cody Landrum), Carrington Burton, Samuel Dempsey, Isabella Burton, and Kailynn Burton; as well as his two great-grandchildren Louis Glass and Aubrey Jo Landrum. Leo is also survived by his sister, Mary Ruth Howard Kelly of Nacogdoches, TX; and his brother Algene (Cathy) Howard of

Kosciusko, Mississippi; in addition to many loving nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Danny, Lee, and Tony Howard; and his sister Lenora Jean Howard.

Serving as pallbearers are Donovan Dempsey, Samuel Dempsey, Jason Howard, Michael Howard, PeeWee Howard, and Cody Landrum. Memorials in honor of Leo may be given to Owens Chapel Cemetery Fund.

Services are under the direction of Nowell Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at [www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 19. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Old Path Country Church  
2360 Spay Road  
McCool, MS 39108

## Service

DEC 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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2360 Spay Road  
McCool, MS 39108

## Interment

DEC 19 (CT)

Owens Chapel Cemetery  
Spay Road  
Choctaw County, MS 39108

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leo Howard*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Leo's passing. Me and the kids thought the world of him. Prayers for Susie and the rest of the family*

**Brandi Buskirk Hemphill** - December 21, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *So very sorry about Leo he was a kind and good man  
All blessings are lifted up for his family  
We will miss him so much  
God Bless his family  
With prayers and Blessings  
Annette and Jimmy McCool*

**Annette McCool** - December 21, 2022 at 02:33 AM



“ *I would like to say so sorry for your loss we thought alot of Leo he was a good friend. From Daniel and Natalie Holdiness*

**Daniel Holdiness** - December 19, 2022 at 09:10 AM

WB

“ My first time meeting Leo was in Discount Video in the late 90s. I came up behind him and said, "You're not so bad without your gun and your handcuffs now are ya?" He turned and gave me a look that said he didn't need those things to handle me. I goaded him a bit more and he never said a word. I knew it was time to leave him alone. I walked away. About 2 weeks later I saw him in my clinic and asked him why he was so ornery vs his usual joking ways that day in the video store. He said he hadn't seen me in months and had no clue as to what I was taking about! Tony said that must have been his brother, Leo. They look a lot alike. I got to apologize to Leo for the mistaken identity harassment about a decade later. He just kinda smiled, nodded and still never said a word. We became friends a few years later as his daughter, Misty, made him come to the clinic. He'll be greatly missed, and I know he and Tony are cutting up in Heaven. They're probably working on ways to give me a hard time assuming I make it there!

Much love to his family,  
Wade Baskin

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**Wade Baskin** - December 18, 2022 at 10:35 PM

DH

“ Debbie Holdiness lit a candle in memory of  
Leo Howard



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**Debbie Holdiness** - December 18, 2022 at 07:27 AM

DK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss..I really thought a lot of him.*



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**Debra Kitchens-Thrasher** - December 17, 2022 at 09:56 PM