

# **Oscar Leon Wright | 1933-2015**

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Oscar Leon Wright, 82, of Decatur died Monday, Oct. 5, 2015. A private memorial service was held Oct. 9.

Leon was born at home without a doctor Jan. 3, 1933, to Alton and Penny Wright as number 10 of 13 children. Leon attended school in Terral, Okla., and then joined the Navy for three years. In May of 1955, he moved to Dallas and lived with his brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Bessie Wright, to start working for General Motors.

On Nov. 12, 1955, Leon married Patsy Ruth Anderson of Terral. They raised two children, Rusty and Rhonda, in Hurst. Leon worked hard to give his family a better life so they could enjoy fun things like camping, boating and water skiing. Rhonda was able to have a horse and trailer pulled with her Dad's new 1972 blue and white Chevy pickup.

After working 31 years, Leon retired from General Motors in December 1985. In 1996, Leon and Pat moved to their home in Decatur, which had a yard that he loved. He kept the lawn looking like a city park. He was a kind, caring, soft-spoken man who was happy with what he had accomplished, proud of his family and loved his wife.

Other things Leon loved were his granddaughters and great-grandchildren (who called him PopPop) as well as trotline fishing in the Red River, western movies, country music (especially Johnny Cash), homemade ice cream, playing card games and keeping his cars clean, clean, clean.

Leon was preceded in death by his parents and nine siblings. He is survived by three younger siblings, Eldon, Charlie and Sue; his wife, Pat; children Rusty Wright and Rhonda and Rodney Hitzfeld; grandchildren Jacqueline and Brody Gentry and Jodi and Chase Carpenter; great-grandchildren Jesi Carpenter and Bryndal, Brewin and Jacoda Gentry; as well as many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. To honor Leon, hug someone today.