



## Leo Magalhaes

April 11, 1930 - July 18, 2022

Leo Magalhaes, 92, passed away July 18, 2022. He was born April 11, 1930 in Princess Town, Trinidad to the late Joaquim and Mathilda (Baptiste) Magalhaes. [SEP]

Leo came to Sarasota in 1983 from the Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. He was a member of St. Martha's Catholic Church. He started his career as a petroleum refinery engineer and retired in the same industry but in marketing. It was called Petroleum Packers which later became Amalie.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 47 years, Kay; children, Krista Benton-Ziegler and her husband Jason; Jan Oduber and her husband Gerardo; David Kernahan and his wife Vicky; Karen Magalhaes; Kurt Magalhaes and Karlene Magalhaes; brother, Herbert Magalhaes and his wife Florence; sisters, Maria Hasmatali and Rita Stanley; grandchildren, Ethan, Caleb, Jillian, Leonardo, Franklyn, Katarina, Christian, Christina, Bradley, Gregory and Jaden; and several great grandchildren.

There will be a Memorial Mass on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 10:00 am at Incarnation Catholic Church, 2901 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, Florida 34239. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice online at [www.Tidewellhospice.org](http://www.Tidewellhospice.org). Memories and condolences may be made for the family at [www.MFHcares.com](http://www.MFHcares.com).



# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

AUG **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Incarnation Catholic Church  
2911 Bee Ridge Road  
Sarasota, FL 34239

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ *What can I saw about my dad? He tucked me into bed every night when I was small, even when there were people over for dinner.... He would always excuse himself to tuck his little girl into bed. No matter the task, he would always take it on.... You wanted some shelves built? Ok, what type of wood? What dimensions? You needed some help with your yard? Ok, what do you want to plant? And of course he knew exactly where it should be planted based on the sunlight. You wanted a home cooked meal? Done! He would cook the most delicious food. As my mom would say, when the food tasted good, he cooked with a happy heart.*

*I am so very happy that my boys got to know their Papio.... They couldn't say "Papa Leo" when they were small so his name became Papio. There is no other Papio in this whole entire world!! He loved my boys so much, that even on his very last days, he would always ask where were HIS boys. And as soon as he saw them, his face would light up.*

*I miss him so much and I am thankful for the 43 yrs of unconditional love and support he always gave to me. Thank you Dad, for being our rock.*

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**Krista Benton** - August 17, 2022 at 10:15 PM

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“ We fondly remember Leo for his infectious laugh, huge heart and generous hospitality. Our family remembers many happy holidays spent in Sarasota, delicious suppers round at the Magalhaes’ with Leo, Kay, Krista and Jan and fun beach parties.

*Leo and our Dad, Norman Rolle (Dominica), were very good friends, over many years (since Leo’s Texaco days). When together, they always shared a beer and had a good laugh, and when apart they stayed in touch regularly via email - sharing news, inspirational ideas and humour.*

*For many years, it was a standing joke that Leo and Norman greeted each other as ‘Mick’, from the film ‘Crocodile Dundee’ (which started after a movie night at the Magalhaes’ and continued ever since).*

*Leo really was the kindest, sweetest person, who was always happy to help others out. I will also remember him for his love of gardening and his great success with growing fruit trees, his love for tennis (especially his boy Pete Sampras) and Basketball.*

*I wish Leo and his good friend Norman a happy reunion now - laughing together again like a couple of young boys!*

*Fond memories from Norman Rolle's family: Natalie, Alex & Margarete*



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Natalie Drage - August 08, 2022 at 12:54 PM



*Thank you Natalie* ❤️

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**Krista Benton** - August 17, 2022 at 10:16 PM

“ *Daddy dear*

*A man named Leo (Lamb) with 16 siblings  
Married twice with 4 children plus two  
Developing relationships everywhere he went  
Laughter and joy following you*

*Memories with your brothers:  
Kites, boats , marbles, sugar cane, swimming, fishing, church and  
school  
Popa (Joaquim) and Ma (Mildred) always there to keep you all safe  
and to make sure you were nobody's fool*

*Living on various islands;  
Trinidad, Guyana, Barbados, Antigua then settling in Sarasota  
Your work ethic was impeccable and you always surpassed your  
quota*

*A natural carpenter; creating detailed beautiful works of art  
Leaving a piece of yourself on this earth  
Your children will treasure and keep those memories in their hearts*

*A landscaper, cook and gardener, growing bountiful amounts of  
delicious fruit  
Mangoes, papaya, bananas, only to name a few*

*Home made jam, pepper sauce and delicious Palau made our  
tummies smile  
We would have loved to share more meals, birthdays and holidays  
with you to have more memories that would last for miles*

*Distance kept us apart and we missed our dear father  
We accepted the circumstances and didn't let it bother  
We embraced our annual visits, special times spent with you  
not taking for granted the shared moments that were fun and true*

*92 years is an incredible life;  
So many opportunities and blessings with hardly any strife  
May your next journey welcome you with open arms, your family  
and friends among you  
We are lucky to have a new Angel watching over us, soaring in  
skies of blue*

*We will miss your accent, your laugh- "keekee"-and your natural wit.  
Sorrow now engulfs us without you here ; you taught us never to  
quit  
Until we meet again daddy, a hug will be needed for sure  
Take care and may God bless you forever more!!!!*

*"Yep", "I love you too",  
throw me into the sea daddy*

*♥ your Canadian family*

*Children:*

*Karen (David), Kurt and Karlene*

*Grandchildren:*

*Katarina, Christian*

*Greg (Melissa), Brad (Bianca), Kristina (Kevin)*

*And Jady*

*Great grand children:*

*Kyla, Mila*

*Scarlett, Wesley and Leo*



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**Karlene Magalhaes** - July 31, 2022 at 08:11 PM

KM

“ My Grandpa Leo,

*I am proud to be a Magalhaes because of you...*

*Your laugh, your accent, your stories, your food, you watching golf and tennis on tv, your love for my cakes, your orange/mango trees, your woodworking... these are a few things I will remember you by.*

*When you would visit Canada once a year, that was always a highlight of mine. You made our family feel more complete.*

*It always warmed my heart to watch you be with my Dad as he loved being around you. You definitely made the man laugh!*

*I am so glad I got to dance with you at Brad's wedding, experience you be a Great Grandpa to Kyla and Mila (unfortunately, didn't get to meet baby Wesley and baby Leo), you teaching me how to make some ginger beer (yum), and I truly appreciated our birthday calls/emails (April babies forever!).*

*You did well, Grandpa, and I hope you enjoyed your 92 years.*

*We miss and love you very much ❤️ And hope you're doing well wherever you are.*

*Love always,  
Kristina*



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**Kristina Magalhaes** - July 29, 2022 at 12:43 PM

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*Beautiful tribute to your grandpa Kristina. ❤️ He truly loved coming up to Ottawa, Canada to visit his children Karen, Kurt and Karlene and of course his beautiful grandchildren Gregory, Bradley, Kristina, Katarina, Christian and Jady! He will missed ❤️❤️*

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**Lorraine Magalhaes** - July 29, 2022 at 07:03 PM