



## Leonard D. Uller

March 9, 1963 - March 26, 2025

Leonard “Lenny” Uller, 62, passed away suddenly on March 26, 2025, in Phoenix, AZ. Born in Detroit, MI, Len was a man of boundless energy, intelligence, curiosity, and devotion—to his country, his career, and most of all, his family and friends.

A proud graduate of Catholic Central High School, Len earned an ROTC scholarship at the University of Michigan, earning a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. After graduating, he served in the United States Air Force from 1986 to 1997, where he traveled the world—seeking new experiences and cultures. During his active duty, Len served with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (OSI), where he played a key role in military law enforcement and counterintelligence operations, leading him to his next career adventure.

In 1997, Len transitioned to the DEA as a Federal Agent, where he built a distinguished career until his retirement in 2016. During this time, he met his wife, Debi, and they married in Rocky Mountain National Park in 2001, building a life filled with adventure and bringing two of their greatest gifts into the world, Marc and Morgan.

Despite an already full career, Len never lost his passion for military service. At the age of 50, he rejoined the Air National Guard with the 127th Wing at

Selfridge Air Base in 2013, serving alongside his DEA career until he retired from the Guard in 2022.

After leaving the DEA, Len earned a second Master's degree and became a Certified Financial Planner with Edward Jones from 2017 to 2020. When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, he returned to full-time active duty in 2020, assisting the state of Michigan with Health and Human Services. This ultimately led to his final role as a Director of the Michigan Health and Public Institute, working alongside MDHHS from 2021 until his passing.

Beyond his professional life, Len was a gifted craftsman who could build or fix anything. He and Debi made the perfect team—she dreamed, and he made those dreams a reality. He passed these skills on to his children, both of whom share his creativity and drive. Len was incredibly proud of his kids, Marc, an Army ROTC cadet, and Morgan, who is pursuing her passion for music education.

Len's talent for bringing people together and turning complete strangers into lifelong friends was a running joke among those who knew him. He had the gift of gab and made connecting with others look effortless. Len had an incredible way of making everyone feel seen and valued. His ability to engage with people, no matter where he was, left a lasting impression on all who crossed his path.

Len's presence in this world was a gift—one that will be deeply missed.

Semper Fi

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 11th, from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, (Between Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth, MI. The funeral service will take place on Saturday, April 12th, 11:00 AM at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, MI. Interment with military honors will be held on

Monday, April 14th, 10:30 AM at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI.  
Memorial contributions may be made to Veterans of Foreign Wars, 406 West  
34th Street, Ste. 920, Kansas City, MO 64111.

To share a memory or message of condolence please use the Share a  
Memory tab on this web page.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## Lying In State

APR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
46250 Ann Arbor Rd  
Plymouth, MI 48170-3501  
(734) 453-5252

## Funeral Service

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APR **12**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
46250 Ann Arbor Rd  
Plymouth, MI 48170-3501  
(734) 453-5252

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Len and I were at Quantico together....he was the rare instructor who was both intentionally serious about the mission while also generous and thoughtful in his approach with the BATs. It was a pleasure to have served in that capacity with him and even after many years I remain struck by what a good man he was to those around him.

God bless, my friend,  
Dan Simmons

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**Dan Simmons** - April 12, 2025 at 08:16 PM

RR

“ Robert R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leonard D. Uller.

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**Robert R.** - April 12, 2025 at 09:21 AM

MF

“ I knew Len when we were stationed together at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton OH in the late 1980s. He was mission (technical) planner and commander on several delicate missions supporting NASA and USAF .....I was an operational (aircraft) flight planner and aircraft navigator. Len was nothing short of a true professional. We worked together to make the mission possible.

*We deployed together several times, including several times to Ascension Island in the south Atlantic. I remember once we had a down day waiting for the mission, Len “obtained” a pick-up truck and drove maybe 12 of us up to the highest point on the island, Green Mountain. Taking the turns up the hill, as fast as the truck would go, several of us in back thought we were going to fall out,....we decided to walk back down the mountain. It’s a memory I still cherish. Despite that fun, he was a truly consummate professional when we flew our missions.*

*I don’t recall which of us transferred first from Wright-Patt to the next base. But, almost 35 years later, we re-friended each other on FB. We exchanged a lot of war stories and conversations. I saw his posts about having a “cabin” up north, and I called it more of a lodge. He recently invited to meet him for lunch in Dayton one day, but I couldn’t make it. He lived in Michigan, me in Indiana, and we truly wanted to get together again. I was looking forward to it.*

*I wish had spent more time with him longer. In my heart, Len was a one-of-a-kind person, officer, leader, and friend. I knew of only one other with Len’s persona, and I miss them and love them both.*

*May God bless you, Len. May God bless and comfort your family. You were a treasure to all who had the privilege of knowing you. Rest well, my friend. I love you.*

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Michael Franczek - April 11, 2025 at 08:12 PM

RL

“ This are some memories  
of Sir Leonard (Lenny) Uller.

To:  
The family, friends and those close to 'Lenny' Uller.

I first met  
Lenny in high school that we attended together.

He was a year  
behind me then. We met the first time 📱 📱 when four  
of us would study together  
in the library during the 1977 - 1978  
school year, the last year that it was located at  
"6 - 5 - 6 - 5 West Outer Drive"  
(as one of our cheers would go)  
in Detroit, MI.

Fr. Harrison  
was the moderator of the library.  
There were four of us  
that would study after school.

Then,  
the second time 📱 📱 I interacted with Sir Lenny Uller was when  
walking the campus of  
the University of Michigan,  
we both recognized each other and spoke outside the buildings  
of the campus.

Now, because  
of my true faith life, I would only talk if we were IN a building or  
AT an event,  
not just passing on a sidewalk  
on campus or passing on a sidewalk anywhere.  
You may ask, "Why?"

*The reason is  
because if I am walking down a street and my enemy is behind me  
and I see my friend on  
the other side of the street  
AND WAVE to my friend, then  
my enemy, I find will,  
knock out, annihilate, destroy us both.*

*Yet, if I do not wave,  
my friend can come up behind my enemy, swat my enemy  
in the but and we can both  
RUN FREE to safety.*

*May you rest in peace  
Sir Lenny.*

*From:  
Then, Robert ('Bob') Lee,  
Now, Robert ('Dail') Lee.*

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**Robert Lee** - April 10, 2025 at 11:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of  
Leonard D. Uller.*



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April 10, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ *Jonathan P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leonard D. Uller.*

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**Jonathan P.** - April 10, 2025 at 10:45 AM

RS

“ Len was a kind, gentle, and very professional person who was part of our firearms safety training group. He was fantastic with students especially those who were a bit anxious about firearms. Our whole team will miss him.

*Bob Savo, Master Instructor, Detroit Sportsmen's Congress*

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**robert m savo** - April 10, 2025 at 09:52 AM

CL

“ Cort and Diana Laskey purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Leonard D. Uller.



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**Cort and Diana Laskey** - April 09, 2025 at 07:42 PM

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**Cort and Diana Laskey** - April 09, 2025 at 07:42 PM

FF

“ Fran, Linda, Donnie, Keith & families. purchased  
the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of  
Leonard D. Uller.



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**Fran, Linda, Donnie, Keith & families.** - April 09, 2025 at 06:50  
PM

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“ 127th MOF & MXG purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Leonard D. Uller.



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127th MOF & MXG - April 09, 2025 at 12:43 PM

DA

“ To the family, we are so sorry for you loss and will keep you in our prayers. Len and I grew up together and went to high school together. His mom and dad were so kind they would make sure i had a ride to high school. I can see Lenny moved thru life impacting many people and always being kind like his parents. We may have separated after high school but what a dedicated man in life in all aspects. A true shamrock- goodness, discipline, and knowledge... Thank for your for the memories my friend, you will be missed by many but never forgotten-

*the Skidmores*

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daniel - April 09, 2025 at 08:57 AM

HF

“ Harold Mitchell, Katie Stralka & family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Leonard D. Uller.



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Harold Mitchell, Katie Stralka & family - April 08, 2025 at 10:30 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Leonard D. Uller.



April 08, 2025 at 06:06 PM



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

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

April 08, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Leonard D. Uller.



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April 07, 2025 at 06:16 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Leonard D. Uller.



April 07, 2025 at 06:16 PM



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

April 07, 2025 at 05:41 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard D. Uller.



April 07, 2025 at 05:41 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Leonard D. Uller.



April 06, 2025 at 05:28 PM

MB

“ Mickey, Ron, Carol, Brian & Brandon purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Leonard D. Uller.



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**Mickey, Ron, Carol, Brian & Brandon** - April 06, 2025 at 03:18 PM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leonard D. Uller.

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April 04, 2025 at 04:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leonard D. Uller.



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April 01, 2025 at 04:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leonard D. Uller.



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April 01, 2025 at 01:55 PM

TF

“ *Debi, Marc, and Morgan...We are so saddened by the passing of Len. We enjoyed spending time with your family during your time in Virginia. We remember Len as a kind and warm person who adored his family. Our prayers are with you all during this difficult time. - The Kolb Family*

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**The Kolb Family** - March 31, 2025 at 10:21 PM

KK

“ *Karla K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leonard D. Uller.*

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**Karla K.** - March 31, 2025 at 10:13 PM

AA

“ *Finding the right words feels impossible— maybe because there are none but I'll do my best.*



*Len was more than a boss; he was a great friend and a pillar of strength, compassion, and humor through both professional and personal challenges. When I reflect on the impact he had on my life, I can only imagine how many others he uplifted through his life of service.*

*Len, thank you—for your leadership, your kindness, your unwavering support, and especially for the countless moments of laughter along the way. I am deeply grateful to have known you. I miss you.*

*To Deb, Marc, and Morgan, I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. Through Len, I feel as though I have come to know you, and like him, to know you is to love you. Wishing you strength and comfort in the days ahead.*

*- Aarti  
"GO TEAM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"*

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**Aarti** - March 31, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leonard D. Uller.*



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March 31, 2025 at 04:52 PM

DM

“ Len will be greatly missed. At the center of a pandemic, we found ourselves thrust into what seemed like never ending days. But in that center, converged a team that would see each other through the crisis. Len was a crucial part of the team. Working with Len was an immeasurable gift to many of us. My deepest condolences to his wife and children whom he cherished.  
May you rest in eternal peace.



Dawn McCune - March 31, 2025 at 02:38 PM

DJ

“ Len, you left an everlasting impression on me and gave great advice even when didn't ask for it lol. I have always expressed to my friends and family you were one of the BEST bosses I have had. Your presence is truly missed and I am thankful to have worked along side you for the last 3.5 years. I will keep your family in my thoughts and Prayers. -DJ "Go Team"



Danielle Jones - March 31, 2025 at 09:57 AM

DM

I love this photo SO very much. I will miss Len - and I miss our wonderful team.

Dawn McCune - March 31, 2025 at 02:27 PM

RP

“ *R.I.P Brother Warrior and Patriot. Thank you Brother Warrior for your Service and Sacrifices made while Defending America's Freedoms and Constitutional Principles here and around the World. May God's Blessings be with you and your Family during theses trying days ahead...(◇))))).*



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**Retired First Sergeant Michael Preston** - March 31, 2025 at 12:52 AM

LS

“ *Love Cousin Sandra purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Leonard D. Uller.*



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**Love Cousin Sandra** - March 30, 2025 at 02:10 PM

JB

“ *Debi, Marc & Morgan, I'm so sorry for your loss. There are no words ... My time with Len was brief, but great. He was the warmest, kindest, most genuine man I've ever known. He was one of a kind and it was my honor to serve with him and call him my friend.*

*~ John Broughton*

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**John Broughton** - March 30, 2025 at 10:41 AM

TF

“ *The Blevins Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leonard D. Uller.*

**The Blevins Family** - March 29, 2025 at 11:28 PM

TF

“ *The Blevins Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Leonard D. Uller.*



**The Blevins Family** - March 29, 2025 at 11:28 PM