



Delbert Leon Ragsdale

April 4, 1936 - May 23, 2022

Delbert Leon Ragsdale was born in Chandler, Oklahoma on April 14, 1936 to O.E. and Irene Ragsdale. He moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1941. Leon attended Park Elementary and Clinton Junior High. He graduated from Daniel Webster High School in 1954. He loved playing basketball, participated in the Junior Cabinet, and was a member of the yearbook staff.

Leon attended the University of Tulsa. He studied engineering while he was there. He would later transfer to Oklahoma State University and receive a B.A. in Architectural Design in 1960. Leon was a talented student and was asked a few years after graduation to design a building on the OSU campus.

Leon married in 1958. With that union, he had two daughters, Tia and Kim.

Leon was a "workaholic." He easily worked 70 hours a week and continued to practice architecture until a few months before his passing. For most of his career, he was self-employed and ran his firm, the Architectural Collective. Leon's designs are timeless. He was known for his forward thinking solar energy designs, and he designed hundreds of churches and buildings in Oklahoma, throughout the U.S., and even internationally. Leon was a member of the American Institute of Architects and served as the president of the Oklahoma chapter.

In addition to practicing architecture, Leon was a realtor, artist, and writer. He penned over 70 manuscripts and had just recently started publishing them. He owned art galleries, and his creations included paintings and stained-glass windows.

Leon was a spiritual man. He taught Sunday School and Training Union. He also served as a Deacon at Trinity Baptist Church. He was a member of the choir and often sang solos. Leon held his own Bible studies for many years and was a guest lecturer at various churches throughout the community.

Leon passed away on May 23, 2022 at the age of 86. He was a caring son, cherished brother, loving father and Pa Pa, sweet companion, and blessed by many that called him friend.

Previous Events

Funeral

JUN 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

Winnetka Heights Baptist Church
1003 W 49th St.
Tulsa, OK 74107

Tribute Wall

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“ *The world is a better place now that you're not in it. Good Riddance! Your reign of tyrannical behavior has come to an end. I told you you weren't dead yet and there was time to get your ass kicked. And I'm glad I was the one to do it.*

Seth Schwarm - August 06 at 01:33 AM

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“ *Leon was a super sweet and caring gentleman. His level of ethics was so high. I was blessed to get to know him. Kim he loved you and your girls so much. He loved his family. I am sorry for loss, I can't imagine the void of his not being here on the earth plain will be for you. You know he is with you in spirit. Love and prayers. Deb*

Deb DiBiasie - August 04 at 01:20 PM

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“ *Florene S. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Delbert Leon Ragsdale.*



Florene S. - June 01 at 04:16 PM

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“ *In our amazing years together Leon and I have cherished your sweet Spirit Kim and treasured all the holidays together as family. In recent times your Caring Spirit has been such an essential part of our lives. I treasure all you have meant to Leon and I as we benefitted from your phenominal talent as a caretaker.*

Laura Mauck - May 31 at 09:32 PM

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“ *A wonderful person & Classmate of 1954.*

Alberta Elizabeth (Liz) Hart Groden (Dale)



Alberta (Liz) Groden - May 31 at 09:07 AM



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May 26 at 12:31 PM