



## Leon Everett Strunk

June 20, 1925 - May 4, 2015

Leon Everett Strunk, 89, of Asheville died Monday, May 4, 2015 at Brooks-Howell Home following a long, but well-fought struggle with cancer. Born June 20, 1925, in Vancouver, Washington, he was son of the late Lester and Hilda Strunk.

He graduated from Seattle Pacific College in 1949, where his call to mission work was confirmed in many ways. In 1950 he went to Brazil on a short-term mission program, where he taught at a rural school and was appointed as a circuit riding pastor. It was in Brazil that Leon met and married Martha, a missionary teacher with the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church.

In 1957, he graduated from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and was ordained elder in the Holston Conference. With his young family, he returned to Brazil in December, 1958 where he served for 38 years and stayed another 6 years as a volunteer. He started new churches and a primary school in the slum areas of Salvador, Bahia in NE Brazil. He served churches in Belo Horizonte, Muriae, and Juiz de Fora. He was the director of the seminary in Belo Horizonte where he helped build new church buildings. In 1998, he left Brazil retiring to Brooks-Howell Home, where he took up a new hobby making pottery.

A glowing witness of God's love for the world, Leon liked photography, telling

jokes, making pottery, and growing plants (especially orchids). His love of working with plants was established early in life, growing up on a small farm.

He is survived by his children, Alycia Johnson (Mandel), Joanna Strunk Cannon (Patty) and Nathanael Strunk (Maria Alice); two sisters, Grace Dickson and Dorene Reed; five grandchildren, Mylah Johnson, Jonathan Strunk, Jacob Cannon, Jessica Strunk and Ely Strunk; one great-grandson, Soren,

A Celebration of his Life will be held 3:30 PM, Friday, May 8, 2015 at Brooks-Howell Home Memorial Chapel.

Memorials may be made his memory to Brooks-Howell Home, 266 Merrimon Ave., Asheville, NC 28801.

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service**

MAY 8. 3:30 PM (ET)

Brooks Howell Home  
266 Merrimon Avenue  
Asheville, NC 28801  
<http://www.brooks-howell.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leon Everett Strunk*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Dear Martha and Family,*

*Beautiful photos of flowers in Brazil are among me earliest memories of correspondence with Leon and Martha. it was my pleasure to have been at Brooks-Howell when they entered as residents...and what a wonderful relationship it has been!*

*Leon, Man of Many Talents, was amazing man who enriched the lives of those who were fortunate enough to know and love him. I am blessed to have been one of them.*

*Thelma McGraw*

Thelma McGraw - May 08, 2015 at 11:31 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Leon Everett Strunk.*



May 07, 2015 at 08:38 PM

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“ *Martha, Alycia and family. I am so glad to have had even a brief opportunity to get to know Leon as we all spent time together at G-ETS. His spirit touched each of us there, and clearly lives on in his family! May you be blessed with memories of a joy-filled faithful life lived with very few if any regrets! Sending love, prayers, and the hope of the certainty of the Resurrection! Linda A. Phillips Richard and Joe Richard.*

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**Linda Richard** - May 06, 2015 at 06:37 PM