



Mr. Lealon "Sonny" Russell

March 25, 1931 - March 16, 2023

Mr. Lealon "Sonny" Russell, 91, of Peru, passed away on Thursday, March 16, 2023, just 9 days shy of his 92nd birthday. Born in Pownal, VT, on March 25, 1931, the son of the late Franklin and Evelyn Moon Russell, he graduated from Pittsfield High School with the class of 1949.

Lealon was a Korean War Veteran. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1952 and proudly served his country until 1954.

For the majority of his career, Lealon was employed by Kelly's Lumber, where he drove their trucks for 35 dedicated years. Lealon then worked at numerous other lumber yards until his retirement.

Lealon loved being outdoors, especially when car racing, fishing, boating, or camping and just enjoying a day trip. He was just as happy, however, being inside while watching an Old Western or, of course, enjoying a nice cut of prime rib or plate of bacon at the dinner table.

Lealon attended the Peru Congregational Church in Peru, MA

He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 64 years, the former Ellen Shuttleworth, whom he married on September 19, 1959, and his children, David Russell, Corinne Clemo (Richard). and Geoffrey Russell (Stephanie).

He was blessed with 11 grandchildren and great grandchildren too numerous to count.

Besides his parents, Lealon was predeceased by his daughter, Jennifer Russell and his son, Franklin Russell, as well as three sisters and one brother.

Funeral Notice:

A celebration of life for Mr. Lealon "Sonny" Russell will be Saturday, March 25, 2023, at 1pm at the Peru Community Center in Peru, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **25**. 1:00 PM.

Peru Community Center
Peru, MA

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mr. Sonny Russell. May your memories and the prayerful support of others bring you peace and comfort. I and all the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged & Infirm, sponsors of Mount Carmel Care Center, will keep you in our prayers. It was a privilege to be able to care for Sonny at Mount Carmel.*

Sr. Seán Damien

Sponsor Representative

Mount Carmel Care Center

Sr. Sean Flynn - April 11, 2023 at 03:08 PM

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“ *Sorry to hear of Sonny's passing. He was one of those old school drivers whom I always enjoyed talking about the old days of trucking with. He was a good man and always seemed glad to see you..Bobby Dodge*

Bobby Dodge - March 22, 2023 at 08:52 AM

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“ *From the day he married Ellen, Sonny became a treasured member of the family. He was always willing to help people, and his stories about logging, cars, machinery and nature are fondly remembered. He was a Patriot and a hard worker. He will be truly missed.*

Ann Squires - March 21, 2023 at 10:14 AM