



# Leonard P. Godlewski

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**L**eonard P. Godlewski was born August 29, 1958 in Hartford, Connecticut to Victor and Violet Godlewski. He liked to tell everyone that asked him for his birthday that he was born on the same day and same year as Michael Jackson. He was the youngest of three children. Leonard attended schools in East Hartford, CT, graduating from East Hartford High School in 1978.

Leonard was disabled from birth with anoxic brain injury. He was in and out of special classes and State programs for the disabled. He suffered from anxiety attacks his entire life and has been on multiple medications. He occasionally had volunteer positions and jobs. He lived in different facilities for the disabled, and finally lived at home with his mother and father. After his father died he lived in CT while his mother lived half time in CT and half time in California. When his mother sold her house in CT, Lenny moved to Hemet CA year round. In 2017 Lenny and his mother moved to Assisted Living in Escondido, CA closer to his sister Susan.

Leonard had a brain for retaining information. He could recite all the Presidents in order, tell you plots of many books he was reading, and tell you about many western movies and movie stars. Later Star Wars, Indiana Jones, and The Avengers became his favorite movies. His interests are history, true crime, conspiracy theories, and police scandals. He was an avid reader with favorite authors like Heather Graham, Lee Child, John Grisham, Stephen King, Dean Koontz, Michael Palmer, Sidney Sheldon, and many others. He was religious and read the Bible every day. In his twenties he was avid music fan and had a good vinyl collection.

Lenny had a sweet disposition and a dry sense of humor like his father. He was kind, polite, and friendly. In CT and Hemet, CA he visited pubs and restaurants and knew all the waitresses and cooks who became his friends. The staff at Assisted Living loved Lenny.

Leonard passed away on December 11, 2020 and leaves to cherish his memories his mother Violet, sister Susan, nieces Jennifer, Amanda and Sara, nephew Jeffrey, cousins Debra, Dana, Jennifer, and Sandra, and aunts, uncles, and friends.



# Tribute Wall

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**Cathy Graska (Brewster)** lit a candle in honor of Leonard.

I grew up on Risley street in East Hartford and remember Lenny well. If ever we had a history question we would ask him. I never could understand how he knew and could recite all the presidents names and date of birth. So sorry to hear of his passing but I am sure he is happy to be with his dad now. Prayers for the family.



December 20 at 5:47 AM



**Joe Thibodeau** December 26 at 11:24 PM

Lenny and my brother Tom would be at the kitchen table playing some sort of board game and laughing and in the later years he walked all over town , did his own shopping , Raymond library favorite hangout , condolences go out to his family .



**Joan E. Hayward** posted:

The Hayward family send there condolence to you all. I remember delivering milk with my dad to your house. Sad to read this but he's in a better place and with his dad...God Bless

December 17 at 8:06 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Godlewski family.



December 16 at 10:48 AM



**Nancy Murphy** posted:

So sorry to hear about Lenny, I worked at The Pub in East Hartford for 18 years and Lenny was a fixture. He will be missed

December 16 at 4:13 AM



**Carol Kandrysawtz - Dailey** posted:

So sorry for your loss. I went to EHHS and he was such a pleasant and kind person. Ill never forget he would remember my birthday. When I married he sent me a card.Well RIP Lenny, may you have excellent health in heaven. Your friend Carol Ann

December 16 at 4:00 AM



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SU

**Susan** posted:

Rest now Lenny. Know that you are loved. Steve & I watched out for you as much as we could. You had a good sense of humor and could outsmart us in so many ways. Miss you. ❤️👉

December 16 at 3:48 AM

JW

**James Warren** posted:

So sorry to hear about this gentle giant of a man. I remember visiting his house for Halloween and he would come to the door with a lit lightbulb in his mouth. Went to school with him for many years. He will be missed.

December 15 at 11:17 PM

DE

**Debra** December 17 at 11:27 AM

I'll never forget your smile Lenny. Say hello to my mom for me. I know she'll watch over you and will thoroughly enjoy your jokes. RIP cousin.

SU

**Susan** December 16 at 3:41 AM

Thank you for the memory. I love it.

LR

**Lorraine E. Roussel** posted:

Hi Vi and Sue,, I just can't believe the news about Lenny. Our families were long time friends. This time of year it is so hard to deal with. Just got Vi's Christmas card with family news. Please know I will share this with my kids.....Vi, take care. Will call you soon. Just no words to express my sympathy. Do take care and know prayers are going your way. Love to you both. Lorraine

December 15 at 8:05 PM

SU

**Susan** December 16 at 3:42 AM

Thank you Lorraine.



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MB

**Mary Anne (Zebedeo) Bradbury** posted:

I have a lot of fond memories of Lenny. Always a group of us walking to school, playing over at our house, just being around all of us. And we all looked out for Lenny and I think he looked out for us as well. And he was a kind person with a good soul. My condolences to Mrs. Godlewski, Sue & her family. I will miss you Lenny! Rest in Peace

December 15 at 2:45 PM

SU

**Susan** December 16 at 3:43 AM

Thank you Mary Ann.

TN

**Trina Nicholson** posted:

I so remember this sweet soul. We would sit in the cafeteria and he would test me on the Presidents or some sci Fi book he was reading that I had never heard of. He always made me smile and I had my eye out to make sure he was always treated well. Just smiled remembering his goofy grin. Rest well, dear sweet Lenny ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

December 15 at 12:12 PM

AT

**Anita Towhill** December 19 at 1:58 PM

We lived next door to Lenny and his family. I remember as a child . So sorry Vi. One of twins Anita Towhill

SU

**Susan** December 16 at 3:49 AM

Thanks Margie & Michael. It's nice to hear memories of him.

MW

**Michael Warren** December 15 at 7:16 PM

Lenny was known for reciting the presidents all through school, he knew them in correct order and could even tell the years the presidents were in office. He was big but gentle, he enjoyed making people smile and laugh. I was wondering why he wasn't around the past years and now it is known. I think he liked California because he loved being outdoors. He will be missed by many.

MM

**Margaret Moore** December 15 at 1:19 PM

Lenny was a special kid. Not because of his disability, but because of his ability. When we lived in the same neighborhood I would see him often and he was always very social and friendly. As kids I remember him paling around with us older ones, watching out for him, keeping him safe. I haven't seen him in a good few years, but I always remember his sweet grin and the sparkle in his eyes whenever we ran into each, just talking about whatever. RIP Lenny.



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