



## Mr. Eligio "Leo" LaSoya

July 8, 1948 - September 5, 2023

Eligio "Leo" LaSoya 75, of Texas City, Texas, passed away on September 5, 2023, after a long battle with chronic health issues.

Leo was born in Galveston, Texas, July 8, 1948. His parents, now deceased, are Eligio LaSoya and Alicia Campuzano. A graduate of Texas City High School in 1968, was drafted into the Army soon after. He served in the Army Infantry in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. During his service in Vietnam, he received several medals, badges, commendations, and citations: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge Air Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm, Expert Rifle, 2nd Class Gunner, and the Silver Star. After his tour in the Army, he was hired at Amoco Oil Texas City in April 1971. He worked for Amoco for 34 years and retired in 2005.

Single for almost 34 years he then met his wife, Andrea. They were married for over 18 years. She said she married him because he made her laugh. Leo once told her that their time together was always like an adventure. He always had a joke for you and could tell some wild stories. His love was fishing. He passed around his calling cards that read "If you have a boat or a place to hunt you need a friend". Always a jokester, we will miss him.

Leo loved being a grandpa. He enjoyed spoiling them, taking them places and

making them laugh. When he was around them, you could see his inner child emerge. I remember him getting in trouble by the zookeeper for giving the kids peanuts to throw to the animals and getting chased by an ostrich while at a drive-thru Safari. Faith recalls in another zoo encounter of her grandpa getting in trouble for antagonizing the monkeys. The monkeys banging on the glass and hollering at her grandpa and him doing it right back.

Leo was a man with a big heart and great stories. He would do anything to help a person in need, even if he barely knew you. He touched the lives of many people and will be greatly missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Eligio and Alicia LaSoya; brother, Raymond LaSoya; and sister Linda Jaramillo.

Leo is survived by his wife, Andrea LaSoya; his son, Leo LaSoya; stepson, Phillip (Annette) Dodd; stepdaughter, Maria Taylor; sister, Martha (Raymond) Robles; sister, Annie Garcia; sister-in-law, Hope LaSoya; grandsons: Robert "Robbie" LaSoya and Jacob Molina; granddaughters: Faith LaSoya, Kayla, Haley and Alyssa Molina, Alina and Isabella Dodd and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jaime Jaramillo Jr., Ramón Robles Jr., Roy Guerrero Jr., Mario LaSoya, Jeff Cameron, and Eldon Cameron.

Honorary pallbearers will be Ray Anthony LaSoya, Esteban Jaramillo, and Robert "Robbie" James LaSoya.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Park East

21620 Gulf Fwy  
Webster, TX 77598

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **13.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Landmark Missionary Baptist Church  
311 25th Street  
Texas City, TX 77590

## Funeral Service

SEP **14.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Eligio "Leo" LaSoya*

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October 05, 2023 at 01:51 AM



“ *I knew LEO his whole life we both ended up in the military right after TCHS . Played baseball with him Leo was a catcher and I was a pitcher during our youth . His father was one of our coaches . Leo was always smiling and loved to tell jokes or play one on you . Leo was everybodys friend . RIP In Heaven my friend !*

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**M. David Brown Sgt Ret TCPD** - September 13, 2023 at 10:10 PM



“ *I knew Leo from work at Amoco. He was a always friendly and fun to be around. We played checkers many days during our lunch period and he was great at it. I know he will be greatly missed. Rest in piece Leo.*  
*Maggie McGhee*

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**Maggie McGhee** - September 13, 2023 at 11:30 AM