



Leo R. C. LeCompte

April 1, 1936 - January 4, 2014

Leo Richard Calvin LeCompte, whose successful tenure as the first full-time Financial Aid Director at his alma mater has been unrivaled, departed this life on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at the age of 77. His passion for student success made it possible for countless of them to realize their individual dream of a college education and pursuit of a profitable and rewarding career. Leo was born in Cheswold, Delaware, a son of Fred and Pauline Williams LeCompte. His parents later moved to Chester, Pennsylvania, where he attended elementary school and graduated from Chester High School in 1953. Leo attended Delaware State College (now Delaware State University) and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education in 1957. He earned his Masters of Arts Degree in Personnel Management from Central Michigan University in 1978.

After receiving his Bachelor's degree, Leo returned to Chester and taught Special Education in the Chester School District. Three years later, he was drafted into the United States Army, where he served the next two years before returning to his teaching position in Chester. In 1969, Leo accepted a position at Delaware State College as the first Director of Financial Aid. While serving in that position for more than 24 years, he was the difference that enabled students to obtain funding to finance their college education. In 1993, he left the Financial Aid Office to become Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs.

Leo also demonstrated a sense of loyalty and esprit de corps by his

willingness to become involved with all areas of the University. He was a strong supporter of the Delaware State University Band and also worked with the "Help One Student Succeed" (HOST) program at Booker T. Washington Elementary School in Dover, Delaware. Leo retired from DSU in 1997, but his involvement with the University continued. Upon retirement, Leo volunteered as a receptionist in the Radiology Department at Bay Health Kent General Hospital in Dover, Delaware.

Leo was a member of Whatcoat United Methodist Church for over 40 years, serving on the Finance Committee and also on the Board of Directors for the Whatcoat Shelter. He was a great financial supporter of the church and its ministries. Leo was also a life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Leo was preceded in death by parents; his wife, Trudell Cowell LeCompte; his brother, Delbert LeCompte; and his sister Ruth Palmer.

He leaves to celebrate his life two daughters, Rhonda Holt and Rosalind Palmer, a granddaughter, Jasmine Holt, all of Dover; his brother and wife, Ronald and Castella LeCompte of Belvedere, DE; sister in law Shirley LeCompte of Cleveland Heights., Ohio; sister and husband, Paula LeCompte Speed and Jerry Speed of New York City, NY; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Leo R. C. LeCompte, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

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“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. We all look forward to the near future when the earth will be a renewed paradise and death will be no more. (Rev 21:3,4)

Sherry - January 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I want to thank Mr LeCompte for all of his support through my years at Delaware State College. Without Mr LeCompte and Mr Williams I would not be where I'm today. I personally thank these guys every time I talk about Delaware State University. My heart is heavy.

*Norman Oliver
class of 85*

Norman Oliver Sr. - January 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Family of Bro. Leo LeCompte,

I was sadden to learn of the passing of your Father and my Brother in Omega and I extend to you and the family my heartfelt sympathy. As you Battle the Storms of Life during these most difficult times, I say to you lean on these Words of Comfort: "Let not your heart be troubled, ye that believe in God, Believe also in Me, in my Fathers House are many mansions and we know that your Father and my Brother in Omega is resting peacefully in his mansion, that house not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens. So keep your hands in Gods Unchanging Hand and He will lead you through this Storm. Always remember, If He Lead you To It, He will Take you through it.

In Sympathy,

*Bro. David B. Wharton, Sr., DSU Class of "66"
23rd Second District Representative
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.*

BRO. DAVID B. WHARTON, SR. - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Family of Leo LeCompte:

Leo was a great administrator at DSC/U He cared for all students and helped all get what they needed to succeed. He loved DSC/Uand it showed. Those of us who know the DSC/U experience when Leo was there are proud to have known such a wonderful person. He will always be remembered .My deepest sympathy and love to the family.

Stell Parker Selby - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM