



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*Rubin "Leon" Mays II*



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*The family would like to thank all of those who helped them through this process. May peace be with you all.*

SUNRISE  
*September 18, 1977*

SUNSET  
*July 30, 2025*



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## Obituary

Rubin "Leon" Mays II was born on September 18, 1977, to Louise and Rubin Leon Mays I. From an early age, Leon brought laughter, compassion, and a spark of creativity to everyone he encountered. He attended Boise Grade School, where he met his favorite teacher, Ms. Ellie, who inspired his love for learning and left a lasting impact.

Leon graduated from POIC in 1996 and later pursued his passion for cooking by earning a degree from culinary school. He was known for his bold approach in the kitchen, never shy to say, "I know I can make it better," always putting his own spin on every recipe.

Leon found joy in simple pleasures—fishing with friends and family, cracking jokes, listening with a caring heart, and offering the kind of advice that only he could deliver. He was a steady presence in the lives of his cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends—always showing up, always making people laugh, and always lending a helping hand.

Even after being diagnosed with cancer, Leon met every day with courage, strength, and the will to keep going. He never stopped fighting and never stopped loving. He passed away on July 30, 2025, surrounded by those who loved him most.

Leon is now reunited in heaven with many beloved family members: Patricia Hayes "Shane" (Aunt), Mattie Hayes (Grandmother), Hubert Hayes "Jr." (Uncle), Cleophis Alexander Sr. (Grandfather), Grace Alexander (Grandmother), Geraldine Hayes "Dean" (Aunt), Cleophis Alexander Jr. "Ricky" (Uncle), Terry Alexander (Uncle), Richard Mays (Uncle), Barbara Robinson (Aunt), Randy Alexander (Uncle), Doris Alexander "Gena" (Aunt), James Rouse (Cousin), Lamarr Luster "Squeaky" (Cousin), Sharon Goldsby (Cousin), and Ezekiel Handy "Zeke" (Cousin).

He is survived by his loving parents, Louise Mays and Rubin Mays I; his sister, Tonia Mays; his uncle, Robin Mays; aunts Francine Alexander and Joann Goldsby; Alcurtis Norful and a large extended family of cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends who will carry his memory forward with love and pride.

Leon will be remembered for his heart, his humor, his strength, and the way he made everyone feel like family.

## Visitation

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

10:30am — 4:30pm (Pacific Time)

Rose City Chapel

5625 NE Fremont Street, Portland, OR 97213

## Funeral Service

Friday, August 22nd, 2025

11:00am — 1:30pm (Pacific Time)

Rose City Chapel

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## Burial

Friday, August 22nd, 2025

2:00pm (Pacific Time)

Rose City Cemetery

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Grave 3 in the East ½ of Lot 479 Section S