



Leon Arthur Bellot Jr

June 11, 1951 - February 23, 2019

Leon Arthur Bellot, Jr., 67, of Old Town, Florida, passed away Saturday, February 23, 2019.

Arthur was born on June 11, 1951 to Leon and Kate Bellot. He graduated from Dixie County High School in 1969 and attended Lake City Community College before transferring to the University of Florida where he graduated in 1972 with his Bachelor's of Science Degree. He returned to Dixie County High School to teach science, became Assistant Principal and Dean of Students. He then became qualified in Emergency Services working for the ambulance companies in Dixie and surrounding counties. In 1975 when the ambulance service was no longer contracted out, he became the first Emergency Services Director for Dixie County. He served in this compacity until 1999 at which time he became the first County Administrator for Dixie County, retiring in 2009.

He was a member of the Dixie County Education Foundation, Dixie County Chamber of Commerce, on the Board of Suwannee River Economic Council, a former member of the State Cert Team, and a former member of Dixie County Rotary Club. He formerly served as a volunteer fireman and Assistant Fire Chief for the Cross City Fire Department. He was a member of Faith Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and was on various other committees.

Arthur enjoyed hunting, fishing and chasing fires. His favorite thing was spending time with his grandchildren, the light of his life.

Arthur is survived by his wife Cindy Bellot; son Justin (Heather) Bellot of Cross City; daughters, Jennifer and Jessica Bellot, both of Cross City and grandchildren, Jace and Summer Bellot. He was preceded in death by his parents Leon and Kate Bellot and sister Ann Naylor.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 1, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Faith Baptist Church in Old Town with Rev. Dwayne Kight officiating. Interment will follow at New Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery. A visitation will be held at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Thursday, February 28, 2019 between the hours of 6 and 8pm.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City, Florida 352-498-5400 and Chiefland, Florida 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

New Prospect Baptist Church

220 New Prospect Rd
old town, FL 32608

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City
16984 SE Hwy 19
Cross City, FL 32628
(352) 498-5400

Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Baptist Church
Old Town, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Leon Arthur Bellot Jr*

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Leon Arthur Bellot Jr*

January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *Our sympathy to the Bellot family for their lose. Tom & Anne Leverette*

Anne Leverette - March 02, 2019 at 11:11 AM

MK

“ Arthur Bellot was the original "George Bailey" depicted in the movie classic "It's A Wonderful Life" with his fist full of travel brochures. In the small town growing up he worked in the local pharmacy in his youth, loved his mother and father and sister with all his heart, married Cindy, the love of his life, and they molded out such a beautiful family. He respected those adults around us that had great influence teaching and was admired by his peers. Just like George Bailey however, he never left his town. As a matter of fact he spent his entire life serving Cross City and Dixie county in such a way that benefited everyone. If there had ever been a "Mr. Potter" in our community, he would have stood up against them. Since 1960 I have had the privilege of knowing Arthur, and like so many that went out into the world to take our place and try to make a difference, somehow we knew that we had someone like Arthur back home being an anchor to our youthful roots that was warm to our heart. Arthur was a solid Christian man who loved the Lord with all his heart, mind and soul, and loved his family as the scriptures intended, and loved and served his community as God has called every Christian to do. Unlike George Bailey, he didn't need an angel to show him the way. He had Jesus, and followed him explicitly. Arthur without a doubt will hear the words from the Master, "Well done good and faithful servant, enjoy the wonderful eternal life I promised." By the way, you won't need any brochures. I've got you covered for all time. May the Lord watch over his family and friends and fill their hearts with a peace that indeed surpasses understanding. We will be praying for you.

Michael Killian

Michael Killian - February 28, 2019 at 10:09 PM

 Albrecht
Corbin

“ Mr Bello stitched up a bad oyster cut on my arm during health class so it would heal I always appreciated that sorry for the loss

Albrecht Corbin - February 28, 2019 at 09:21 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Leon Arthur Bellot Jr.*



February 28, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ *People often don't realize or appreciate the significance of an individuals contributions until we here of their passing.*

Arthur was a "Giant" in our midst and positively impacted the lives of hundreds of individuals throughout not only Dixie County but rural communities throughout the State of Florida. Arthur was a strong supporter of the Small County Coalition and the members of the Small County Coalition express their collective appreciation for his life and condolence at this sad time.

People in Florida's small counties should be forever grateful to this wonderful man for his life of service and advocacy. He will be missed.

Chris Doolin on Behalf of Florida's Small County Coalition

Chris Doolin - February 27, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ *Cinde & Nanette Carden & Ginger, Ed LongBill Sauls purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Leon Arthur Bellot Jr.*



Cinde & Nanette Carden & Ginger, Ed LongBill Sauls -
February 27, 2019 at 01:35 PM

DH

“ Our sincere condolences and prayers for his family.
D. Ray & Diana Harrison

D Ray Harrison - February 27, 2019 at 08:30 AM

JH

“ Art Bellot was a great man, and I am happy to have spent time with him sharing thoughts about the community. I will miss seeing him at events in Dixie County.

Jeff M. Hardison - February 26, 2019 at 11:08 PM

JB

“ I always found Arthur to be a kind and gentle man. He will be sorely missed by so many. Did much good to the community/church in which he lived. Sincere sympathy to all his family. Love to Cindy and children

John and Nola Buckhalter - February 26, 2019 at 08:25 PM



“ My Soul Lives On Blanket was purchased for the family of Leon Arthur Bellot Jr.



February 26, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Leon Arthur Bellot Jr.*



February 26, 2019 at 03:59 PM



“ *James Lockler purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Leon Arthur Bellot Jr.*



James Lockler - February 26, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ *Cindy and Family, our hearts are sad in the passing of Arthur but we are so assured of where he is spending eternity. He was so instrumental in The Gideons International in reaching the lost for Jesus in our Suwannee South Camp by ensuring we distributed Scriptures at the Fly Ins, festivals, and other events in our Tri-County area and many men, women, boys, and girls will someday get to meet him in Heaven and tell him "Thank You" for giving to the Lord. We will be donating Bibles to the Gideons Memorial Bible Card Program in Arthur's Memory.*

Frank and Mary Jo Padilla - February 26, 2019 at 11:53 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Leon Arthur Bellot Jr.*



February 26, 2019 at 01:30 AM



“ *I remember in school we were going to dissect frogs, no way was I going to do that, I would throw up everywhere. So anyway I had told my mom what was going on at school and ask if she would write me a note to check out when it was time to go to Biology (6th period last of day) so she did. When I handed my check out note to Mr. Bellot he look at me smiled knowing if the note was fake he could ask my mom when he saw at church..I assured him she did write it..lol...So he told me to take my book home, read the chapter on frogs and write a 2 page report on frogs due the next day...lol*

Patty Cassidy - February 25, 2019 at 09:40 PM