



Charles Banjanin

September 9, 1933 - June 12, 2015

Obituary of Charles Banjanin

Charles "Lee" Banjanin of Leesburg, passed on peacefully on June 12, 2015. Lee was born in Pittsburgh, PA on September 9, 1933 to Charles K. and Elizabeth C. Banjanin. Lee graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1955 and began a long career in Washington D.C. with the Naval Hydrographic/Oceanographic Office and the Defense Mapping Agency. Lee served under Admiral James Holloway, Jr. aboard the USS Taconic of the 6th Fleet during the Lebanon Crisis of 1958, touring the Mediterranean once the conflict was resolved. After completing his tour of duty Lee transferred into the U.S. Navy Reserve, retiring in 1987 as a Captain. Lee traveled extensively throughout Europe with the Defense Department for the duration of his career. He also traveled to the North Pole prior to "Operation Sunshine", in which the submarine USS Nautilus made her historic journey under the ice to reach the Pole. Lee met Nancy Marie Lewis in Washington D.C. and they were married on May 27, 1967. They moved to Upper Marlboro, Maryland in 1969 where they raised their two sons R.C. and Reed. Lee and Nancy moved to the Plantation in Leesburg in 2003. His favorite pastime was following the Pittsburgh Panthers, Pirates, Steelers and Penguins. He enjoyed singing in the choir at Morrison United Methodist Church in Leesburg and the Plantation Choral Society. He was very active in the Plantation Democratic Club and served as treasurer for several years.

Lee is survived by his wife Nancy, two sons R.C. (Tara) and Reed (Somer) and 3 grandchildren, J.J., Gabriel and Julia as well as his brother David.

Visitation will be held at Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg on Monday June 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday June 23 at Morrison United Methodist Church in Leesburg at 11 a.m. followed by interment at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. In lieu of flowers the family suggests that donations be made to Cornerstone Hospice Cornerstone Hospice Foundation, 2445 Lane Park Road Tavares, FL 32778 or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Miss you Dad!* ”



Richard Charles Banjanin - March 19, 2018 at 09:03 PM

SM

“ *Our family sends you our love and deepest condolences in the loss of Lee. We know he will be greatly missed. Love, Sara, Amanda, and Mac* ”

Sara McKinney - June 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *Nancy & Family: So sad to learn of Lee's passing. He was such a lovely person. My deepest sympathy in your (and our) loss.* ”

Fran Sulyok - June 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *My deepest heartfelt sympathy to Nancy and family and brother Dave. I have fond memories of growing up in Pittsburgh with Lee and Dave. Thank you Nancy for sharing photos of the family on Facebook this past year.* ”

Gloria Roach Gelb - June 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Thinking of you and remembering all the good times in Upper Marlboro.* ”

Ray and Katherine Atteberry - June 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Nancy, RC, Reed and all the family, my prayers and love are with you.*

Louanne Rudin - June 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Nancy and the other members of Lee's family. Perry, Plantation Democrats Club*

Perry Berkowitz - June 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *So sorry for the loss of your family member. I only met Lee a few times but have heard many things about him.*

Sharon Torso - June 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *We were very sorry to hear about Lee's passing. Keep you and the family in our thoughts and prayers. Katie & Werner*

Katie and Werner Cyriax - June 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Our condolences to you and your family. We are grateful for the chance we got to catch up with you and Lee last December. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Brent and Lisa Kookan - June 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Dear Nancy, Brent and I send our condolences to you and your family. We are so sorry to hear of Lee's passing. We are grateful that we were able to spend time with you and Lee last December. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lisa and Brent Kooken - June 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We are thinking of all of you and remembering Lee fondly. The Kooken Family and The Silard Family

Browne Lee & Brenda Kooken, Brooke & Kevin Silard - June 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Charles Banjanin*

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