



Lee Russell

May 23, 2013

Obituary of Lee Russell

Lee A. Russell, age 75, of Leesburg Florida, died peacefully at home on Thursday, May 23rd, 2013 surrounded by his family. Born in Elkland PA., he is the son of Lee and Dorothy Russell of Painesville, Ohio. Lee loved his wife of 52 years, Marilyn, his 5 children and his Dachshund, Buddy, a therapy-reading dog. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, daughter, Lisa(Rich)King, of Naples, son, Lee D. (Elizabeth) of Naples, daughter Elaine(Martin)Luers of Cincinnati, 14 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Lee is predeceased by his daughters, Jennifer Gavelda and Jessica Swindeman. Lee was an Army mechanic during the Korean War. Lee owned his own Standard Oil Service Station in Concord, Ohio for many years. He moved to Leesburg in 1991. In his retirement, his greatest love was fishing and shrimping with his beloved friends, Jim & Lynn Riedel. For the last three years of his life, Lee was a proud and dedicated volunteer as a Citizen on Patrol (CP5) with the Leesburg Police Department. All of his life Lee helped those who needed help and loved those who needed love. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Leesburg on June 6 at 8:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Cornerstone Hospice of Tavares, FL.

Services

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Memorial Donations

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lee Russell*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Russell Family: it was a pleasure to have known Lee and an honor to have served with him as a COP. He taught me many things but most of all how to enjoy life as it comes. Rest easy for we know that Lee is in a better place. God's peace be with you all.*

Domenic Battistella (CP9) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Domenic, he loved being a COP! He had nothing but love and respect for those he worked with. He always shared stories with us about being on patrol. He held each of you in the highest regard.*

Lee's daughter - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lee started a group in Legacy that had coffee, and..3 times a week outside his garage in the morning. Although the group continued on when he stopped hosting it, we will miss him very much.*

Jay Hickerson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Although We never met I am sorry for Lee's passing. I am sad for Marilyn ,Lee and family members I have known . Such a good man is surely in heaven . My prayers for your loss SILVIA*

Silvia Mariani,Liz's aunt - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Marilyn: In times of difficulty, you may feel that your sorrow and problems may never go away, and will go on and on forever, but they wont. Every mountain has a top. Every problem has a life span. Every body of water eventually meets land. Who will give in first, the frustration or you? Knowing you, i am betting on you. It has been my honor to have known Lee for over 18 years. Mario Ebanietti

mario ebanietti - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ He will be missed by us all; our sincere sympathy

Bev & Ray - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ All our thanks for knowing a beautiful person. May his love of wife and family be always felt

Dorothy & Roger Chard - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Lee was not only a neighbor and friend he was my side-kick buddy if you will. We worked together as a team with the C.O.P. program at the Leesburg P.D. We would go to car accident scenes to help P.D with traffic control and safety. Attend to the injured if EMS was not there yet. Lee was a genuine caring person I'm sure his family can attest to that. Will miss you Buddy!

Andy Lucchini - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Lisa, I cannot fathom the loss of a parent and I want you to know I am thinking of you during this time----let your kids be your comfort during this time to help you through---love you---Renee

Renee Keglovic - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ I can only think of the reunion with dear Jessica who loved her dad so much. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Adrienne - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Mrs Russell and family I am so sorry for your loss you will be in my thoughts and prayers

Theresa (Tripi) Freeland - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Lisa and family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Lisa, I remember spending the weekend at your parent's home many years ago. Your dad was welcoming and so kind. I hope his kind spirit and the wonderful memories you all share will help you through your sorrow. Love always, Judi

Judi Jensen - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Lee was a wonderful, warm man. He will surely be missed. We are sorry that we will not be able to attend his memorial service as we leave for Massachusetts early that morning.

Dottie & Jack Cheney - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ My grandfather was an excellent man. He was so kind hearted and a blessing To have in our lives. He will be forever loved and missed. I know he is in a better place with his girls and he is no longer suffering. The world lost an amazing man. Grandma- I cannot imagine what you are feeling and I am so sorry that you lost your love. I'm always here if you need me! Xoxoxo

Kaleigh - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ Lisa & Kids, I know how how hard it is to lose a parent and grandparent. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

Lynn - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Elaine--so sorry to hear about your dad....I know & understand your pain. Lee & my Dad we a lot alike--family first--then everybody else. And they put themselves last. But the memories left will never depart from us--and are what will get you through. Please share my heartfelt sympathy with your mom & siblings. May the Spirit of God shine HIS love down upon you & give you hope for tomorrow. Love & Blesings. "They say love beyond the world cannot be separated by it. Death cannot kill what never dies." ~ William Penn

Karen Naticchia - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ A beautiful tribute to an honorable man. Much love to family and friends

Pat and Kelly Luers - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *What to say, such a great man, always happy and smiling, I'm so sad for all the Russells. Growing up together was wonderful. I will keep all of you in my prayers, may you feel Gods comforting touch thru this difficult time. May you Rest In Peace Mr. Russell!*

Laura Naticchia - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Lee was a Great Neighbor. And will be Missed. Bruce, Marilyn and Bradley McClain*

Bruce & Marilyn McClain - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *I looked forward to serving Lee at Douglass Fert.with other Master Gardeners while I worked there. I remember serving both of you at the Painesville Post Office and always thinking what a nice couple you were. I know you will miss him very much as we will and I am glad our paths crossed as I am better for it. God Bless you Marilyn and your family.*

Bob Jacobs - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Marilyn Lee was a stand-up guy and I had (and have) tons of respect for him. Said a prayer for him at St. Gabriel's this morning.*

Marty Parks - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ Lee was a fine neighbor at Legacy and a friend to all who knew him. He often held court on his front drive talking and chatting with anyone who happened by. If the subject of fishing or cars/trucks came up, the sessions were always interesting and lasted longer. I often saw Lee with his boat in tow pass my home on Nature View as he was coming or going from a fishing jaunt with his friend, Jim. I never got to fish with Lee, but you knew he was a pro. Lee, may our God lift your spirit high into His kingdom of everlasting love. Sincerely . . . Don Zollner (now of Orange City, Fl)

Don Zollner - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dearest Elaine, your love of family has always been worn on your sleeve, and we've known for many years how very special your Dad was to you. Our deepest heartfelt sympathy for you, your sweet Mom, and the rest of your wonderful family. Love you.

The Staffan Family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

IL

“ our thoughts and prayers are with you and the kids.. we spend many a happy hour with you and the gang from St. Mary you and Lee had a great influence on so many people...sta y as always.... sincerely, lil and pete

ilian steve [Pete] - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ I'll always remember Lee welcoming me, as I took my morning walk, to stop and have coffee in his driveway with him. Because of his friendly nature a coffee group developed. His wit and humor kept us laughing. He will surely be missed.

Rich Derosier - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I only met Lee once, just after seeing the space shuttle take off from Cape Canereval to the space station. I took home some of his most amazing and hot, home-grown, and dried peppers, that made my life and food much more interesting for months. Such an amazing night, seeing the shuttle make its way past the moon, and the stars ... and meeting Lee & Mairilyn ... Be on your way, Lee .. much peace

Lee's and Liz's friend Stef - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM