



Robert Earl Lee

August 7, 1937 - June 2, 2017

Robert Earl Lee, 79, of Orlando, Florida, born August 7, 1937 in Umatilla, Florida, passed away on June 2, 2017. Robert proudly served in the Army from 1959-1962 with service in Japan, South Korea, and Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Robert completed studies in higher education at Florida Southern College and received a doctorate at Florida State University. Robert focused his career in the Educational and Administrative fields, including serving as Director and Dean of Rollins College at Patrick Air Force Base and Director of Disability Resource Center at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. Robert was a loving father, grandfather, son, cousin, nephew and friend. Robert was a loving husband, predeceased by his beloved wife Esme. Known most for his commitment to advancing opportunities for those with disabilities, detailed storytelling, unfailing wit, and gentle demeanor, Robert touched countless lives. A graveside service will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at the Glendale Cemetery in Umatilla with Pastor Brooks Braswell officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to the following charities Robert held close to his heart: Tree Hill Nature Center, 7152 Lone Star Road, Jacksonville, FL 32211; and Lighthouse Central Florida, 2500 Kunze Avenue, Orlando, FL 32806.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Lee in March 2004 when I was hired as the Program Assistant in the Disability Resource Center. He was a great man with a great sense of humor! My husband and children enjoyed meeting him as well. When he retired in 2008, he kept in touch with the UNF community. I would give him a call also from time to time just to check in on him. When I received the news of his passing, my heart was broken! He will live on in my heart! Rest easy Dr. Robert E. Lee.

From the Spruiell family (Le'Shawn Spruiell)

LeShawn Spruiell - June 20, 2017 at 07:26 PM

KB

“ My prayers go out to the Lee family. May God grant you all peace.

Kenneth Badger - June 11, 2017 at 05:44 PM

DF

“ To a true champion who served others selflessly. You were a good friend and will be missed.



Denise Giarrusso, FSCJ - June 07, 2017 at 03:16 PM

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DL

“ Dr. Lee was such a kind man. I was a young "professional" still learning the job and he always had time to answer a question and help me out. I will always be grateful for his kindness to me.

Debbie Larew - June 07, 2017 at 12:54 PM

AF

“ He was such a kind man! May his soul rest in perfect peace!



Alice Davies, UNF Family - June 07, 2017 at 10:27 AM

KB

“ I had the privilege of working with Robert all the years he was at UNF. He had a wonderful presence about him. His caring ways and funny stories endeared him to the entire UNF community. We think of him often.



Katharine Brown - June 07, 2017 at 09:57 AM

KW

“ I was so sorry to read that the world has lost such a beautiful person! Dr. Lee was one of "my" veterans at UNF. I posted his pictures from Korea in my display for Veterans MONTH. He was doing some kind of work with mosquitoes? lol. I don't remember, but I'm sure he told me! He was an awesome person. Loved his laugh and am so glad that I got to know him while at UNF!

Kathy Westberry - June 07, 2017 at 09:53 AM

AS

“ UNF



Andrea Snell - June 07, 2017 at 09:06 AM

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“ The world has lost a good man who, by his actions, taught the lesson that a disability is not the entire person--there's so much more. Prayers for him and his family...



Bob Farnsworth (UNF) - June 07, 2017 at 08:50 AM

HU

“ I hope you and Esme have reunited and happy times carry on. Love always.



Hutch - June 06, 2017 at 08:32 PM

JL

“ *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing.*” 2 Ti 4:7-8



Jerry and Anna Lee - June 06, 2017 at 04:21 PM

JH

“ *It was your story telling I loved to hear. You will be missed by many. It was my pleasure to meet you. Rest well, Sir. Rest well!*
Joy

Joy Hemingway-VanEck - June 06, 2017 at 01:46 PM