



Lee Virgil Kemp

December 24, 1945 - February 2, 2021

Mr. Lee Virgil Kemp, age 75, formerly of Muskegon, passed away Tuesday, February 2, 2021 following a 7-year battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born in Muskegon on December 24, 1945 to Virgil and Beatrice (Thebo) Kemp. Lee was a veteran of the United States Air Force and served in the Vietnam War from 1963-1965. He was stationed in Hawaii and flew missions to the Philippines and Vietnam. Lee had worked for CWC Textron and Ajax Imaging prior to his retirement in 2007. At the age of 45, Lee went back to school and earned his degree in Applied Sciences. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed golfing and bowling. Lee spent many years in leagues at Hickory Knoll Golf Course and Northway Lanes. In July of 1982, Lee was set up, by his friend and family, on a blind date with Cindy Ann Sonderhouse. They instantly had a connection and were married later that year on December 10, 1982. Lee and Cindy enjoyed being outdoors and especially enjoyed camping. They were members of the National Campers and Hikers Association and would spend every other weekend traveling around Michigan with fellow campers and friends. Their most memorable trips were made to their favorite locations in the Upper Peninsula. Lee was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2014. Cindy, who is a Registered Nurse, retired from her job to be his full-time caregiver. Together, they were members of the Parkinson's Power Support Group through Generation Care, and they both benefited greatly from this group. Lee is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Cindy; sister, MaryAnn Garvey; half-siblings, Marie Pickard-Thompson and James (Deb) Brown; sister-in-law, Linda Kemp; nieces and nephews, Darake and Jen Pickard, Dawn and Jerry Luczyk, Dean and Deborah Kemp, Stacy and Eric Mellema, Clyde Garvey, Dale Garvey, Gale and Dean Millar and their families; Dear extended family, Richard and Diana Portell and their children, Melanie and Warren Bates, Melissa and Jim Borowski, Jeremy and Melissa Portell, Melinda and Tom Pierce and their families; and his beloved dog, Shylo. He was preceded in death by his parents; twin-brother, Len Kemp; brothers, Bruce and John Kemp; and brothers-in-law, Joe Pickard, Fred Thompson, and Gayle Garvey. Due to Covid-19 and concerns with social distancing, a Celebration of Lee's Life will be announced at a later date (Spring/Summer of 2021). MEMORIALS in his memory may be directed to American Diabetes Association or Michigan Parkinson's Foundation Respite Care Program. Arrangements by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation

Services, 6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. You may sign his online guestbook at www.sytsemafth.com

Comments



“ I'll always remember Lee's smile and jokes. He would frequently make silly comments in our Go Group exercise class and have everyone laughing. He never seemed to let things bother him. He'll be sorely missed. Our condolences to Cindy and his family. Cindy was such an devoted wife and caregiver. May you find joy in your memories and peace in your heart.

Barb and John McFadden - February 06 at 08:19 AM



“ Cindy I'm so sorry to hear of your husbands passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Jen Owens (MCC nursing student and former administrator of Chestnut Fields).

Jen Owens - February 05 at 10:13 PM



“ Cindy dale and I are so sorry to hear about Lee when I think of you two I can see lees smile we were very blessed to have got to know you both

julie - February 05 at 02:07 PM



“ Cindy: You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Brad & Gayle DuPrey

Brad & Gayle DuPrey - February 05 at 01:59 PM



“ Your colleague, Michael Galvin purchased the Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate for the family of Lee Virgil Kemp.



Your colleague, Michael Galvin - February 05 at 12:07 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of your during this difficult time.
Tiffanie Crum (Brown)

Tiffanie Crum - February 05 at 09:16 AM



“ Sorry to hear that he lost his battle .
Still will always be my big brother.
Thanks for letting me know of his passing

James brown - February 05 at 09:04 AM



“ SO SORRY CINDY for your loss, LEE was a good man I had known LEE And Len and the whole family since we were young kids they lived on WOOD St with all 12 /14 kids they were the BRADY bunch in that time, enjoyed bowling with Lee at Northway on Tue. night will miss the big guy. Ron &Jan Chapman

Ronald Chapman - February 04 at 07:53 PM