



## LeRoy D. "Lee" Smrcina

August 25, 1940 - October 14, 2020

LeRoy D. "Lee" Smrcina, age 80, passed away peacefully Wednesday, October 14, 2020. He was born August 25, 1940 in Muskegon, Michigan to Roy and Rena (Barber) Smrcina. Lee graduated from Muskegon Catholic Central in 1958 and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Starting at a young age, he had a passion for printing, turning it into a successful 35-year business as the owner of Lee Printing and Graphics. On November 30, 1968 he married Karen L. Orchard and she preceded him in death on February 24, 2009. Lee was a very active member of Knight of Columbus Council #706, as well as a member of the American Legion, the Vikings and previously an Elks Lodge member. He had a love for water and centered a lot of weekends around boating in Grand Haven. SURVIVORS include 2 children: Leigh Smrcina (Muskegon, MI); Stacey (Smrcina) Nickel (Charlotte, NC) and significant other of 10 years, Sue "Slim" Kwolek (Muskegon, MI); step-sister, Sr. Ann Goggin (Houston, TX). He was preceded in death by wife of 40 years, Karen Smrcina, his parents and stepfather Dennis Goggin, and a step-brother, Dennis Goggin. A Celebration of Life will be held 5-8 PM Saturday, October 24, 2020 at the Knights of Columbus Hall (2915 Fairfield St.). Private entombment will take place at St. Mary's Mausoleum. Memorial Contributions may be directed to the Muskegon Catholic Education Foundation or the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements handled by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St, Norton Shores, MI 49444. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at [www.sytsemaf.com](http://www.sytsemaf.com)

# Cemetery

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## St. Mary's Cemetery

1915 Park St.

Muskegon, MI, 49441

# Events

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**OCT**   **Celebration of Life**   05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Knights of Columbus Council 706

2915 Fairfield St., Norton Shores, MI, US, 49441

# Comments

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“ Leigh and Stacey,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Love and miss you! Mark & Heather Mills

Heather Mills - October 24, 2020 at 11:04 AM

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“ How fortunate could one be coming to Muskegon 8 years ago and land with Lee as your neighbor. I learned he was a man of routine with his morning runs past his old shop, figuring out where Sue and him would go to dinner, talking with Leigh and Stacey and Friday morning breakfast with his buddies. Oh and the occasional request to buff off his latest parking scuff. He enjoyed sitting in his chair and looking at the lake with the TV as a background. He was proud of Leigh and Stacey, fiercely loyal to his family and friends and always had a kind word for whatever the occasion. In our many chats, he would always conclude with "no complaints" neighbor. He was at peace with himself. Rest in peace my friend with the sun shining on your face! You will be missed!

Jim and Diane



Jim Thatcher - October 24, 2020 at 09:26 AM

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“ Leigh and Stacey. I have such good memories of both your mom and dad from my early childhood and throughout my life. He was always such a kind person to me and our family. I always enjoyed being around him, but one of my favorite memories was when I still lived in Muskegon and bowled one year in the KC Bowling League. He never really paid much attention to the actual competing part of the KC golf league or bowling league as far as I could remember and really just seemed to enjoy being around friends. But on the one occasion at bowling, I was at the next lane over and someone yelled LeRoy you're up as he was never paying attention. What was odd was he went over to the other team's lane and tried to pick up their split apparently not realizing he was on his first ball. He just laughed it off and everyone laughed with him. He could always bring a smile to others and made them feel welcome. He will definitely be missed.

Love,

Jeff and Rhonda Brooks

Jeff Brooks - October 21, 2020 at 11:24 PM

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“ Leigh and Stacey, So very sorry for your loss. When the Lord calls our loved ones home, He leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Hold on to those memories, and let them guide you both during this time of sadness.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you both.  
Jean & Jerry McKenzie

Jean & Jerry McKenzie - October 20, 2020 at 04:34 PM

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“ In my encounters with Lee at the Knights, he always had a kind word and a smile. This world will miss that. Our loss is heaven's gain. Prayers to Lee's family and friends.

Joe & Cindy Wolff - October 20, 2020 at 10:32 AM

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“ To Lee’s family, They say we should leave the world better than we found it!  
Rest assured Lee did that in every way! He was nice, kind and always showed a real concern for people with that big smile that I knew was hard to bear at times.  
Always a gentleman!  
Gods speed Lee we will definitely miss you here at Balcom’s Cove  
Al and Joyce Hoekstra

Albert - October 19, 2020 at 05:46 PM

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“ Leigh and Stacey, Deepest sympathy On your dad’s passing and to you, Sue.... a 10-year friendship runs deep. We didn’t know Lee well, but he had such a nice friendly smile and know your mom and he raised you two well! You were always one of our kids’ favorite babysitters Stacey! We so appreciate you and send our best regards To you all and your families during this difficult time. Respectfully, Charlie and Helen Rowe.

Helen Rowe - October 18, 2020 at 02:43 PM

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“ Dear Stacey and Leigh,  
My heart goes out to you at this difficult time. We will always remember Lee with his smile and kind words. If my parents were here they would have stories to tell of the many days he spent at Sorrento's in his early days.  
He will be sadly missed.  
Love and prayers,  
Ernie and Seconda Addicott

Seconda Addicott - October 18, 2020 at 01:55 PM

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“ Leigh and Stacey, Bob and I are so sorry for your loss. We had such great times with your mom and dad at River's Edge for so many years! So many great times and so many laughs. We will cherish those memories and great times! You will be in our prayers and we hope that you feel God's grace at a very difficult time.

Bob and Nancy Nelson

Bob and Nancy Nelson - October 18, 2020 at 01:15 PM

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“ I met Lee at Lee Printing, then again our paths crossed when he cared for a gentleman who lived at my assisted living. He was caring and I know he will be missed by his family.

**Judi Bowman Delis** - October 18, 2020 at 09:10 AM

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“ Leigh and Stacey  
I am sorry to learn of your loss. May thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.  
Mark Schomogyi

**Mark Schomogyi** - October 18, 2020 at 08:27 AM

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“ My mom worked for Lee Printing back in the early 2000s and unfortunately got sick with cancer. Lee and his family and everyone at Lee Printing bent over backward to accommodate her and to take care of us while she was sick, and I'll never forget it. He was a good man, and he will be sorely missed.

**John Waite** - October 17, 2020 at 07:19 PM

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“ Stacey, I didn't know your Dad, but I know how much you loved him. I'm grateful he is at peace. My thoughts are with you and Leigh.

**Colleen** - October 17, 2020 at 02:41 PM

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“ Leigh and Stacey I am sorry for your loss today Lee and I go back a long time as you know we share many thoughts four days ago I asked him are you happy here and he said I am this is where I belong. RIP. H. AKA. Mr A

**Harry Allore** - October 17, 2020 at 11:41 AM

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“ Our sympathy goes out to Stacey and Leigh at this time. Lee and Karen were always very hospitable and entertaining. The first "Nickel Cookie Day" was with Smercina's. We remember the boat rides and get togethers. We are sure there are lots of good memories who knew Lee throughout his life.  
Gary and Kathy Nickel

**Gary and Kathy Nickel** - October 17, 2020 at 11:14 AM

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“ RIP Leroy. My deepest condolences go out to my nephew Leigh and my niece Stacy. Over 50 plus years the Smrcina and Orchard Family shared many good memories together. I especially remember the Christmas and Thanksgiving celebrations the family shared. One of my favorites was the after thanksgiving dinner drive in Leroy's van with him at the helm and his stepfather Dennis guiding him. I will cherish and remember them all. May God bless the Smrcina family.

Uncle Bob

**Robert E Orchard** - October 17, 2020 at 10:47 AM