



Robert E. Lee

October 10, 1925 - July 28, 2019

Robert E. Lee (93) passed away peacefully on July 28, 2019 surrounded by family at home.

Bob was born on October 10, 1925 in Minneapolis, MN. He was the youngest of four children born to Walter Craig Lee and Mabel Ruth Flaten. His father died when Bob was 11 years old. His mother remarried and moved to Montana, so Bob spent his teenage years being cared for by his two sisters. Bob was profoundly grateful to his sisters for keeping the siblings together, as well as to his Uncle Bill who employed Bob at his ranch near the Canadian border in Montana during summers. He graduated from the University of Minnesota, School of Forestry.

He married Beryl Augusta Heideman in Duluth, MN on August 11, 1951. She preceded him in death. Bob is survived by two children, Mark C. Lee (Anne) of Wisconsin Rapids, WI and Martha Lee Mitchell (Peter) of Minnetonka, MN. He is further survived by grandchildren, Alyssa W. Lee, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, David D. Lee, Wisconsin Rapids, Edward A. Mitchell, Iron Mountain, MI and Robert L. Mitchell, Minnetonka, MN. He is further survived by one great-grandson, Oliver D. Lee of Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Bob cherished his family and was happiest when he could spend time with his children.

Bob began his forestry career with Kimberly Clark and was frequently

transferred offering his family a chance to live in many locations and make life-long friends. He ended his career by retiring from Champion International. Besides his work and his family, Bob had many interests. His involvement with the Boy Scouts of America stemmed from many happy memories and lessons learned as a Boy Scout. He returned the favor with his many years as a Scout Master, mentoring many boys and young men in several communities in which he lived. His other interests included woodcarving, becoming a founding member of the Woodbee Carvers. Bob's interest in local history was exemplified by the many articles he wrote and his interest in finding a sunken railroad engine in the Hermansville, MI area. Bob was able to fix anything around his home, the last of which he built as a retirement project. He was also known for making gallons and gallons of his own recipe of chokecherry wine and many stacks of his delicious pancakes. He enjoyed his Friday Fish Fry friends and his membership in the Romeos (Retired Old Men Eat Out) group. Bob and Beryl enjoyed keeping in touch with friends all across the country.

The visitation will be held at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain on August 9, 2019 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. A memorial service will follow immediately at the funeral home with a luncheon served at Trinity United Methodist Church after the service.

Condolences to the family of Robert E. Lee may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com. The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the Beryl and Robert Lee Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established. The extended Lee family expresses gratitude for all the many kindnesses extended to all of us in this time of sadness but also a time of many happy memories.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Memorial Service

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall



Deb
Sutinen

“ I send my sympathy on the loss of Bob. It was through Beryl that I would meet him. Decades later after working with her at the hospital, I still recall her gentle encouragement, support and kindness - as well as love for Mother Nature's beauty. They were a perfect match and I marveled at their beautiful home which captured scenic views. After our work relationship ended, Christmas cards would follow for many years. I learned about their skiing, forestry projects and family. It was an honor to know them.

Deb Sutinen - August 10, 2019 at 11:39 PM



WS

“ Mr Lee was my scout master in the mid 1970's and I continued to benefit from his gentle and thoughtful example through the years. I last saw him at a book discussion about 5 years ago. He was a kind and good man and had a life well lived. I send my condolences to the family and thank you for sharing him with us.

Will Shampo - August 07, 2019 at 10:14 PM



JR

“ Sending our love and condolences to Bob's family. Bob and Beryl befriended my parents decades ago, and that friendship continued through the next generations. We will miss him very much.
Jenny Reischer Redfern and family

Jenny R Redfern - August 06, 2019 at 08:03 PM

JF

“ *Jenny & Bob Redfern and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert E. Lee.*



Jenny & Bob Redfern and Family - August 06, 2019 at 08:02 PM

LL

“ *I was privileged to meet Bob this past winter through a ROMEO, and truly enjoyed our brief friendship. I will long remember his pure spirit, kind energy, love for his family and reverence for the natural world. We shared anecdotes and memories of Montana, albeit from separate decades and perspectives. We both loved the Big Sky!! I will never forget him, such a kind spirit. Linda Lawrence, Wausau*

Linda Lawrence - August 04, 2019 at 02:36 PM

MP

“ *A mentor early in my career with Champion International in Quinnesec.. Forever grateful!*

Mark Pontti - August 03, 2019 at 10:48 AM

OW

“ *My sincere sympathy to Bob's family in the loss of this special guy. I've only known Bob a few years since being a Golden K member in Dickinson county, MI. He always came into the Monday morning meetings with a smile on his face. He enjoyed scooping ice cream and dishing it out, along with his friend Bob, to all who were a part of the GK Picnic at the Iron Mountain City Park for the Special Needs Kids from the MI/ WI area.*

May God's love and peace be with you at this time of grief. Keeping you in prayer.

Orice Walters



Orice Walters - August 01, 2019 at 05:03 PM

DK

“ *Martha/Peter & Mark/Ann,*

Our deepest sympathies on Bob's passing. He was a man of high principles, which is a trait in shorter supply than it ought to be these days. We have fond memories of times shared at the Lee "Compound" off of Pine Mountain Road. Bob was deservedly proud of the beautiful oasis he and Beryl created there. We are fortunate to have known them both.

In love and friendship,

Dan Kauper & Jan Manthey

Daniel Kauper - July 31, 2019 at 05:32 PM