



Lee Wilson Forgette

July 25, 1943 - November 23, 2013

Lee Wilson Forgette, 70, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2013. He was born in Bay City, MI July 25, 1943 to Theodore W. and Henrietta (Slezak) Forgette. They preceded him in death.

Lee was a nurse for many years, working with special needs and psychiatric patients at the Toledo Mental Health Center . He had many diverse hobbies and interests as a HAM radio operator, leather craftsman, Skywarn Storm Watcher. Lee loved nature and the outdoors, camping and fishing. He was an avid kayaker, a talented vocalist and played the harmonica “just for fun”. Lee was a dedicated volunteer for more than 20 years with The American Red Cross as a local and national Disaster Relief Team Leader and instructor of First Aid, CPR and Pet First Aid. His kind and gentle response to numerous hurricanes, tornadoes, fires and floods always brought a smile and a ray of hope to all that met him. He also volunteered with Special Olympics and loved his athletes. Lee was an enthusiastic instructor with CERT-(Community Emergency Response Team) and was usually the first to enter a smoke filled house to “rescue” a frightened trainee. Lee volunteered at the Toledo Zoo in the education department. He loved all animals, and was proficient in the art of birdcalls. He was also was an ordained minister of God and was honored to perform the wedding ceremonies of 2 of his granddaughters. Lee was very proud of his Native American heritage (Blackfoot Tribe) and maintained a spiritual connection to his ancestors.

Lee is survived by his loving wife and soul mate, Susan Radey Forgette,

stepson, Ryan Radey, step daughter Jacqueline Kessler, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his Puggles, Mr. Beau Jingles and Little Bear and special friend, Victor.

If there is a stairway to heaven Lee paddled his kayak all the way up pausing only briefly to wave goodbye.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S.Reynolds Rd., on Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 10 – 12 p.m., with a “sharing of memories” service from 12-1 p.m. Interment will be private. Memorial donations in Lee’s memory to The Ability Center of Greater Toledo, Lee’s family, or the donor’s charity of choice. Please sign our online registry at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Lee, My Love,
As the days pass and I see your smiling face in so many photos, I miss your touch and your voice calling me from the other room just to say, "I love you.". You will always be with me, my best friend, my husband, my love. S*

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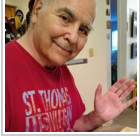
“ *Susan and I have been friends 60 years---since kindergarten! I only met Lee at their wedding but could tell immediately how much love they had for each other. I agree with Pat's comment that Susan's years with Lee were among the happiest of her life. I learned much more about Lee in the lovely obituary and it is easy to see that they had lots of common interests. He will be missed by so many. Pam Huegel Jordan*

Pam Jordan - December 12, 2013 at 12:53 PM



“ *It was a very short time that I had the pleasure of knowing Lee, but it was with great respect and admiration. I learned something new every time I was with Lee. He led an interesting life and seemed to be loved by everyone he came in contact with.He was so Blessed in so many ways and was lucky to have Susan to share the rest of his life with.Rest in Peace my friend.*

Debbie Fisher - December 07, 2013 at 11:55 AM



“ Lee was one of the nicest and kindest persons I have ever met. We met through the Red Cross. I became a volunteer in 2001, and Lee was often the Team Leader I worked with in those early years. His calm, centered presence was a source of strength for both disaster victims and volunteers.



May he take a well deserved place of honor in the lodge of his ancestors.

Fred Vallongo - December 02, 2013 at 05:10 PM



“ Lee had the most contagious smile I have ever seen! Just to see him smile made me smile! My heart goes out to Susan during this difficult time. I hope that Lee is running around Heaven enjoying his peace and healing. Suffer no more Lee and Susan. Lee will missed by many.

Melissa Harris - November 30, 2013 at 10:10 AM



“ Susan and I have been friends for more than 50 years. The years she spent with Lee were among her very happiest. I was honored to be part of their wedding! Lee will be sorely missed!

Patricia Zawacki - November 27, 2013 at 08:42 PM