



Robert Duane Lee

August 9, 1935 - July 19, 2024

Robert "Duane" Lee passed away peacefully in his home with his "million-dollar view" at the age of 88.

Duane was born on August 9, 1935, in Crosby, North Dakota to Herman and Ragna Lee. He moved to Fairview, North Dakota in 1948, where he graduated high school. He served his country in the United States military, beginning in the National Guard and later serving in the Army and Army Reserves from 1954 to 1964 with part of that time spent in Germany, before receiving an honorable discharge. He took great pride in serving his country.

On August 21, 1959, Duane was joined in marriage to Elaine Berntson. During their marriage, they were blessed with two sons, Michael and Mark, and one daughter, Michele.

Duane began his career driving truck for Farmer's Union in Minot, North Dakota in 1963, later relocating to Glendive, Montana. He transitioned to Suhr Transport, which later became Mitchell's Oil Field Service in 1988, where he faithfully worked until his retirement in 2000.

In retirement, Duane found joy in camping, tending to his yard and the garden, repairing lawn mowers, tinkering in his garage, and creating woodworking projects for his family. Duane enjoyed time spent with his family whether it was playing cards or marbles or just sitting on the front porch. His craftsmanship and love for nature brought him much satisfaction.

Duane is survived by his loving wife of 64 years Elaine; his children Michael (Mary) Lee, Mark (Sheenagh) Lee, and Michele (Joel) Nunberg; his

grandchildren Deidra (Michael) Anevski, Eryn (Thad) Rule, Amy Lee, Raquel (Joshua) Higgins, Steven (Shantel) Lee, and Courtney (Aaron) Gies; and his great-grandchildren Mikai, Daelyn, Colin, Sawyer, Daunti, Zoey, and Holden. He will be remembered fondly for his dedication to his family, his strong work ethic, and his passion for both.

A Memorial Service will be held to honor and celebrate Duane's life on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Pastor Chuck Rushing officiating. Following the service, military honors and a reception will be held at Duane's house. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Glendive Community Cancer Fund in memory of Duane Lee.

Rest in peace, Duane. Your memory will forever remain in our hearts.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **24.** 10:00 AM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Silha Funeral Home - July 23, 2024 at 01:49 PM

JH

Elaine and family: Most of my memories of Duane are WAY back when Herman, Ragna and Duane lived on Grandpa and Grandma Anderson's farm and after they moved to Fairview. I remember he had LOTS of comic books and hunting rocks/stones for that "one" that would be worth big bucks!!! Ha Ha!!! I'm glad Ardis, Lavon and I attended his birthday celebration and enjoyed the relaxing time sitting and visiting on his porch. I'm sorry we missed his memorial.

Joann Haugenoe - July 29, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ *Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee*



Andeen Raymond - July 22, 2024 at 12:18 PM

MR

“ Mike and family, I am so sorry for your loss. my prayers are with you all.

Marlys

Marlys Rathbun - July 21, 2024 at 07:46 PM

LM

“ Loretta McDanold Miller lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee



Loretta McDanold Miller - July 21, 2024 at 04:36 PM

LG

“ My condolences to Elaine and the family. He was a good man and took time to visit with people. His wood working was very well done and appreciated by many. Laura Grzanic Belfield, ND.

Laura Grzanic - July 20, 2024 at 08:53 PM

JG

“ So blessed to hear you tell me "Hello, Hillbilly" one last time...rest easy pard



Jamsi Gray - July 20, 2024 at 07:21 PM

JP

“ *Jen Pierce lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee*



Jen Pierce - July 20, 2024 at 02:08 PM

SG

“ *I only met you once, Duane. But you and my granddaughter had a special bond. Thank you for your love to her and my daughter ❤️ Many condolences to your family. Fly high. Sue Gfeller*

Susan Gfeller - July 20, 2024 at 09:58 AM

JO

“ *Sending our love and prayers to all. I'll miss our special grass feeding runs with him. I enjoyed his stories and wisdom. Hugs. Joyce and Bill*



joyce - July 20, 2024 at 01:46 AM

DE

“ *Deb Evans sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Lee*



Deb Evans - July 19, 2024 at 11:21 PM

BM

“ so sorry for your loss

bill & wendy millsbaugh - July 19, 2024 at 10:51 PM

NK

“ NANCY KORB lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee



NANCY KORB - July 19, 2024 at 09:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Duane Lee.



July 19, 2024 at 08:45 PM

DS

“ Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee



Denise Stoddart - July 19, 2024 at 08:25 PM

BT

“ Lee Family I'm so sorry to hear about your loss! Cherish your Memories and hold them close they will help get through the difficult days!
Becky (Chouinard) Tipton

Becky Tipton - July 19, 2024 at 07:41 PM

TD

“ I'm sorry for your loss of Duane. My dad and brother worked with him at Suhr Transport. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. RIP Duane!



Tammy Dey - July 19, 2024 at 06:59 PM

DA

“ DENISE ALBERTS lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee



DENISE ALBERTS - July 19, 2024 at 06:54 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Haggerty lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee



Cheryl Haggerty - July 19, 2024 at 05:57 PM

WH

“ We are so sorry. Wes loved working with Duane and the visits. Duane will be missed. Prayers 🙏 and hugs



Wes & JoJo Hagen - July 19, 2024 at 05:46 PM

WM

“ So Sorry to hear of Duanes passing. I have nothing but fond Memories of Duane. He will be Greatly Missed by all who knew him.

Walter McKeen - July 19, 2024 at 05:35 PM

SM

I met Duane in the sixties working in the oil field. Duane drove for Suhr Transport, I drove for L.P. Anderson but we work together a lot back in those days. the last several years Duane made Gate City Radiator one of his regular stops to visit and share his wisdom. He will be missed.

SCOTT MILLS - July 20, 2024 at 08:04 PM