



Ralph Lee

September 15, 1941 - January 20, 2015

Ralph Lee, 73, of Chester, MD, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on January 20, 2015.

Born in Chester, MD, on September 15, 1941, he was the son of the late Lester and Mary Shaw Lee. Ralph grew up in Chester and, after attending school, worked seasonally on various jobs, including the construction of the first span of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, with Annapolis Utilities as an Oil Refiller, as a painter for FHA housing and, on the weekends, working as a security guard at the Queen Anne's County Courthouse. Most recently he worked running his lawn service, "Footloose." None of these jobs brought him the satisfaction that his true passion, working on the water, gave him. Ralph enjoyed the time he spent on the Twilight in search of crabs and oysters, and said that after he took his last step off his boat, he never felt the same. In more recent years, he always began his day at Little Creek and at Burger King in Chester.

Ralph enjoyed spending time with his family. He also enjoyed golfing, served as a manager of the Dominion Softball League, and was very active in the Waterman's Association.

He is survived by his loving wife, Gladys Lee; his children, LuAnn Hudson and her husband, Joe, of Chester and Tyra Lee of Preston, MD; his brothers, Ted

Lee of Chester, MD, Wendell Lee of Denton, MD, and Donald Lee of Chester, MD; grandchildren, B.J. Truxon, Kayla Coursey and her husband, Mason, and Tyler Hudson; and a great grandchild, Nicole Truxon. Ralph is also survived by his best friend and partner in crime, Buddy Dennis. He was preceded in death by his brother, Bobby Lee, and a sister, Mary Eunice Lee.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, January 30, from 4-6 p.m. at the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, 1610 Main Street, Chester, MD, for which guests are asked to dress casually and to bring their favorite stories about Ralph.

Memorial contributions may be made to Compass Regional Hospice, 255 Comet Dr., Centreville, MD 21617; or to the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, 1610 Main Street, Chester, MD 21619.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD.

Previous Events

celebration of life

JAN 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department
1610 Main Street
Chester, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Lee*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ralph Lee*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ralph Lee*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Jean Clough Mccombs lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee*



jean clough mcombs - February 03, 2015 at 05:56 AM

AF

“ 215 files added to the album Memorial Dinner in honour of Ralph Lee



Anna Fox - February 03, 2015 at 12:07 AM

JW

“ *Dear Gladys,*

Gary and I are so sorry for your loss. Ralph always took time to chat and loved to share a joke (which never failed to make me laugh). He never ended a conversation without asking how everyone was doing and to make sure we let our loved ones know he was asking about them. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Joann & Gary Walters - January 26, 2015 at 01:38 PM

JE

“ *Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee*



Jim Ewing - January 25, 2015 at 06:34 AM

CQ

“ *Glady,
We were so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. Ralph and you were always such a help to Mom and Dad and to our family when they passed away. We will always think of him fondly telling stories and kidding around with the uncles and cousins. We will keep you, LuAnn, Tyra and their families in our hearts and thoughts during this time and always.*

Cindy, Kent, and Quen - January 24, 2015 at 04:54 PM

BL

“ *Brent Lewis lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee*



Brent Lewis - January 23, 2015 at 10:25 PM

NG

“ *Nancy Groh lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee*



Nancy Groh - January 23, 2015 at 06:52 PM

NG

So sorry. Now he can bug John and Jim. He will be missed.

Nancy Groh - January 23, 2015 at 06:57 PM

MA

“ *Ralph Lee, we all will miss you for who you were, a hard-working, fun-loving man. God bless your family in their time of grief, but take solace in knowing that Ralph is in a better place than those of us left behind. We just lost another little piece of Kent Island with your passing.*

Mitchell Andrew

mitchell andrew - January 23, 2015 at 01:47 PM

JC

“ *John Clopein lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee*



john clopein - January 23, 2015 at 01:38 PM

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john clopein - January 23, 2015 at 01:38 PM

MM

“ *Marlene Meyers we have lived behind Ralph and Gladys for 32 yrs and had many horse shoe contests between the yards where our fence would be lined up with beer cans those nights....good times will never be forgotten...great man and great neighbor and friend....gone way too soon...miss you Ralph ! Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

marlene meyers - January 23, 2015 at 11:05 AM

KB

“ *Our most sincere thoughts and prayers go to Aunt Gladys, LuAnn, Tyra and family. We remember Uncle Ralph with great fondness. He was always cracking a joke and making us laugh. Our father, Wendell, loved him dearly and sends his condolences also. May the Lord comfort your hearts and surround you with His love. Sincerely in Christ's love, Kim Ader & Kay Butler & family*

Kay Butler - January 23, 2015 at 08:34 AM

AM

“ *Rest in Peace Uncle Ralph. We will surely miss you and your laughter. Love and prayers to the family.*



Arenthia Ann Martin - January 23, 2015 at 07:35 AM

SA

“ Sewardie, Mary, Annie lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee



Sewardie, Mary, Annie - January 23, 2015 at 02:48 AM

ML

“ Mary Anne Lowery lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee



Mary Anne Lowery - January 22, 2015 at 08:36 PM

MM

“ Mary N Tom Martin lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee



mary n tom martin - January 22, 2015 at 08:21 PM

BC

“ Gladys LuAnn and Tyra
My heart is so heavy for all of you I am so sorry
. Ralph will be missed so much by so many .
He always had a smile and would make you
laugh about something .
Prayers for all of you



Bonnie Coleman - January 22, 2015 at 08:15 PM

TH

“ Tony & Tracie Holtman lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee



Tony & Tracie Holtman - January 22, 2015 at 08:03 PM

LT

“ Mrs. Gladys and family so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Leslie Thompson

Leslie Thompson - January 22, 2015 at 08:02 PM

DH

“ Dave And Tina B. Houston lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee



Dave and Tina B. Houston - January 22, 2015 at 07:17 PM

DL

“ Uncle Ralph was a very sweet man and very caring. Will miss his smiles and his laughter



Deborah Lee - January 22, 2015 at 07:08 PM

DR

“ I am sorry to hear of Capt. Ralph's passing, he was a great guy always had a story or a joke for everyone. Condolences to the family, you are in our prayers. God Bless



Dean Rhodes - January 22, 2015 at 06:50 PM

DM

“ Deb And Mooch lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee



Deb and Mooch - January 22, 2015 at 06:22 PM

PC

“ Paul and Lynn Clark



Paul and Lynn Clark - January 22, 2015 at 06:21 PM

GJ

“ A true Kent Islander has pass....as the years go by...there is becoming less and less of the ones that worked the water to earn a living...that love Kent Island and saw it before all the changes...Who could tell some stories and Crack you up..and you could stand there and think he is telling a story!..I can't remember ever seeing him without a toothpick in the corner of his mouth....Great guy...sorry to hear you have passed but glad you are not suffering anymore...RIP Ralph.....

Glenn Jones - January 22, 2015 at 05:55 PM

PQ

“ We will miss all your stories and jokes at Safeway always putting smiles on our faces

Paula Quinton - January 22, 2015 at 05:49 PM



“ Lisa Wilkerson Witcher lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee



Lisa Wilkerson Witcher - January 22, 2015 at 05:27 PM

JC

“ Jr & Beanie Clough send our deepest sympathy to the whole family!

Jr & Beanie Clough - January 22, 2015 at 04:51 PM

BT

“ *Buddy And Colleen Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee*



Buddy and Colleen Thomas - January 22, 2015 at 04:32 PM

BT

So sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Ralph was a Kent Island legend and a man who could always make us smile!

Buddy and Colleen Thomas - January 22, 2015 at 04:34 PM

NH

“ *Ralph was a very special cousin. My sympathy to all of his family.*
Nancy Hildebrand

nancy hildebrand - January 22, 2015 at 03:50 PM

BM

“ *Ralph will be missed by many*
Bonny Haddaway Morris



Bonny Haddaway Morris - January 22, 2015 at 03:17 PM

LS

“ *Laura and son Kyle Sadowski, always enjoyed talking to Ralph and waving to each other when we passed on the road.*



Laura Sadowski - January 22, 2015 at 02:47 PM

CE

“ So sorry for your loss



Connie Edwards - January 22, 2015 at 01:33 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Beaver lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee*



Brenda Beaver - January 22, 2015 at 12:11 PM

GC

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Lee*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - January 22, 2015 at 11:27 AM

GC

To the Lee Family: There will only be one Ralph Lee. His personality, love for others and the water will always be remembered. May God be with you during this difficult time. Blessings to all of you. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - January 22, 2015 at 11:29 AM

BF

“ *Brett & Ann Haddaway, And Family lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee*



Brett & Ann Haddaway, and family - January 22, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ *Ralph was a very kind sole he was so good to us when
My husband was sick he will be missed!!*

Diane Hoxter - January 22, 2015 at 11:06 AM



“ *Sharlene Bullen lit a candle in memory of
Ralph Lee*



Sharlene Bullen - January 22, 2015 at 09:52 AM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Ralph
Lee*



Doug Pierson - January 22, 2015 at 09:27 AM

DP

I was lucky to have worked with Ralph at annapolis utilities in late 60s for a short time, but his stories are timeless!

Doug Pierson - January 22, 2015 at 09:31 AM

ST

“ Shirley And Guy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee



shirley and guy thomas - January 22, 2015 at 08:56 AM

DT

“ Debbie Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee



Debbie Thomas - January 22, 2015 at 08:08 AM

LE

“ We will miss Ralph so much, he had such great stories and jokes. He always said something that put a smile on your face. Prayers for Mrs. Gladys and the family.

Linda, Doby and WTA employees. - January 22, 2015 at 08:07 AM

SK

“ Uncle Ralph will always be remembered by his funny stories that always made you smile ~ praying you all find comfort knowing that he was loved by many!

Scott and Kim - January 22, 2015 at 06:34 AM

KS

“ To the Lee family, I am so sorry for your loss.



karen sadler - January 22, 2015 at 03:06 AM

SW

“ Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of
Ralph Lee



Sheila Willis - January 21, 2015 at 08:01 PM

KO

“ Mrs. Gladys and family - I've been so sad hearing about how Mr. Ralph's been the past few weeks. I am terribly sorry for your loss, but so happy that he wasn't forced to live a life in which he wasn't able to be himself and do what he loved to do. I bet he and Pop-Pop had one heck of a reunion in Heaven last night! Can you even imagine? I know Pop-Pop's excited to have his best friend with him again!

Sending you all so much love from all of us (especially Mom and Dad) and praying that you find some peace in the coming days.

Love, Kari

Kari Oulahyane - January 21, 2015 at 07:50 PM



Kari I know that it didn't take him long to find Uncle Newman with his brite orange hat. He loved cuttin' up with him.

Tyra Lee - January 22, 2015 at 01:14 PM

KO

I know that's right!!!! :)

Kari Oulahyane - January 28, 2015 at 11:58 AM

PM

“ *Phyllis Cockrill Martin lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee*



phyllis cockrill martin - January 21, 2015 at 06:37 PM

ET

“ *Miss Glady's Luanne & Tyra so sorry for your loss Ralph was a character ONE OF A KIND he will be missed just remembering how I first met Ralph in was through softball it was fun times when he had those huge softball games in your back yard they were fun times*



Eddie Thomas - January 21, 2015 at 05:29 PM



“ *Deb Langrell lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lee*



Deb Langrell - January 21, 2015 at 04:46 PM



*"Heroes get remembered, but legends never die."~ Babe Ruth.
Another chapter of the Kent Island history book comes to a close. R.I.P.
Ralph. Our deepest sympathy to the Lee family for your loss.*

Deb Langrell - January 21, 2015 at 04:53 PM

KH

Thank you Debbie he was an original for sure

Kathy Hyde - January 22, 2015 at 01:20 PM

LA

*“ So sorry for your loss. Much love to the Lee
and Hudson families.*



Lisa Lister Adkins - January 21, 2015 at 03:43 PM

PW

So sorry to hear of Ralph's passing

pat weston - January 21, 2015 at 06:39 PM



*Love and prayers to the Lee family. Kent Island will never be the same
without Ralph Lee,*

Janeen Jewell - January 22, 2015 at 04:13 PM

GJ

*Our condolences to Ralph's family. Made a good friend while playing
softball against Ralph.*

George Jones - Rock Hall -

George Jones - January 27, 2015 at 06:01 PM