



## Walter Donald Lee

March 2, 1925 - March 11, 2019

Walter D. Lee “Lefty” passed away on March 11, 2019, in Easton, MD, at age 94. He was born on March 2, 1925, and grew up in Cumberland, MD with his parents, Alexander Lee and Mary Ann Sloan Lee, and his older sister, Lois Lee Frauchiger. He attended and graduated from Allegheny High School in 1943 following a stellar high school athletic career in baseball and basketball.

Following high school, he enlisted in the Army during WWII, where he was ultimately assigned to the U.S. Signal Corps as a Pigeoneer in the South Pacific. He gathered reconnaissance on Japanese locations and troops, which he delivered to command via homing pigeons in New Guinea, Luzon and Leyte.

After the war, Lefty returned to home to Cumberland, where he met future wife, Kathryn Yankie Lee. Following marriage, he completed both undergraduate and graduate degrees in History and Curriculum and Supervision at the University of West Virginia.

Walter held teaching and coaching positions in Allegheny, Washington, and Frederick Counties. He helped establish new sport athletic teams while teaching at Hancock High School. Also while there he took his history students to the C&O Canal where they met and walked the canal with Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Earl Warren, who was hiking the canal.

Lefty was very involved in Boy Scouts and served as the Director of the Sinoquie Boy Scout reservation for six years in the mountains of Pennsylvania, and assisted with Scout Troops in Frederick and Washington Counties. He mentored Scout Troop #278 in Braddock Heights and joined them in many camp outs and hikes.

While teaching in Frederick County, he assisted in the creation the Frederick Teen Center. During his teaching career in Frederick County, he taught History and Physical Education at various schools including Elm Street, West Frederick, Middletown, Jefferson, and Wolfsville.

He was a lifelong active member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Frederick.

Lefty was also a lifelong naturalist, historian, and craftsman. He wrote a special thesis in graduate school on the spies and reconnaissance of the Civil War. He loved backpacking and hiking throughout the Appalachian Mountains, traveling and exploring, and entertaining family and friends. He built the family's home of 60 years in Braddock Heights. He was an avid model railroader and built a detailed model railroad, modeling the Western Maryland Railroad. He loved history, birding, trains, dancing, big band swing music and storytelling.

He was married to wife "Katie Lee" for 73 years, and had three children. He is survived by his children, D. Gary Lee of AZ, Alexa Lee of Chestertown, MD, and Ron Lee of Easton, MD, and their families; including six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his sister, Lois, in March 2018, and his wife, Kathryn, in October 2018.

A service celebrating his life will be held at 11 AM, on Sunday, May 19, 2019, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A, 200 S. Harrison St., Easton, where friends may call from 10:30 AM – 2 PM. We invite all family, friends, and former students to join in and share stories honoring his life.

Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the C & O Canal Trust, 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

# Previous Events

## celebration of life

MAY 19. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location  
200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
[info@fhfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhfuneralhome.com)

## Memorial Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter Donald Lee*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - May 15, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ *Walter Donald Lee*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Walter Donald Lee*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Walter Donald Lee*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

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“ *Lee family,  
So sorry we can not join you today to celebrate the life of a wonderful gentle man. We always enjoyed our talks with your folks and hearing stories of raising a family here on Braddock. The pond has not frozen over recently, but it has been very full for the last few years and is attracting wood ducks (I am sure your Dad would love that). It was so nice knowing that Lefty and Katie were "watching over" us from the top of the hill. Such wonderful neighbors who will be fondly remembered. Jerry and Ann Browning*

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**Ann and Jerry Browning** - May 19, 2019 at 10:16 AM



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - May 17, 2019 at 04:13 PM



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Middletown teacher honored at dinner

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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - May 16, 2019 at 09:51 AM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 15, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“ Barry, Lexa, Gary,

*My Dad and I spent many a time talking over the "fence" with your dad and mom. Great neighbors ( I even remember Trudy the dachshund). Dont remember where the years have gone, But i will always remember your mom and dad. I let my mother know about your dads passing, she is down in Florida. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*William Roberts*

DR WILLIAM ROBERTS - May 07, 2019 at 03:58 PM

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“ *Lefty and Jack Griffin taught Physical Education at West Frederick Jr. High School in Frederick, MD.*

*It brings a smile to my face when I think of the friendship and good times they had during the years they taught together along with Bill Lee. And Katie, always a smile and pleasure to be around. I wish we had known where they moved to after leaving Braddock Heights. Several of the women PE teachers who taught at WF during the same time get together for lunch and sometimes reminisce about what outstanding teachers and people Lefty, Jack and Bill were. End of an era.*

*Wondering if they knew that Jack died May 29, 2017 in Frederick, He was still coaching until he entered the nursing home.*

*I wish we could be there May 19 to say hello to family and friends. Thinking of you, Becky McCutcheon Griffin and family*

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**Becky Griffin** - April 14, 2019 at 04:27 PM

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“ *Barry, I was so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was a great guy and I'm glad I had the chance to know him. You're in my prayers.*

*Todd Main*

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**Todd Main** - April 14, 2019 at 02:47 PM