



Jack Eugene Lee

February 19, 1943 - February 4, 2024

Jack Eugene Lee, retired Senior Chief, husband, father, grandfather, friend, mentor, builder, and hero, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 4th, 2024, surrounded by family at the home he designed and built in Lanexa, VA.

Jack grew up in the small town of Auburn, Nebraska after moving from his birthplace of Cando, North Dakota as a child. He was preceded in death by his mother Madlean Lee, his father James Lee, his younger brothers Jimmy Lee and Jerry “Pete” Lee, and his younger sister Vickie Corlby. Of the many different jobs, he had growing up, carpentry and building led him to enlist in the Navy as a Seabee (CB, Construction Battalion) in 1968, just before the United States’ peak involvement in the Vietnam Conflict. A few years after his three tours in Vietnam, while working with the State Department and stationed in Leningrad (now St. Petersburg), Jack met a beautiful young Canadian nurse named Marnie. Love blossomed, and after some long-distance courting, they were married on March 20th, 1976, in Selkirk, Manitoba. Jack and Marnie lived in Manilla, Philippines for a few years at the beginning of their marriage. Later, Jack was stationed in Norfolk, VA, where he prepared for retirement from his 20-year career in the Navy and began building his house in New Kent County. Retired Senior Chief Jack Lee continued his love for carpentry and building, making beautiful furniture, cabinets, decks, and houses.

Jack was also a lover of all things “outdoors” – hunting, fishing, and camping.

He will forever be remembered by countless friends, children, and members of the community for his unparalleled and selfless contributions of volunteer service spanning 20 years to the DGIF Hunter Education Program, the Four Rivers 4-H Shooting Club, the New Kent County Extension Office, and the James City County Fishing Camp. He always gave 100% and left a legacy that will be remembered and felt for generations.

He is survived by his loving wife Marnie; daughter Sandra "Sandy" Shaffar (Paul); son Aaron Lee (Jennifer); grandchildren Jack Shaffar, Taylor Shaffar, Hunter Lee, and Ruby Lee; and countless friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00pm on Thursday, February 8th, 2024, at Vincent Funeral Home (9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Four Rivers 4-H Shooting Club and/or Amedisys Hospice Care.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Tribute Wall

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“ Jack carried the DGIF Hunter Education program in New Kent County for many years. Although I lost contact with him after my retirement, I will always remember his tireless efforts to share his love and respect for the wildlife resources of Virginia with anyone who cared to learn. Blessing to all the family.
Mike Minarik, Game Warden, Retired

Michael Minarik - February 08, 2024 at 06:19 PM

MJ

“ Sorry to hear of Jacks passing. I still have the Thank You note he sent us for our donation of tackle for his youth groups he volunteered at. He kept his boat a few years at our marina and we'd share a talk over coffee every once in awhile.
Mike Johncox

Mike Johncox - February 07, 2024 at 09:20 AM

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“ Jack was a good man who loved his family very much. We always enjoyed our times visiting and learning so much from the experiences he shared.

He was a very talented man always willing to help others.

Thank you Jack for your friendship and for your service. We will miss you!

Our sincere condolences to Marnie & family. Sorry we cannot be with you during this difficult time.

Here is a picture of a nice memory together in Key West.

Love Dave & Elaine



David & Elaine Wersch - February 06, 2024 at 08:21 PM

JH

“ Thinking of you and sending our thoughts and prayers. Love, Jeff, Noelle, Corbin, Noah and Katie Harmon

Jeff & Noelle Harmon - February 06, 2024 at 10:45 AM