



Lee Alex Dravidzius

August 9, 1945 - August 17, 2019

Lee Alex Dravidzius, 74, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, August 17, 2019, with his family by his side. He was born on August 9, 1945, the son of Louis and Jane (Woodworth) Dravidzius in Detroit, Michigan. He married Carla Cave on July 19, 2008, in Petersburg, and was very loved by the Cave family from Easton, Illinois.

Lee was accepted into the Detroit Magnet School, Cass Technical, as an art major where he was a classmate of Diana Ross and the Supremes. His senior year he won a national poster contest with his design being put on all postal delivery trucks. He was awarded a scholarship to the California College of Art where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree of Fine Arts in Graphic Design. He was a Technical Animator at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories for 25 years. Lee belonged to several watercolors societies in California and Illinois. Besides being a talented artist, he was an accomplished woodworker and carpenter, skills he used to restore a hundred year old home in Livermore, California. Lee served our grateful nation in the Viet Nam War aboard the submarine USS Segundo in the Tonkin Gulf attaining the rank of QM3. He was a member of the VFW and Sub Vets.

Lee is survived by his wife, Carla; a step-daughter, Tania Nassar of Phoenix, Arizona; two sisters, Elizabeth (husband George) Telfer of Troy, Michigan, and Marci Modolinski; and one brother, Al (Peggy) Dravidzius of Bangor, Maine.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lou and Paul Dravidzius; and his first wife, Oneida Dravidzius.

Lee's family will be hosting a memorial gathering on Saturday, August 24, 2019, from 2 pm to 4 pm at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. There will be a celebration of Lee's life held at his family's home at a later date.

Memorials in Lee's name may be made to Disabled American Veterans or the VFW.

Please visit Lee's online obituary at hurleyfh.com to leave condolences and share memories.

Events

AUG **Gathering of Remembrance** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg

122 West Douglas Avenue, Petersburg, IL, US, 62675

Comments



“ I had the absolute pleasure of working with Lee at LLNL in Livermore for many years and getting to meet Lee along with many others for lunch after we retired. Lee was a very sweet gentle soul and all of us that worked with him were very blessed to know him. Jody Johnson

Jody Johnson - September 09 at 06:14 PM



“ I worked with Lee at the Lab. He was a wonderful person and an amazing artist. My condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed.

Linda Wahaski - August 24 at 06:22 AM



“ Lee was a great friend to me for about 30 years. I enjoyed his conversation, his take on life, his artistic ability, and our shared enjoyment of Motown and Oakland. He was calm in a frantic situation, and a perfectionist in the best sense of the word. Although it was hard to imagine him leaving his special Livermore home, he told me he liked his life in Illinois, and I know he enjoyed the family and friends he had there with Carla. I will miss him. Lynn Davidian

Lynn Davidian - August 24 at 01:16 AM



“ I too worked with Lee D. (as many have known him...)

A most wonderful man to work with at the Lab...-a perfectionist..

Outside of the lab a terrific artist, craftsman--remembering his fondness for his special Packard car, his beautiful home..telling of his years in the service...

A great person that welcomed me and my family into his home for parties.....

Have thought of him every time I pass his special house in Livermore and what it meant to him...

He did move from CA ---and I missed him...and will miss him..

Rest in Peace Lee D.---thinking of you..

Ellen (Shorr) Bradley (in Pleasanton)

Ellen S Bradley - August 23 at 01:43 PM



“ I wish to offer my condolences to the his entire family. Lee served with me when I was the Commanding Officer of the Segundo in the mid-1060's. He was a pleasure to have him as a member of my crew. He was liked by all aboard Segundo and was a good shipmate. He will be miss by all. Bob Chasse, Captain, USN, Retired.

Bob Chasse - August 23 at 01:04 PM



“ My greatest condolences to Carla and the family with the passing of Lee. He was a kind and gentle soul who lit up when he shared his love of Carla and his amazing woodworking skills he put into the restoration of his Livermore home. He had great stories and a kind heart and I appreciate the opportunity to know him. He left a mark on my heart. Michelle Elliott, Livermore CA

Michelle Elliott - August 22 at 11:16 PM



“ I worked with Lee from time to time on projects at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. I appreciated his warm, gentle, laid-back, good-natured way as well as knowing that Lee could always be counted on to get things done right. It was always a pleasure to work with Lee, or just to chat with him. Great guy. He will be missed. My condolences to the family and to all who knew and appreciated Lee for the great human being and friend he was. May his spirit live on!

Jeff Morris, Brentwood, CA

Jeff Morris - August 21 at 11:40 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Lee's passing. I have wondered over the years since purchasing a watercolor he painted of the old family barn that my grandfather and his brother built. Many have commented on it since it was hung in our house With deepest sympathies to all in his family.

Tammie Higginbotham - August 20 at 12:36 PM