



Leo "Lee" Machmuller

December 17, 1945 - December 29, 2022

Leo "Lee" H. Machmuller Jr., 77 of Grand Island died Thursday, December 29, 2022 following a gallant fight with lung cancer for the past 4 years.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 AM Thursday, January 5th at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Father Donald Buhrman will be the celebrant. Military honors will be rendered at the church by the U.S. Army and United Veterans Honor Guard.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 5-6 PM with a church Vigil Service beginning at 6 PM on Wednesday, January 4th at St. Leo's Catholic Church.

Private family burial of Lee's ashes will be in the St. Wenceslaus Cemetery in Dodge, Nebraska. Memorials are suggested to either St. Jude Children's Hospital or St. Leo's Catholic Church. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Lee was born on December 17, 1945 in Norfolk, Nebraska the son of Leo H. and Eileen (Shannon) Machmuller. He was raised in Omaha where he attended and graduated from St. Cecilia Catholic High School class of 1965. Following high school, he attended Omaha University then enlisting in the U.S. Army. He served in South Korea and Germany during the Vietnam War. Lee became a helicopter crew-chief during his service. His experience in the Army gave him a lifelong love of flying, later having his pilot license and instrument certification.

On September 18, 1976 he was united in marriage to Kathy Hanzl. Making

Grand Island their home, together they loved and enjoyed life. During much of his career, Lee was in floor covering and interior sales.

Many will remember Lee for his outgoing personality and his adventure for life. "HiFlyer" on his license plates, Lee has been a member of GI Modelers for over 30 years. He was a proud member of Alcoholics Anonymous for over 31 years. Other enjoyments included golfing (everyday which ended in "day"), fishing and wintering on the Gulf Coast in Rockport, Texas. He was a charter member of St. Leo's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and serving as a Eucharistic Minister.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 46 years, Kathy; a sister, Cheryl Coffelt; sister-in-law, Celeste Machmuller and nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ric Machmuller; parents-in-law, Lumir and Eleanor Hanzl; brother-in-law, Ron Hanzl; sister-in-law, Marquita Hanzl.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church
2410 S Blaine St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 382-4753

Tribute Wall



“ Leo "Lee" Machmuller

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“ *Uncle Lee played an important role in the lives of the Hanzl "kids". The Schrunk family will miss him and will continue to keep his memories alive in our hearts!* 💕💕



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“ *Lee was a great fisherman. Web, Loren, Lee, and myself Kenny the Captian spent many hours fishing the jetties at Port Aransas, Texas. No matter what was going on he was ready to jump in and go along. He knew how to catch big sheepshead. He will be truly missed.*

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