



Mr. Dale "Chip" Lee

June 9, 1947 - August 11, 2019

Dale "Chip" Lee lost a short battle with cancer on August 11, 2019, at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, while surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Miami, Florida on June 9, 1947, he was the son of the late Donald and Eleanor Campbell Lee. He served his country in the United States Army National Guard and had retired as a Regional Sales Manager for Rubberseal after many years of service. He previously lived in Hendersonville, North Carolina and Eustis, Florida. Chip met Kathy at the home of Skip and Shay Gibson, their mutual friends.

In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, traveling the beautiful United States, watching FSU sports, but most importantly, he truly adored doting on his grandchildren who will forever cherish the time they spent with him.

Survivors include his wife of almost 22 years, Kathy Halligan Lee; children, Scott (Tiffany) Lee of Grand Island, Florida, Jamie (Kerry) Wilkie of Hendersonville; stepdaughters, Kelli Lee Holder and Erin (Jason) DeGroff of Tallahassee; grandchildren, Lauren Wilkie, Connor, Emmy, and Aiden Lee, Kael Michael Griffin and Katelyn and Maddox DeGroff; and his brothers, Chris (Maureen), Donald (Kathy), and Gary (Pat) Lee. In addition, he is survived by his sisters-in-law Kerri and Maureen Halligan and Dana West; and brothers-in-law, Jet and Michael (Lori) Halligan. His nephews include: Gary (Tamera), Clark (Jill), Ryan (Angie) and Mark Lee, Michael (Kim) McGonagle, C. J. Halligan and Andrew (Deanna) Viloudaki. Nieces include: Susannah (Kevin) Fulp, Amy (Dave) Fielding, Colleen (Gerry) McGonagle, Katie Halligan, Sarah and Kiley Halligan, and Briagh (Hao) Viloudaki-Yu. He is also survived by numerous extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Max Lee (nephew), and Kevin Halligan (brother-in-law).

Although we are heartbroken to lose such a special man, Chip's kind and loving spirit will continue to live on in each of us. A celebration of life gathering is being planned. In lieu of

flowers, please consider a memorial donation to your favorite charity. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.abbeyfh.com.

Comments



“ I had the pleasure of getting to know this man through work as I supported his sales through customer service for years. I am in shock to hear of his passing and saddened for those he left behind. He was a wonderful person to know and we even shared a birthday, so I usually talked to him at least once a year in June which I will miss. We honor his memory here at Rubber Seal Products and all of his family are in my prayers during this time.
~Shelley Rainey

Shelley Rainey - August 29, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ Chip was a member of the 1965 Mount Dora High School graduating class. I sent his obituary to our class members, and many of them responded with wonderful memories of Chip including his sense of humor, being a lot of fun to be around, his being a member of the MDHS football team and being very glad that he was a part of our lives. He was a wonderful person, and will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Our hearts go out to his family.
Jeannie Wilson

Jeannie Wilson - August 28, 2019 at 09:23 AM



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“ I didn't get lucky enough to meet and know Chip but his wife Kathy has been a very long friend of 40 years probably. She is one of the most genuine people I've ever known. I'm so very sorry for this huge loss as I'm sure her heart is broken. May he RIP. I'm so sorry for this family's loss.

Deborah Aeppli - August 23, 2019 at 05:29 PM



“ To all of Chip's family and loved ones. Chip and I grew up in Miami, Fl. together a way long time ago. We spent many , many hours at his grandfather's house swimming in the pool. (E.J. Lee & Granny). All of Chip's family and my family enjoyed going over there. My parents(Ralph & Virginia Thornbury) were great friends with Chip's parents and grandparents. My oldest sister, Mary Ann Thornbury married his cousin Robert E. Lee.
After my family moved to Hendersonville, NC the Lees were often at our annual "Washer Tournament". Chip and I were the first winners in 1973 and didn't let our families forget it.
So it is with great sadness that I say Good Bye Chip and thanks for the friendship and memories.

Judi Sawyer

Judi Thornbury Sawyer - August 23, 2019 at 02:11 PM



“ I have known Chip for around 50 years, when I was a teen. He is my brother in laws brother (Chris). When I was a teen he helped me through some really tough times. Took me under his wing and gave me a job. I have loved him ever since and shared so many great times with he and Kathy and the rest of the crew. I will keep these special memories tucked in my heart forever. Gone, but never forgotten. Love you Chip. Sincerely, Eileen Debo

Eileen Ddebo - August 23, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ Miss Kathy, Erin and family, my heart is broken for you all with such a loss as Mr. Chip. You will hold him forever in your hearts and therefore he will always be with you all the time. From the pictures you've shared with us all, you can not only see, but feel the love he had for his family. Lifting you all up in prayers .. hugs

Amy L Roach

Amy L Roach - August 23, 2019 at 09:26 PM



“ Peace be with you and try to remember all the good times with Chip and your family. Did you know that he was the ring bearer in my wedding to his cousin Bobby and fainted during the ceremony, we never let him forget it. Was so much fun being in the Lee clan, we had so many good times together, hope we can keep in touch. Love, Mary Anne Lee, Michael,Patty,Tom and Jennifer

mary anne lee - August 27, 2019 at 11:00 AM