



## Garry Robert Lee

September 22, 1953 - July 8, 2022

Garry Robert Lee, born September 22nd, 1953, in Omaha, NE, to Robert and Philomena Lee. Garry, the oldest of 8 children, was brought up through the St. Bernard's Catholic Church parish. He graduated from Archbishop Rummel High School (Roncalli) in 1971. Shortly after high school, Garry met the love of his life of nearly 50 years, Christine Ann Salisbury, and they were married on December 29, 1972. A Sunday drive westward along Maple Street in 1975 led them to the Village of Waterloo. This is where they raised their family of four beautiful daughters, Heather, Keri, Lisa, and Sherri. Garry and Chris were always present in their daughters schooling and extra-curricular activities over the years. This built a strong family foundation to which 4 son-in-law's and many grandchildren and great grandchildren were also born into.

July 12th, 1979 (Waterloo Volunteer Fire/Rescue Dept Ambulance accident) was the calling for Firefighter #22, whose years of earthly service ended in 2022, therefore today, July 12th, we gather to remember our husband, dad, grandpa, great-grandpa, father-in-law, brother,

friend, community servant and advocate. Garry served 40 years on the Waterloo Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department. Also, during those years, he was an active member of the Cedar Hollow SID board before the Village of Waterloo annexed area properties and thus he was elected to serve as a member of the Waterloo Village Board of Trustees.

Garry's childhood comprised of many days in Elgin, NE on the Schrage Family Farm. As Golf Caddies for the Omaha Country Club, the Lee Brothers are known to enjoy a great game of golf. As much as he liked or disliked the game of golf, he was a fantastic golfer who spent many hours on the course with his grandsons, brothers and friends. A natural athlete, Garry was a state champion diver, and also a member of the High School basketball and golf teams.

Garry was a contractor by trade, which led to remodeling the family home many times over. Including the infamous Gazebo Hot Tub! When not home, he could be found wondering the aisles of Menards.

Always finding bargains or buying tools he thought he didn't have or couldn't find in the many storage garages he owned. Menard Rebates galore! While known as a firefighter putting out fires, his legacy for his backyard bon-fires prevailed.

He was a man of few words, but crafty with his written words where he often wrote short stories and poems (Garry-isms). More recently, his meaningful and amusing responses on Facebook is where his personality would shine through. Many of us also remember him as a great

listener, compassionate,

kind hearted, sensitive, soft spoken and humble man.

Living a fulfilled life, Garry's greatest sense of pride was seen evident through the births of his

grandchildren & great grandchildren.

Ponca State Park is among one the favorite Lee family traditions for over 60+ years that everyone looks

forward to with family and friends.

Surrounded by family, Garry passed away peacefully on July 8 th . He is preceded in death by parents

Robert & Philomena Lee. Survived by wife Christine of Waterloo, daughters and sons-in-law Heather & Chad Witt (Dylan, Danielle and Dalton) of Elkhorn;

Keri & Dan Mallory (Erika & Travis Schwarting, twin great grandsons Kaden and Tanner), Colton and Anna) of Fort Calhoun; Lisa & Jim Cooke (Brook and Allyson) of Waterloo; Sherri & Joe Harnisch (McKenzie and Macy) of Elkhorn.

Brothers Kevin, Dan, Dave, Tom and Ron, and sisters Karen Kafka and Mary Beth Eastlick, special friend Bryon Ueckert, and brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Garry's legacy of community service continues to live on through his family.

Funeral service 2 PM Wednesday, Bethany Lutheran Church, Elkhorn.

Interment at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn. Visitation Tuesday 5-7 PM with a prayer service at 7 PM at the Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Waterloo Fire Department.

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road  
Omaha, NE 68022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
[services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](mailto:services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Prayer Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Garry Robert Lee*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Garry Robert Lee.*



July 12, 2022 at 05:03 PM



“ *Alyssa, Bryson and Lennon DeKay purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Garry Robert Lee.*



**Alyssa, Bryson and Lennon DeKay** - July 12, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ *Your Eakes Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Garry Robert Lee.*



**Your Eakes Family** - July 12, 2022 at 11:26 AM

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“ *the Bednar Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Garry Robert Lee.*



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**the Bednar Family** - July 12, 2022 at 08:55 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Garry Robert Lee.*



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July 12, 2022 at 07:50 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Garry Robert Lee.*



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July 11, 2022 at 11:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Garry Robert Lee.*



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July 11, 2022 at 10:35 PM

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“ Garry was one of a kind person. I will never forget the night he brought Douglas his honorary firemen's helmet. Douglas was so happy when Garry gave it to him.  
Garry also gave him a ride in fire truck they both had grins from ear to ear.  
Garry always had some kind of display on Halloween. He was a werewolf and Douglas and Garry wrestle around the front yard.  
When Douglas passed away Garry wrote a poem of that night. It was so special and thoughtful. I still have it hanging on wall.  
So here's to you!!  
R.I.P Werewolf!!! Sheryl

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Sheryl Swift - July 11, 2022 at 10:25 PM



“ . purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Garry Robert Lee.



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. - July 11, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Garry Robert Lee.



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July 11, 2022 at 02:09 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Garry Robert Lee.*



July 10, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Garry Robert Lee.*



July 10, 2022 at 08:48 AM



“ *Some men are just great girl-dads as evidenced in the women they raise!*

**Sharon Arganbright** - July 10, 2022 at 01:29 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. - Quorum Architects*

**Quorum** - July 09, 2022 at 09:43 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Garry Robert Lee.*



July 09, 2022 at 09:38 AM