



Lee John Schweigart

March 25, 1926 - December 31, 2010

Leo John Schweigart was born on March 25, 1926 in Omaha, Nebraska to Alois and Mary (Posch) Schweigart. He grew up in Omaha where he attended school at Sacred Heart Catholic Schools, graduating in 1946. As a young boy, Lee enjoyed his scooter and playing basketball. At age 16 he lied to recruiters to enlist in the United States Coast Guard. He served for almost three years including commanding a landing craft during the Normandy invasion. At the end of his service, Lee was told he could not return to the states with his motorcycle so he drove it off the end of an aircraft carrier into the ocean. Upon his return home went back to school to receive his high school diploma. Lee married Joan Shanahan on June 26, 1948 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Omaha, Nebraska and to this union three children were born: Mike, Kathryn and David. Lee and Joan raised their family in Omaha until they moved to Elkhorn in 1974.

Lee has worked at Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha World Herald, Opitz Chevrolet Car Dealer and Skellgas before starting his own business: Lee Appliance and All American Laundry Equipment. At 84, Lee continued to work daily. He enjoyed fishing and attending Nebraska Cornhusker Bowl games for over 20 years but his passion was flying. Lee was a member of the Stratus Seekers Flying Club and always loved his time in the air. He was conspicuous for his handle bar moustache and appeared to have a rough exterior but inside was a kind and gentle man who was a good husband and father. Lee was strong, dependable and loving with a wonderful sense of humor. Lee was

a man of simple pleasures, he enjoyed working before relaxing with dinner at Farmer Brown's and a Manhattan. Several years back, Lee was elated to be included in one of the Honor Flights back to Washington, DC to witness the World War II Memorial. He was very proud to see the magnificent memorial to the soldiers of his era.

Lee passed away on Friday, December 31, 2010 as a result of an automobile accident south of Waterloo at the age of 84 years, 9 months and 5 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Alois and Mary, son David, brother Al and baby sister Clara. ; Lee is survived by his wife Joan; son and daughter-in-law Mike and Carol of Omaha; daughter and son-in-law Kathryn and Ray Rosterman of Omaha; 5 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 1 great great granddaughter; brother and sister-in-law Joseph and Florence of Omaha and sister Mary Ann Friend of Omaha;

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Schweigart, Lee age 84 of Elkhorn, NE

Preceded in death by son David; survived by wife Joan; son and daughter-in-law Mike and Carol of Omaha; daughter and son-in-law Kathryn and Ray Rosterman of Omaha; 5 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 1 great great granddaughter; brother and sister-in-law Joseph and Florence of Omaha and sister Mary Ann Friend of Omaha; visitation Tuesday noon to 7 PM with a wake service at & PM at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday 10:30 AM at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn; Interment Mt. Calvary Cemetery; memorials to Nebraska Muscular Dystrophy.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lee John Schweigart*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Joan, I was so sorry to hear about Lee. I often think about you both as well as Kathy, Rob and Niki. You probably do not remember me, I use to watch Rob and Niki in Yutan and I also worked in the bar at Hars.*

Deborah (Robinson) Armentrout - January 06, 2011 at 09:48 PM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

SHELLEY KENDRICK - January 05, 2011 at 10:24 AM

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“ Dear Joan and Family,
What a hard-charger Lee was! He was always competitive and exciting in his thinking. Cleo, Lee and I had enjoyed a number of exciting experiences of enthusiastic fishing at Bowstring Minnesota. We couldn't wait to back our boat and trailer into the lake to get a few hours of fishing before sundown...we forgot to put the drain plug in the bottom of the boat and it sank. Another trip we almost ran out of gas (while we were flying) and Lee (as pilot) had a difficult time getting out of the clouds (Cleo excitedly tried to tell Lee how to get thru the clouds). Lee loved his suggestion :-). We made it onto an abandoned airport, and finally had a great time fishing and eating Bass in the backwoods.
I'll always remember Lee as a great guy with a wonderful wife, supporting him at every turn.
God bless you all in your time of grief. You are in our prayers.
Love, Jim and Karen

James and Karen O\ - January 03, 2011 at 09:02 PM

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“ Joan, Mike, Carol and family,

We were so sorry to hear of Lee's passing. He always made us laugh. Especially when he would whistle the Boomer Sooner song whenever we talked about the Huskers. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. God bless you and keep you all in his care.

Darrell and Joan Smith

Darrell and Joan Smith - January 03, 2011 at 10:19 AM

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“ I was so sorry to hear about Lee John. Seems like he lived a full life. And I am sure your family has many wonderful memories of him. At times like this the Bible comforts me so much. Jesus said in John 5:28&29 there would come a time when those in the memorial tombs would hear his voice and come out. This would also be at a time when Revelation 21:3&4 says there will be no more tears, pain or death. This would all happen when God's Kingdom comes, the same kingdom that Jesus taught us to pray for in the Lord's Prayer. What a wonderful prospect for Lee John and all those in the memorial tombs now. We express our deepest sympathy. We hope you find comfort in this time of loss.

Naomi - January 02, 2011 at 08:00 PM