



Lee Sealer

October 19, 1945 - November 14, 2014

Lee W. Sealer

Lee Wesley Sealer was born in Lynch, Nebraska on October 19, 1945 to Augusta and Philip Sealer. He was welcomed by his four year old brother John. Shortly after Lee's birth, his mother died. Lee and John were raised by their Grandmother, Ida Mae Sealer in Center, Nebraska. Lee loved his little town of Center, population 150. He roamed the dirt streets, played cards for money at Luckert's garage, swam in the creek, carried the newspaper, hauled bails, hung out at the Knox County Court House and played Class D basketball with a passion. He was a top ten leading scorer in Nebraska High School basketball history.

He and Judy met for the first time around age 10 at 4-H camp at Niobrara State Park. A couple years later they hung out together when Judy babysat with relatives who lived down the hill from Lee. They got together for good the fall of 1961 when Lee was a junior and Judy was a sophomore. When Lee was 17, he moved to Omaha and worked briefly for ABC Electric and Pillsbury, before going to work at Kellogg's. During his 31 years at Kellogg's, he made many friends, who remained by his side.

On Valentine's Day, 1965, Lee married Judy Backer at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bloomfield. They were living in two rooms on the third floor at 4020

Nicholas when their son, Joel was born. A year later, in 1966, they moved to Millard where Jason was born, and lived there until July of 1993. Lee coached Little League baseball and basketball for many years, and loved every minute of it. He played basketball in city rec leagues, played tennis regularly, bowled on teams, and was crazy for golf. He dabbled in the sport of kings. Hardly anyone could beat him at pitch, euchre, poker or bridge. He just loved to play all things.

After moving to Riverside Lakes in 1993, Lee helped the grandkids learn how to boat, water ski and to do all the things he enjoyed. He retired from Kellogg's at age 50 in 1996 and totally enjoyed every minute of retirement. Following his kids and grandkids in their sports endeavors gave him such pleasure and pain. Lee took great care of his wife respected her independent nature. He still has every friend he ever made. He was humble, kind and selfless.

The week before he died, he was able to make it to Horseman's Park to bet the Breeder's Cup, to the polls to vote, and to the Pines to play pitch. He lived life to the end.

He never grew up, which is why we all love him so.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lee Sealer*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Judy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at the loss of Lee. Cassandra Putnam*

Cassandra Putnam - January 01, 2015 at 04:10 PM



“ *Judy ---
Have known about Lee's illness and death for a little while, mainly through Larry Buhl. My condolences. Lee was a great guy.
Hope you're doing ok.*

*Rich Mumm
Hemet, CA*

Rich Mumm - December 31, 2014 at 01:06 PM



“ *Rest in peace, Lee. You may be gone but you'll not be forgotten. We had fun together playing basketball & our golf games.*

STAN NIEMIEC - November 20, 2014 at 08:11 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family. Lee was a neighbor to Stan, growing up across the street in Center.*

Stan & Jo Ann Eisenbeiss - November 19, 2014 at 02:24 PM

TM

“ Joel and Jay, sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. Whenever I saw Lee he was always smiling and fun to be around. He was a good dude. Take care and maybe I'll run into you guys in the future.

Sincerely,
Tom

Tom Madsen - November 18, 2014 at 07:05 PM

DW

“ Our deepest sympathy to Lee's wife, Judy and family. May God be your source of comfort during this time. We have many happy memories of Lee, attending Center School.

Dennis & Donna Woods - November 18, 2014 at 06:48 PM

CH

“ Judy, I was so sorry to hear about Lee's passing. I had just heard about him having cancer, so was really shocked. You and your family are in my prayers.

Carol Hart - November 18, 2014 at 10:43 AM

BS

“ Judy, Joel, Jay and families. We are so sorry for your loss. I have many great memories of Lee especially on the basketball court . Our best to all of you at this difficult time. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

B.J., Amber, Carly and Kellen Sojka

B.J. Sojka - November 17, 2014 at 10:02 PM

SD

“ Aunt Judy, Joel, Jay and family. Although I was unable to be there, please know I am thinking of you all. I know the Pain of losing such an important and special person...and my heart goes out to you. Know that going forward, he will always be with you through his spirit and through the things he has given us (smiles, jump shots, hugs...)Love you all. Stephanie, Sean, Jordyn ,Jessie, John and Josh.

Stephanie Denardo - November 17, 2014 at 07:21 PM

RF

“ So sorry to hear of Lee passing.. Please accept my condolences for you and your family. May God bless you all.

Rick Friedrichsen - November 17, 2014 at 12:53 PM

DE

“ Judy and Family,

Sorry to hear of Lee's passing. He was truly a fighter. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

Doug & Kati Eggen - November 16, 2014 at 05:01 PM

PS

“ Judy--Sincere condolences to you and the boys and families. We were honored to be with you folks several times through our association with Jeanie and Larry. Our hope for peace and strength in the coming days.

Paul and Cheryl Somers
Creston, Iowa and Ft. Myers, Fl.

Paul and Cheryl Somers - November 16, 2014 at 02:39 PM

JW

“ *Our prayers, thoughts and love are with you at this difficult time.*

Jake and Betsy Webb - November 16, 2014 at 12:05 PM

WR

“ *Judy, we're so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts at this sad time. Hugs to all of you.*

Warren & Linda Risinger - November 16, 2014 at 11:02 AM

AN

“ *Judy....Joel...Jay...It is always a sad time when someone you Love Leaves ...But know Lee was a Big infulence on so many Kids...My son for one....and He will always be in Hearts and memories will never Leave...God Bless you and your family..and Know Lee is in good Hands*

Annie Nemecek - November 16, 2014 at 10:51 AM

MS

“ *Jay & family,
Sending our warmest thoughts & prayers to you. Sincere
condolences.
Mike & Linda*

Mike Wohlers & Linda Simoneau - November 16, 2014 at 10:36 AM

NF

“ Judy, Joel, Jay and family, we were so sorry to hear about Lee. He was so enjoyable to sit with at basketball games when the boys were young. He always made a point to encourage every boy, he was not there just to watch Max play! We will never forget all of the kind words he had for AJ.

He was a great person and extremely proud of his sons!

Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Ronn, Trudi, AJ, and Ryley Nolin

Nolin Family - November 16, 2014 at 10:19 AM

DK

“ Only you could leave such a beautiful tribute to such a great man and friend Judy. I will miss Lee, I will miss you two coming up to see me.

Dave K - November 16, 2014 at 01:20 AM

PR

“ My deepest sympathy Judy to you and your family. Lee is in a much better place and will be missed. He will be sending his love and watching over all of you for eternity. Sorry I can't be there. Judy take care of yourself and God bless aÄºl.

Pat Roessner - November 15, 2014 at 09:01 PM

RM

“ Judy you an your family our in our thoughts and prayers

Richard &Marlene Mackeprang - November 15, 2014 at 08:48 PM

JZ

“ Judy and family, so sorry to hear of your loss, you have our sincere sympathies, you're in our thoughts and prayers.

Jerry and Sandy Ziegler - November 15, 2014 at 07:13 PM

BE

“ Judy and family,
I am so sorry for the loss of your husband and father. My thoughts and condolences are with you all. I worked with you long ago at Good Samaritan. With Sympathy, Barb Emary

Barb Emary - November 15, 2014 at 01:31 PM

KG

“ Sealer Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with your family in this time of loss, I hope and pray that God will give you the strength and comfort during the difficult days ahead. Lee is in a better place and he will be missed. God Bless

Kyle Gerdes - November 15, 2014 at 10:59 AM

SH

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Lee Sealer. The Lee Sealer family were great supporters of the Millard School District. Joel and Jay were fine students and outstanding athletes at Millard South. Lee touched many lives and will always be remembered.

Stan Hale
Vice Principal (Retired)

Stan Hale - November 15, 2014 at 09:40 AM