



Wayne "Lee" Leroy Sample

July 24, 1943 - October 3, 2018

Dateline: Albia, Iowa

Wayne Sample

Wayne Leroy "Lee" Sample Jr., age 75, of Albia, passed away on October 3, 2018, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia, surrounded by his loved ones.

Lee was born on July 24, 1943, in Ottumwa, Iowa to Wayne Leroy Sr. and Grace Lula (Gray) Sample. He grew up and graduated from the Albia High School with the Class of 1961. After graduation, Lee joined the United States Navy and served his country during the Vietnam War. After his service, Lee returned home and was united in marriage to Linda Jones on December 12, 1966, in Blakesburg, Iowa. To this union 2 children were born, Shelly and Chris. Lee and Linda shared 51 years of marriage prior to his passing.

Lee was a cook for several years, starting out during his time in the Navy and worked at several other establishments, including hotels, nursing homes and restaurants. Lee held other job positions during his working career. He worked at Farmall in Rock Island, IL. before working for Maytag in Newton and finally retiring from John Deere Works in Ottumwa. He helped build the Valley Village Mobile Park in Ottumwa and resided there for a time. He also helped his son Chris run a dog business. He was a member of the United States Navy Reserve from 1979 until 1980. In his younger years he liked going hunting and

was an avid fisherman. He enjoyed tent camping at Rathbun Lake, riding horses, going out of town and eating at new restaurants, dancing, and listening to The Sunset Band. He was an excellent cook and was known for his fried rice. His real joy in life was spending time with his family and friends.

Lee is survived by his wife, Linda Sample, of Albia; his daughter Shelly (Norman) Beach of Bellevue, NE and their children, Samantha Beach, Christeena Beach, Emily Beach and Isaiah Beach, his son Chris (Carol) Sample of Albia and their children, Haley McCombs, Aaron Sample, Kaleb Sample, Anthony Sample, Joseph Sample and Aubrionna Sample; his great grandchildren, Braedyn Beach, Ryleigh Beach, Andrew Beach, William Schrepfer, Elijah Beach, Adalyn Huff, Avalyn Huff, Willow Beach, Aylin Beach and Ronnie McCombs; his sisters, Judy (Dave) Makenzie and Joyce (John) Smithberg; his brothers, Gary (Twila) Sample and David (Rachel) Sample; his aunt and uncle, Opal (Kenny) Huber; his brothers-in-law, John (Norma) Jones and Bob Preston and a sisters-in-law, Patty Bossard and Sheila Sample. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Wayne Sr. and Grace Sample; a grandchild, William Beach and a brother, Guy Sample.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 7, 2018, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Wayne's family present to greet family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, October 8, 2018, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Lynda Carlson officiating. Burial with military honors provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia and Melrose will follow services at Service Chapel Cemetery in Albia.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that a donation of school supplies

(backpacks, paper, colored pencils etc.) be brought to the funeral home to be donated to the Albia School District.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Memorial Service

OCT 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wayne "Lee" Leroy Sample

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Wayne "Lee" Leroy Sample

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ Aubrionna Sample sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne "Lee" Leroy Sample



Aubrionna Sample - September 25, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ He was the best grandpa a granddaughter could have.

Aubrionna Sample - September 25, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Wayne "Lee" Leroy Sample.



October 05, 2018 at 05:55 PM

MS

“ Matt Smithberg sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne "Lee" Leroy Sample



Matt smithberg - October 05, 2018 at 12:31 AM

MS

Linda shelly chris. You are in Haley and I thoughts and prayers.

Matt smithberg - October 05, 2018 at 12:36 AM

SB

Thank you Matt. Love you

Shelly Beach - October 05, 2018 at 11:00 PM

AS

hi aunt shelly

Aubrionna Sample - September 25, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Lee's passing. I have some wonderful childhood memories of Lee, Janet and my brothers and sisters playing on Grandpa's Gray's farm. Lee was my first crush. RIP dear cousin. Linda Rowe Olympia Washington

Linda Rowe - October 04, 2018 at 06:51 PM

EM

“ ED MCGINN lit a candle in memory of Wayne "Lee" Leroy Sample



ED MCGINN - October 04, 2018 at 06:15 PM

KB

“ Jim and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. We are using God for His Peace to comfort and envelop you.



Kathy` Bever - October 04, 2018 at 05:06 PM

DE

Cousins...Del and I ask the peace that only the Holy Spirit can provide, surround you with love. Del and Coreen (Davis) Cline

Delcoreen - October 04, 2018 at 05:28 PM

EM

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL WITH LEE
,,,MAY HE REST IN PEACE

ED MCGINN - October 04, 2018 at 06:15 PM

PM

Lee I have wonderful memories of the times we spent on Grandpa Gray's farm and at your homeplace with Aunt Grace and Uncle Wayne...with your sister Judy...Such a good time and great memories. Praying for all your family for peace and comfort that only our God can give...Our love to all of you. Cousin Peggy and Ken ...never knew that Leroy was your middle name , is my husband's middle name too.

Peggy Millard - October 04, 2018 at 08:05 PM