



Leland "Lee" Russell Siegwald

January 8, 1923 - January 11, 2021

Lee was born in Circleville, Ohio, to Russell and Bessie Siegwald. He graduated from Circleville High School in 1941. In 1944, he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Ruth Owens, at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. He soon deployed, as 2nd Lieutenant, to the Philippines and Japan. He proudly served and loved his country. Mary Ruth obtained her nursing degree from Ohio State University during that time. Upon his return from the war, Lee attended Ohio State University, and completed his degree in architecture from Franklin University. They moved to Columbus in 1950.

Lee worked as a skilled carpenter with his brother, Paul, while raising five children. His most enjoyable hobby was golfing, with admirable skill. He golfed with his brother, and always walked the course. He enjoyed crossword puzzles, Sudoku, studying history, and reading the newspaper daily. His children remember him sitting in his chair and reading the encyclopedias. He was an excellent dancer, and loved Glenn Miller and music of the 1940s. He was an avid Buckeyes fan!

Lee retired soon after Mary Ruth's death in 1985. He eventually met his friend and companion, Dorothy Hamilton. They enjoyed road trips, visiting friends, and exploring Ohio. Throughout those years, he made several trips to visit his children living in Colorado. Lee was a devoted father and grandfather. He remained in the family home in Beechwold for 68 years.

The last two and a half years of his life, he happily resided at Willow Brook Christian Community in Delaware, Ohio. Lee adored the entire staff there, and they cared for him with great love, respect, and compassion. His greatest joy was his family and many friends. His number one priority was the value of family, and always remaining close.

In September 2018, Lee was blessed to participate in Honor Flight Columbus. He said it was an experience he would never forget.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Mary Ruth, brother, Paul, and daughter, Karen.

He is survived by sons, Gary and Jim, daughters, Barbara Boucher (Jim), Kathy Golde (Lenny), 10 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. The family will announce a celebration of life later this year.

Tribute Wall



“ *Leland "Lee" Russell Siegwald*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Lee worked with us in my Dad's remodeling business for a number of years, along with his brother Paul. We all felt only the best of Lee, as a gentleman, an excellent teacher, a great friend, and an excellent craftsman. Lee was an inspiration to me as a young man and a carpenter, and I still value the things he taught me. I'm glad to have had occasional contact with him in recent times, and we're truly sorry for his passing. It was such a blessing to grow up under men of the greatest generation.*

David Dill - January 25, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *I remember eating butter and jam sandwiches in his kitchen and playing for hours in her backyard of his Columbus home. PaPa would come in and flip his dentures around in his mouth and amuse us all with his "magic teeth". He was as sharp as a tack, sharing his brains with us kids when we were stumped on the word search or cross word puzzles. Such loving and cherished memories from childhood that are still vivid over 3 decades later. RIP PaPa.*

ginger kidd - January 22, 2021 at 01:05 AM



Such wonderful memories of your Papa, Ginger. He amused all the kids, over many years, with his "magic teeth". He was so smart, and so funny. Sure do miss him.

Kathy - April 05, 2021 at 07:48 PM

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“ I will always remember my Uncle Lee for the stories he told and the love he had for his family. I'll always have memories of him and my dad Paul, in our backyard arguing over how to chip shot, how to swing the right way and how to hold the club. He and dad loved their Sunday golf outings and their yearly trip to the Myrtle Beach courses. He and my dad worked together for many years and both became master carpenter's. New Years Eve was always fun to be had at Uncle Lee and Aunt MaryRuths house. He had a gruff exterior at times but he had a great heart. I have so many memories and many stories I could tell. I will certainly miss him but smile at the thought of him now being reunited with his true love, MaryRuth and his brother, my father, Paul. Never truly gone when you hold memories. Love you Uncle Lee and until we meet again..
"Fore"!

Lisa Siegwald-Baird - January 20, 2021 at 03:50 PM

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“ Uncle Lee was always filled with life. At our daughter Jen's wedding, we had a live band that encouraged the crowd to fill the dance floor. I remember dancing with Uncle Lee and twirling around on the dance floor until I was breathless! He had so much energy! He proceeded to dance with my friend Debbie and the photographer was able to capture his enthusiasm in several pictures. I had the pictures framed for Uncle Lee and he hung them on his living room wall where they remained for a long time.

Ilona Owens - January 19, 2021 at 10:00 AM

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“ *Sandy Mader Holladay lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Russell Siegwald*



Sandy Mader Holladay - January 19, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ *When I think of your dad i think of the twinkle in his eye. He was a man that loved life. I'm so sorry. I know you two adored one another. Your family is in my heart.*

Lydia Kihm - January 18, 2021 at 08:38 PM