



Virginia Louise Lee

December 15, 1933 - September 4, 2019

Virginia Louise Lee, 85, of Rapid City, passed away at home on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. Mrs. Lee was born on December 15, 1933 in Bellaire, daughter to the late George and Gretchen (Robinson) Mariage. Virginia went to college at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, then continued when she moved to Leavenworth, Kansas and earned her Teaching Certificate. She married Neil Lee on May 14, 1955 at the Alden United Methodist Church. She taught school in Kansas and also in Rapid City when she returned home. Virginia cared deeply for her community and served in many different positions through the years, including: as the township supervisor, a level 2 tax assessor, Chairman of the county Board of Commissioners, served on the Economic Development Committee, as well as the Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Board of Trustees. She was a long-time member of the Rapid City Church of Christ where she enjoyed playing the piano. Virginia is survived by her loving husband Neil; sons Rick Lee of Yellowstone National Park and Rory Lee of Rapid City; daughter in law Claudia Lee of Rapid City; brothers Joseph Mariage of Rapid City and Tracy Mariage of Acme; sister Gloria Cox of Kalkaska; along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her son Rock Lee, brother George Mariage, and sister Sally Ann Vedder. Visitation will be Sunday, September 8th from 6-8 PM at Kalkaska Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 9th at 1:00 PM, with final visitation beginning at 12:00 PM. Andy Bratton will be officiating the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rapid City Church of Christ.
Arrangements have been entrusted with Kalkaska Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Clearwater Township Cemetery

6833 Gillett Road NW
Rapid City, MI 49676

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Final Visitation

SEP 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RL

“ As the ambulance pulled away, I could see, Mom, was looking for a familiar face, as she gazed through the rear window and caught my eyes. And to the ambulance attendant, she pointed toward me outside, with pride, as I read her lips, she said: "that is my baby boy". This imagine will forever be burned into my thoughts. I love you, Mom!

Rory Lee - September 11, 2019 at 01:27 PM

BR

“ Sweet are the memories silently kept of are dear friend Gin, that we love and will never forget. There is a special Lady up there in Heaven above. There will never be another with a heart so full of love. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Neil, Claudia ,Rick & Rory with love always
Brenda & Ed



Brenda - September 09, 2019 at 06:37 PM

DG

“ A terrific loss for all who live in Clearwater Township and Kalkaska County. I will miss her smile, her laugh and quick wit. Virginia always made me feel welcome and supported me when I was involved in political office. Virginia shared her thoughts and wishes and gave much needed advise at times when there didn't seem to be a consensus on how to accomplish what was best for the community when trying to complete or accomplish a task. As times pass we loose people who have enriched our live's and gave without reservation, Virginia was that kind of person that once you met her and knew her she made you proud to say "I know Virginia and am proud to call her a friend". Today I am saddened by the news of her loss but will be ever grateful for having had her in my life. RIP most valued friend until we meet again.

David B Grimm - September 08, 2019 at 11:57 AM

SD

“ Keeping the entire family in my thoughts and prayers as you say your goodbyes to a beautiful soul. May you be comforted.

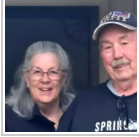
Susan DePeel - September 07, 2019 at 07:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virginia Louise Lee.



September 07, 2019 at 09:51 AM



“ A friendship that spanned over 40 years. She was my mentor, and my friend, and loved my family so much. Virginia, you will be missed so much.

Neil, Rick and Rory our prayers are with you during this most sorrowful time. Our hearts are hurting for you. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Jan Paulus - September 07, 2019 at 08:41 AM



“ When my daughter was little she use to sit next to “Aunt Virginia “ in church and my daughter never made a sound. It was not until years later Virginia told me her secret. She whispered sweet nothings in Kim’s ear and she just sat and listened. Virginia was a blessing to all of us.

Sharon - September 06, 2019 at 09:31 PM



“ My heart goes out to the family of Virginia and to the Rapid City Church of Christ. Virginia will be missed.



Jerry Rupe - September 06, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ Aunt Virginia, I will miss you forever. Some of my first memories of my life where of you taking care of me at your house on Crystal Beach Rd. I will never forget your shag carpet on your Rapid River house..ha ha. You’ve always brought a smile to our families faces. I love you!

Wade Mariage - September 06, 2019 at 07:42 PM

DB

“ Virginia was such a lovely person , funny and a blast to be around. I really enjoyed knowing her and a blessing in knowing her

Dianna Bitner - September 06, 2019 at 06:01 PM

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“ Dianna Bitner lit a candle in memory of Virginia Louise Lee



Dianna Bitner - September 06, 2019 at 05:59 PM

JS

“ I am at a loss for words right now. Aunt Virginia, you were one of the sweetest women I have ever met. I hope I can be half the person that you were. You were loved by everyone and always shared God's love with others. I look forward to seeing you again some day. Thank you for being such an impact on my life. I love you and will miss you greatly! Love, one of your many little Sugar Dumplings.
Jessie Sue

Jessica Schindewolf - September 06, 2019 at 02:15 PM