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Lee, Gordon Emory 88, passed away Tuesday, October 25th at Palms of Pasadena Hospital. He was a native son of St. Petersburg, Florida born on Tierra Ceia Island, which was owned by his grandfather. He is predeceased by his former wife and mother of his three daughters, Rosmary Sarles Lee, his mother Alma Lillian, father Robert Edmund, his four brothers, Norman, Carl, Edmund, Russell, and his sister Martha Ballew. Gordon is survived by his wife of 29 years Patricia Ann Lee, daughter Sherry Melinda Boyington and son-in-law James Boyington, daughter Robin M.arie Lee, and daughter Michelle Lee Holley and son-in-law Patrick Holley.

Gordon accomplished many great things in his 88 years. After his birth on Tierra Ceia Island his family moved to St. Petersburg, Florida. At a young age Gordon began showing his drive and determination for success when he moved to Maine and worked for the forestry service, beginning as a logger and quickly moving up to supervisor. He then moved back to St. Petersburg and became an electrician with the Department of Education. After some time, he decided that he wanted to pursue his own business. He began G.E. Lee Electric in the late 50s. He married his former wife, Rosmary Sarles in 1960. During their 25 years of marriage, they had three daughters, Sherry Melinda, Robin Marie, and Michelle Ann. Some of his many accomplishments include being a business owner, scuba diver, golfer, bee keeper, pilot, and race car driver. Gordon never seemed to slow down. In the late 50s, Gordon sponsored the Dave Rudenis Class B No 24 Ford race car, which was busy winning trophies, at Sunshine Speedway. Soon after his first visit to Sunshine Speedway, he participated in a Sponsor's race. Gordon, who started last and came in first, was bitten by the racing bug. The following week he persuaded Rudenis to let him drive in the heat, and Gordon won the race. After winning this race, he was considered a professional and the track would no longer allow him to race with the amateurs. He then went on to purchase his, now well known blue Ford 123, stock car. During his first season on the track, he demolished five cars, and went on to win the title of "The Upsidedown King." When Golden Gate Speedway opened, he was the first driver to flip at the "new" speedway. His pit crew admitted that they spent



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more time building racers than repairing them. After marrying his beloved wife Patrica in 1987, they traveled to many countries and enjoyed numerous cruises. Together they continued to run G.E. Lee Enterprises. The viewing will be on Monday October 31st at 10:00 AM, memorial service at 11:00 AM, followed by a celebration of life covered dish luncheon at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery located at 5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that you make a donation to Suncoast Hospice Care.



Events

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Visitation

Monday, October 31, 2016

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



Funeral Service

Monday, October 31, 2016

11:00 AM ET

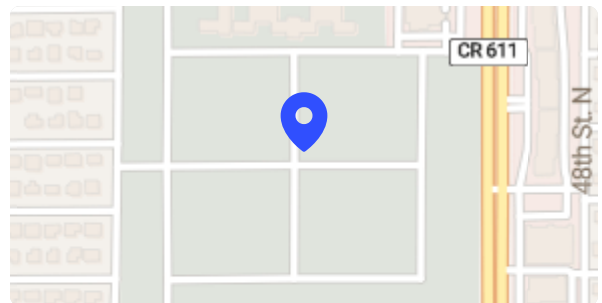
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Cemetery Details

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(727) 369-8228





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Linds Lee Vaughn lit a candle in honor of Gordon.



March 29 at 4:21 PM



Linds Lee Vaughn posted:

Gordon was married to my mother Joanne from the time I was born chill they divorced when I was 14 I was born in 1949 I love my dad he divorce my mom to Mary Rose Marie and he had children with Rosemary Sherry and Robin before I lost track of my dad I wish I didn't never lost track of my dad I left him he raised me I'm so sorry he's gone before I ever had a chance to say goodbye I'm missing forever he was good I love Loved him so much. My heart is broken at this moment I will cry 1 million tears rest in peace daddy and I miss you I will come to your grave and I will say goodbye

March 29 at 4:16 PM



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Arleen, Christine & Melinda posted:

We would like to take a moment to express our deepest condolences for the loss of your wonderful husband, father, brother, and friend. Gordon Lee was a man of the highest moral character who loved life. His distinctive smile and laugh will be sincerely missed. The clinic staff considered him part of our extended family because he refused to have it any other way. To be able to participate in his care and allowed the opportunity to get to know & love him was one of the greatest honors of our professional careers. He was thoughtful, kind, jovial and always attempting to feed us...with "pecan pie delivery" being his specialty. He will be missed here in this world beyond measure, but we are all confident he is still doing things the "Gordon Lee way". Melinda Coffman MNSc, ARNP-BC, ACNP, CVNP-BC Christine Bourgoin MSNc FNP-C Arleen Creasor MBA, CNA

October 31 at 6:38 AM



Linds Lee Vaughn March 29 at 4:20 PM

Patricia or Pat whatever you like to be called thank you for loving my father I love Him very much And I will miss him very much I've been looking for him for a long time and a friend of mine just sent this to me my heart is broken beyond belief and I'm so sorry that he is gone and never had time to say goodbye



Pat Lee November 4 at 2:21 AM

To the " Girls " from the HFC, thank you so much everything you have done for us, Gordon loved to go to the clinic, bring pecan pies and he loved you as well. Every time he needed you, you were always there for both of us and we can never thank you enough. He will be missed beyond words. Pat and family.



Randy Alvarez posted:

so sorry to hear of gordon's passing.enjoyed him so much at the golden gate speedway reunion.his interview with gene adler about the reverse rotation ford engine was priceess.rip.-randy alvarez

October 30 at 3:45 AM



Sherry Boyington November 3 at 4:08 AM

Thank you Randy for your kind words. He is very much missed. In 2017,(date to be determined) The 1st Annual "123 Memorial Late Model Race" in his honor at Desoto Speedway. Hope to meet you at the track. Sherry & family.



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Lucas Ford posted:

Gordon Lee was a super friend to me, as when I moved to Florida, Gordon introduced me to his many friends in the gasoline business and with his help my company was very successful and I doubt this would have been the case without him. Truly a nice guy. Lucas Ford

October 28 at 10:10 AM



Sherry Boyington November 3 at 3:47 AM

Thank you Mike, you are part of the 123 family race team. We have many Great years & memories due to him. I believe I hear it too 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸 Sherry ❤️



Mike Shirmer November 2 at 1:21 PM

Gordon's service was well attended by his many friends, I feel fortunate to have known him and worked on his race cars. I know you will miss him, Pat, and also Sherry, Robin & Michelle. I believe I hear the 123 making a victory lap of the track in heaven with the "General" holding the checkered flag up high! Mike Shirmer



Sherry Boyington October 28 at 11:15 AM

Thank you Mr. Ford for your kind words. We heard your name a lot in our home, and our father always spoke highly of you. Warm regards, Sherry, Robin & Michelle



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gordon by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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