



## Lee Charles Anderson

March 21, 1941 - October 5, 2018

Lee Charles Anderson of Elgin passed away on October 5 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease, reluctantly leaving Laura, his wife of 40 years. Born on March 21, 1941 in Racine, Wisconsin, Lee went on to earn simultaneous degrees in mathematics and physics at the University of Tulsa. As an undergraduate he maintained an active presence in the Sigma Chi fraternity and was honored as Outstanding Engineer by the faculty at the School of Engineering. Afterward he went on to complete a Master of Science degree in Industrial Administration at the Carnegie Mellon University. Lee's professional career was distinguished from the very beginning. After ten years with General Mills and in recognition of his success in the five-fold expansion of the LeeWards Company based in Elgin, he became the youngest corporate vice-president in the company's history. Always the entrepreneur, Lee then left corporate life to establish Creative Leisure Inc. and to partner in Larson Picture Framing. This partnership led to the spin-out of Full Vision Framing and has now become the industry standard in picture framing systems. Lee was happiest while coaching or watching his children and grandchildren at play. These memories include organized activities such as baseball, bicycle racing, golf, basketball, piano, and dance, but he drew even greater satisfaction from the countless activities associated with living on Lake Geneva. The home that he and Laura established there and shared freely with friends and family was perhaps his crowning personal achievement. In addition to many years of service as a coach and community volunteer, one of Lee's most gratifying personal accomplishments was to raise funds and lead in the design and construction of a new building at the First Congregational Church of Dundee, where he and Laura have been members for many decades. Completed in 2007, this project was for him a seven-year labor of love. It is fitting that Lee's passing can be celebrated by friends and loved ones in such a special place. Lee is survived by Laura, four children, and eight grandchildren. He was extremely proud of his children: Terry and Tom by his late wife Sarah, Nathan and Katy by his wife Laura. His grandchildren were the light of his life: Terry and Wendy's daughter Sarah; Tommy and Michelle's boys Nick (Kaley), Jake, and Luke; and Katy and Mike's children Archie, Sam, Maizie, and Jonah. Lee is also survived by his brother Gary (Genie), his sister Elizabeth Smith, Laura's brothers Dave (Kay) and Bryan (Meredith) Holstrom, and her sister Amy

(Mike) Vece.

Lee was preceded in death by parents Harold and Deldee as well as sister Patty. His memory will long endure: none will forget his sage advice, his effortless common sense, his insightful business acumen, or his unforgettable legacy of caring. Family and friends will gather for Funeral Services at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at First Congregational Church 900 S. Eighth St. (Route 31) in West Dundee with Rev. Aaron James, Senior Pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Bluff City Cemetery, Elgin. Visitation will be held on Friday, October 12, 2018 from 4-8 P.M. at First Congregational Church 900 S. Eighth St. (Route 31) in West Dundee and again on Saturday morning at the church from 9:00 A.M. until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Congregational Church 900 S. Eighth Street West Dundee, Illinois 60118. Miller Funeral Home, West Dundee has been entrusted with assisting the family with all arrangements.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Bluff City  
Cemetery**

Elgin, IL, 60120

**OCT Visitation 04:00PM - 08:00PM**

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First Congregational Church of West Dundee

900 S. Eighth Street (Rt. 31 & Angle Tarn), West Dundee, IL,  
US, 60118

**OCT Visitation 09:00AM - 10:00AM**

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First Congregational Church of West Dundee

900 S. Eighth Street (Rt. 31 & Angle Tarn), West Dundee, IL,  
US, 60118

# Comments

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“ Laura and family,  
My wife, Kathy, and I offer our deepest sympathy for your loss. I cannot begin to describe the gratitude we have for the support our church family has received from both you and Lee. I was fortunate to know of Lee's unwavering support of our new church project from the '90s. While I did not work directly with Lee on the final stages, those of us who were there from the beginning deeply appreciated knowing he was involved. Thank you all for sharing him with us.  
Mick Williams

**Mick & Kathy Williams** - October 11, 2018 at 02:26 PM

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“ Lee was both a mentor and inspiration. I remember flying to Chicago from Dallas in 1972 to interview for a store manager position. I came home and told my wife Cheryl I actually talked to the President and he wasn't much older than me! I had never met people as smart as I met that day. Lee was also very generous and caring. LeeWards was a special place. Lee made it that way.

John and Cheryl Popple

**John Popple** - October 10, 2018 at 08:14 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences and prayers of comfort to all of Mr. Anderson's family; especially to our friend, Katy Albright. May you find comfort in knowing that your Daddy will be with you every day; just look for his sign that he's watching over you.

Suanne and Mark Esposito

**Suanne Jennings-Esposito** - October 08, 2018 at 04:38 PM