



Carlton Lee Monroe

February 14, 1958 - June 1, 2017

After a several month battle with cancer, Carlton “Lee” Monroe died at home on June 1st, at the age of 59, with his wife by his side. He was a pillar of grace and strength until the end.

Lee was born in Atlanta, GA, on February 14, 1958 to Harold and Helen Monroe. He was the youngest of seven children, but grew to be the biggest among them. The family later resided in Albany, GA and eventually Tallahassee, FL.

Lee studied music at Florida State University where he led the trumpet section of the FSU Marching Chief Band, played lead trumpet in jazz ensembles, and served as president of his music fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi. Before leaving Tallahassee to try to find work as a musician in Orlando, he met his future wife, Rosanne (Limmer). After her graduation from FSU she joined him in Orlando and they were married on September 2, 1984.

In Orlando, Lee began working as a hand copyist. At the same time, he and Rosanne opened and operated Jungle Gymsters, then Olympus Gymnastics, for nearly a decade. Together they trained children in gymnastics and coached successful competitive gymnastics teams, one of which won a state championship.

Lee was a proud and devoted father to Andrew, born in 1991, and Sarah, born in 1992. He was extremely involved in all of the kids' interests and activities. He practiced tennis, softball, and baseball with both; kept stats for their various teams; and served as Outdoor Director for Andrew's Boy Scout troop. Lee also nurtured Andrew and Sarah's musical talent. He provided them with top-notch music teachers and he himself directed the choir at the Synagogue. Lee transformed his fascination with role playing games into weekend sessions for his kids and their friends. Family always came first with Lee.

In 1994 Rosanne and Lee closed the gym business. Lee then founded Express Music Services, Inc. that contracted with Disney to restructure the Disney Music Library, create sheet music for live shows, and eventually helped manage the Disney Entertainment department. He and his colleague Ashley Wells created fonts of their hand music calligraphy for computer copy work. The fonts are now included with commercially sold Finale® software. Lee's expertise, work ethic, and intelligence brought him to the top of his field.

When Andrew and Sarah became adults and left home, Lee became heavily involved in community activities. He headed neighborhood security for several years and pitched in to organize neighborhood social activities. In his free time, Lee enjoyed playing tennis, cooking, gardening, biking, strategy and computer gaming, Civil War reenactment, Mexican train, donating to Kickstarter and expanding his movie collection. Lee was the music director for a couple of theater productions by the Circle Christian School. He vocally trained the young actors, and hired and led professional musicians to play in the pit for those musicals, "Bye, Bye Birdie" and "Guys and Dolls."

Lee was a mentor to his family, colleagues, and friends. He had a dry sense of humor, a healthy curiosity about the world, and a deep respect for people of integrity and sincerity. Lee touched many lives in many positive ways. He will be greatly missed.

Lee leaves behind his beloved wife, Rosanne, who feels blessed to have lived more than “33 perfect years with him” and equally beloved children, son Andrew (and wife Ruby) of Scott Air Force Base, IL and daughter Sarah of Denver, CO.

Lee is also survived by several siblings: brother Michael “Mick” and his wife Linda “LB”, brother Bill and his wife June, brother Phillip and his wife Maryanne, brother Tim, and brother-in-law Preston Hardy. He was predeceased by his father and mother, Harold and Helen, brother Andrew “Andy,” and sister Patricia “Tish” Hardy.

A celebration of life will be held for Lee on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metrowest Golf Club, 2100 South Hiawasse Road, Orlando, FL 32835. Family, friends, and neighbors are invited.

In lieu of flowers, Lee’s family would appreciate remembering him with a gift to:

Hospice of the Comforter
480 West Central Parkway
Altamonte, FL. 32714

OR

South Orlando Jewish Congregation
11200 S Apopka Vineland Road
Orlando FL 32836

OR

Impact Church of Central Florida
7380 Sandlake Road
Orlando, FL. 32819

Tribute Wall

TS

“ Lee was a second father to me, we even shared the same last name (which confused plenty in the gymnastics world). I spent so much time in the gym training with Lee and Roseanne for so many years they literally were my extended family. I could always count on them for guidance and acceptance. They treated me like I was their own daughter. I knew when Andrew and Sarah were born they were two of the luckiest kiddos around. I will never forget our gym sleepovers when we would all sprawl out around the gym mats/equipment and then get woken up by Lee's famous blaring the music first thing in the morning...just so that he could get a kick out of us springing to our feet in amazement (and by that I mean sheer surprise) from what just happened. He was a kind, nurturing, fun, and inspiring man. Lee, you are missed... your memories are treasured... and your legacy lives on within all of those who were blessed with your love and friendship. Roseanne, Andrew and Sarah... I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers (as you always have been) and wish you peace and healing within. I love you all dearly.

Tamara "Tam" Monroe

Tamara Monroe Shultz - June 17, 2017 at 03:45 PM

DB

“ Rosanne, I'm so sorry to hear of Lee's passing. I know he was a wonderful father to Andrew and Sarah, and a loving husband to you. May God wrap His loving arms around you and your family. Wishing you peace and love. Thinking of you. Denise Burnett



Denise Burnett - June 16, 2017 at 11:28 AM

JR

“ *It was a pleasure to teach Andrew and get to know Lee as a father of a student in my class. He was an exceptional person who deeply loved his family and cherished time with those he loved.*

God bless you all now and during the difficult days ahead! With love, Julie

Julie Rowley - June 14, 2017 at 05:30 PM

GB

“ *Lee was a Brother in KKY Fraternity. Member of various Assemblies at the FSU school of Music. Lot of great Memories. My condolences to family members.*

Gary Beck - June 14, 2017 at 11:47 AM



“ *Was so sorry to hear this news. My memory of him is working on a music piece and booming out stanzas while I worked in the next room. Made for an enjoyable day! Prayers for understanding and guidance during this time*

Valerie Whiteside

Valerie Whiteside - June 13, 2017 at 06:44 PM

PC

“ *Rosanne, I am so very sorry to learn of your husband's passing. You, Andrew and Sarah will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Patty Costello

Patty Costello - June 13, 2017 at 01:57 PM



“ I was blessed to have the privilege of getting to know Lee as a neighbor and a friend. He was so involved in so many things - he was truly an inspiration. When he asked me to chair the Social Committee for our neighborhood, even though I wanted to say "no," I couldn't say no to him. It ended up being a good thing as I got to know so many people in the neighborhood. That was a gift he gave to me. Then when I asked him to fill the role of Santa Claus at our neighborhood holiday party, he took that to heart and gave 100% to make sure he had every detail exactly as it should be to be the perfect Santa. Everything he did, he did with his whole heart.

Family was everything to Lee. He was an incredible husband and father. I'm so thankful that we moved in across the street from the Monroe family 11 years ago, and got to see him in action. He was one of a kind and will be missed terribly.

To Rosanne - my heart breaks for you as you deal with the loss of your husband and best friend. Andrew and Sarah - you were blessed beyond measure to have such an amazing father, which I know you already know. Even though his time on earth was too short, I have 100% confidence that he taught you everything you will need to know in order to live a successful, productive and happy life. You will keep his memory alive as you live into all the potential he saw in you. Your family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. I will always be here for you - no matter what.

With Love,

Debbie Snow

Debbie Snow - June 13, 2017 at 10:41 AM

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Roe Lewis - June 11, 2017 at 09:03 AM

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Roe Lewis - June 10, 2017 at 10:41 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Monroe Photos



DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - June 10, 2017 at 03:28 PM

CB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you travel this difficult journey. What wonderful memories of a special dad, husband and son that you all have experienced! Your beautiful pictures are perfect examples of a family's love and dedication to each other. Love to all! Cindy*

Cindy Barr - June 10, 2017 at 03:07 PM

SS

“ *Rosanne, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. I remember what a great husband and father he was to you, Andrew, and Sarah.*

Sharon Samko - June 10, 2017 at 01:45 PM



“ *25 files added to the album Monroe Photos*



DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - June 10, 2017 at 12:07 PM

LF

“ *Roseanne, I am so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. You have my deepest condolences. Sending a prayer and wishing you comfort...Lois Fakioglu*

Lois Fakioglu - June 10, 2017 at 11:40 AM

TB

“ *My Uncle Lee...a man of many talents! I can see him in my mind's eye pacing up and down the hallway practicing his trumpet....trying to get the sequence just right, which to Uncle Lee meant absolutely perfect! The memories of bowling, then late night burgers at Krystal's will forever be etched in my heart. The lives you have touched, the memories you have left us all with will see us through. I know you are in good hands until we meet again!*

*Love you bunches!
Tammy*

Tammy Hardy Brewer - June 10, 2017 at 07:07 AM

SM

“ *From the days of reading his handwritten charts, to the day he created the "Disney Font", to the charts he created for last month's "Happily Ever After" Castle show open at the Magic Kingdom...it was always a pleasure to work with Lee. Just like his picture here, he always had a smile on his face. And, if we had the time, stories about his kids! He never met a problem he couldn't solve or a situation he couldn't fix. I don't think he ever met a stranger either. He was always nice. Always helpful and respectful. Always a pleasure to be around. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.*

Sarah Moore

Sarah Moore - June 09, 2017 at 09:11 PM

PH

“ Our families became close first as neighbors serving our community. Our community participation turned into years of friendship. He was the big shot in the community, I was his worker bee. Not only did he impact my role on our HOA, but my personal life as well. Lee wore many hats in our community. The last was as our HOA President. He would not shy away from anything or anyone. That’s what I love about him. He was real and honest. Planning events for the community is where we shared our passion. That is until I decided to lead our caroling group one year. Oh boy, you could not mess with his music! Our neighborhood group the Monroe, Hollins, Dobesh and Nichols families, had so much fun together. There were numerous debates when playing Mexican Train. Lee had to research every conflict. During our many dinner engagements we shared stories about life and family. Together we have celebrated birthdays, anniversaries and of course Andrew and Ruby’s wedding! We are blessed to have Lee and Rosanne in our life. We thank God for allowing our paths to cross.

You will always be loved and greatly missed,

George and Phyllis Hollins

Phyllis Hollins - June 09, 2017 at 07:47 PM