



Douglas E Lee

August 28, 1950 - December 7, 2023

Mr. Douglas Eugene Lee

Sunrise: August 28, 1950

Sunset: December 7, 2023

“In the 73 years that Douglas lived, he was so many things to so many people. He was a generous and loving person, a devoted son, a brother, an uncle, a father, and a dear friend. Douglas was a proud Vietnam Veteran and, for those who knew and loved him, a ball of energy, truly larger than life.”

Douglas Eugene Lee, age 73, formerly of Erie, PA, passed away on Thursday, December 7, 2023, in Miami Beach, Florida. He was born August 28, 1950, in Erie, PA, to Lucy Williams Hunter and the late Elijah L. Lee, Jr. He attended Academy High School, and at age 19, he entered the United States Navy. His initial installation was at U.S. Naval Station TI, San Francisco, CA. His last duty assignment was aboard the USS Wallace L. Lind (DD-703). With a deep interest in history, he could detail the story of The Sullivan Brothers and the “U.S. Navy Policy Regarding Family Members Serving Together at Sea” and why he and his brothers Mitchell and Thomas did not serve together on the same ship. After Honorable Discharge, he served in Bainbridge, Maryland, at the Naval Reserve Manpower Center. Friends and family remember Douglas for his stylish dress from head to toe. He was a big fan of James Brown's music and loved to dance.

Some of you may have seen him during his Birthday Month last August, dancing on stage with his niece Pamela during a concert at Perry Square. A lover of warm climates, Douglas later moved to Miami, Florida. He attended Miami Dade College's School of Continuing Education and Professional Development. Mr. Lee was one of a few skilled workers who successfully completed the Training for Manufactured Construction (TRAMCON) program, which included principles from the US Department of Labor's standards and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. He worked as a journeyman electrician for several companies in the Miami area, including Unlimited Electrical Contractors and Morse-Diesel Construction. After formally retiring in 2020, he enjoyed traveling to the island of St. Thomas. Douglas did his best to live life to the fullest. He loved life and had a kind heart and a caring soul. He accepted the right hand of fellowship from his brother, Rev. James A. Lee I, and confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. The Saints are rejoicing!

In addition to his father, he is preceded in death by his sister, Mrs. Margaret Ann Davis, and brothers, Mr. Henry Erving Lee, Mr. Mitchell Gregory Lee, Stepbrother, Mr. Sanders W. Ridgeway, and significant other, Ms. Renee Wilson.

Survivors include his beloved mother, Mrs. Lucy Williams Hunter; his brothers, Rev. James A. Lee I, Mr. Thomas L. Lee, Clark Hunter, and Mr. Timothy James Lee (Esther); and sisters, Mrs. Constance Ratcliff (Elder Tony Ratcliff); Mrs. Joann Sharper (Rodney Sharper) and Stepsister, Mrs. Laura E. Ridgeway Hudson (Frank); son, Mr. Antowan Dupree Lee and daughter by relationship, Mrs. Catresa Monique Hicks (Tracy Hicks).

Douglas is further survived by his cousin and best friend Frederick Ramon Richburg of Front Royal, VA, cousin Vernon Gambill, and long-time friends

Scott Harris and Roy Johnson from Erie, PA. The family thanks Ms. Dessie Harris, Erie, PA, for her friendship and loving-kindness. Many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who survive, love, and miss him deeply.

When news of his death reached members of the care team at the Bruce W. Carter Medical Center, Nurse Vera Gonzales called in tears. "He was such a good and kind man. He is missed by many." The family would like to thank his Miami community and all those who helped and cared for Douglas along the way. God bless you.

The family will receive friends at the House of Paradise Cremation & Funeral Services Inc., 701 East Avenue, Erie, PA, 16503. The Memorial Service begins at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2024.

Online Condolences may be sent to www.houseofparadisefuneralservices.com.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Mr. Douglas Eugene Lee, please visit the floral store <https://www.eriepaflowers.com>

Previous Events

Memorial Services

JAN 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

House of Paradise Cremation & Funeral Services Inc.
701 East Avenue
Erie, PA 16503
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Tribute Wall



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“ FOR UNCLE DOUGLAS 💜 FROM PAM

As a child, Uncle Douglas was the coolest dude to me, the definition of a true OG. My memories of him have always been good. The apple Jack hat cocked to the side and he always had a smile on his face. He would take us out walking with him and spoiled us rotten. Whenever he was around we always had a good time. The Saturday night card games at Grammy's house, sitting under the table waiting for the money to fall so I could scoop it up, (the last time he was here he informed me that he knew just how much he was dropping). Then around age 12 or 13 he wasn't around anymore. His presence was always missed and since my birthday is two days after his around his birthday, I would be flooded with memories of him....fast forward to August 23, 2019 when I received a text message saying that he was here in Erie. What? We thought he was with the saints since we hadn't seen or heard from him in about 40 years. I mean who disappears from their friends and family for that long and pops back up without missing a beat...Uncle Douglas, that's who! I heard he was staying at the Avalon hotel so I went there trying to track him down.... I had just missed him. I waited for over an hour and while waiting I told the story to the lady at the front desk. Now she was anxious to see this reunion. I finally left and gave them my number with instructions to call me as soon as he got back. They called me about 45 minutes later saying that he was in the restaurant and was a bit rambunctious. When I arrived I stood off to the side just looking at him. He finally turned and looked at me and said why you looking at me like that, I responded that he looked like a man that I knew when I was a little girl, he said lady I don't know you. I said I think you do if you take a good look at me. He did and said you look like my sister Margaret Ann but can't be her because I just found out she died years ago, I said close, I'm her daughter. He said my niece Pammy? Yep...that's me. Then there it was..that bright smile that I remembered as a girl followed by the biggest hug ever.. and just like that, I had my uncle again. When he was visiting it was all smiles and fun times. With the exception of the last visit, he would stay with me the second week

he was visiting. The late night talks were the best, he would come and sit on the foot of my bed and would reminisce about my mom and other family. Him always telling me to slow down and stop working so hard. I'm so happy that my children and two of my grandchildren got to meet him. My granddaughter Jayda took to him immediately and he would spoil her too. One of my last memories of him was him coming to see me perform in the band this summer at Perry Square and while I was singing he came up on stage and danced with me....and of course the smile(and the can of Budweiser) was there. Although I am saddened to lose him, I was so happy that he came back to us even if was for a short time. I was blessed to be there at the time when he was reunited with Grammy. There was the biggest and brightest smile on his face until Grammy said, "shame on you, staying away so long and not calling your mother"....then he laughed. That laugh was music to both of our ears. That's how I will always remember him, the love, the smiles, and always laughing.....



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