



## Lee George

August 6, 1941 - May 21, 2015

Lee George, age 73, a resident of Armada for 14 years passed away May 21, 2015, at Henry Ford Hospital in Clinton Township. Lee was born August 6, 1941 in Indiana, Pennsylvania, to Leo and Pauline Gabella. Lee graduated from Detroit Pershing High School and attended Wayne State University for his undergraduate studies and then obtained his Master's Degree as well. Lee was an accomplished musician, conductor, and composer. He conducted the Utica Civic Orchestra. Lee taught grades 9-12 in the Utica School District and was also a Band Director and an English Teacher retiring in 2004 after 30 years of dedicated service. He was the Music Director of over 30 productions in community theater in the Metro Detroit Area. Lee also enjoyed reading and traveling. He especially enjoyed taking trips to Walt Disney World. He was an advocate of alternative medicine and holistic healing. Lee is the beloved husband of Susan of 23 years, and loved nephew of Sam George. Lee also leaves behind many loving family members and friends. He also leaves behind his faithful four-legged furry companion Pandy. Lee's dog Pandy was even able to see Lee as he passed away at the hospital. Lee is preceded in death by his mother, Pauline; Father, Leo; and step-father Johan Reef. A memorial visitation will take place Wednesday, May 27, 2015 from 2-8 PM at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road, (3 Blocks East of Van Dyke) Utica, Michigan 48317. A memorial service will take place Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family appreciates memorial contributions in Lee's memory to the Leukemia and

Lymphoma Society or The Henry Ford II Band Boosters.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAY 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

AS

“ I looked you up after almost twenty years after graduating from your class. I always wanted to do my best for you and you pushed me to do that. I am incredibly successful and I owe so much of it to you.

Thank you. I regret I waited so long to get in touch with you. Thank you for being the excellent teacher you were.

With fond memories...

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**ash** - August 05, 2015 at 08:40 PM



“ Prayers to you at this difficult time. We knew Lee from working with him at The Macomb Theatre at the Barn. Always smiling and the best music ever.

Darrell & Kathy Schwartz

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**Kathy Trombley Schwartz** - May 27, 2015 at 07:08 PM

MS

“ Susan I'm glad his ordeal is over. You know that you and Lee are in our prayers, and even though we couldn't make it today we were with you in thought. I'll be talking to you.

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**marcia smith** - May 27, 2015 at 06:29 PM

DB

“ Susan, I am so sorry to hear of Lee's passing! I only met him twice but know what a wonderful person he was! Praying for you as you go through this sad time!

love,  
Diane Bond

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**Diane Bond** - May 27, 2015 at 03:27 PM

AD

“ Mrs. George,

*Our thoughts, prayers and love are with you.*

*Love and Hugs,  
The Drake Family*

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**Amy Drake** - May 27, 2015 at 09:50 AM

JA

“ Bob & Jo Ames extend our sympathies to Susan & the King Family.

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**Jo Ames** - May 26, 2015 at 07:42 PM

DI

“ Sue,

*I was so sorry to hear of Lee's passing. I know there are no words to take away your pain, but I will be praying for comfort and peace.*

*May the angels welcome you to paradise,  
May the martyrs greet you on your way,  
May you see the face of the Lord this day,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*God Bless,  
Darlene Ivan*

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**Darlene Ivan** - May 25, 2015 at 06:19 PM

SB

“ *Sending our love and support to you in this time of loss. Please know you are in our prayers.*

*Switzer Elementary PTO*

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**Switzer PTO Board** - May 25, 2015 at 10:07 AM

PC

“ *I taught at Utica High for many years with Lee. We shared a room 206 and he was an excellent teacher. He always shared jokes with me. He kept me informed in Union Matters. I enjoyed the gang meeting for lunch or dinner up to a few months ago. I will always remember him in my heart. Patrick Chianetta*

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**pateick Chianetta** - May 25, 2015 at 08:41 AM

 Holly Wolf

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Holly Wolf** - May 25, 2015 at 08:33 AM

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*...and what a life he led! Hugs and Prayers as you pay tribute to Lee.*

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**Holly Wolf** - May 25, 2015 at 08:34 AM

JK

“ *Sue, my thoughts are with you. I'm so sorry for your loss. Much love to you.*

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**J.J. Koehn** - May 25, 2015 at 08:00 AM

RP

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Rene Pietryga** - May 24, 2015 at 08:47 PM

RP

“ *In a time where girls playing trumpet was a rare site, you believed in me, let me join the Modern Band, even though I wasn't very good at the jazz part. Had a yearbook picture one year that was focused around me being the only girl in that band. Made me a rank leader for Marching Band but just didn't think girls could be Drum Majors yet. My musical life to this day has so much of the teaching that was instilled in us. I never eat or drink anything but water before I play and cringe when I see someone drinking a pop then playing...etc. More memories that can be listed. I was so glad to be apart of the Alumni Band where we got to play under your direction just one more time.*

*Rene' Paczkowski Pietryga  
Class of '77*

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**Rene Pietryga** - May 24, 2015 at 08:39 PM

TM

“ *Sue,  
Prayers and hugs are sent your way! Love, Tami Moore*

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**tamra clark- moore** - May 24, 2015 at 04:14 PM

JD

“ *He called me "Pussycat."*

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**Judy Dery** - May 24, 2015 at 09:15 AM

Jill Marie

“ *Jill Marie lit a candle in memory of Lee George*



Jill Marie - May 24, 2015 at 08:41 AM

Jill Marie

*Lee was an incredibly talented and passionate musician. My thoughts and prayers are with all of those who loved him.*

Jill Marie - May 24, 2015 at 08:42 AM

ML

“ *I will never forget Mr George. We was a wonderful person and a mentor to so many!*

mary learmont-hatfield - May 24, 2015 at 07:10 AM

DS

“ *As my high school band director he inspired me in so many ways. He was undoubtedly one of the most influential people in my young life. So many of my life experiences revolved around my career as a musician - music filled my life, music was my life.*

*Thank you Mr. George for sharing your passion with me and so many others. I am grateful many of us were able to see you last summer and share with you how extraordinary you were and how you positively impacted so many lives with your teaching. Your music lives on in us all.*

*~ Dawn Steffens  
Class of '82*

Dawn Steffens - May 24, 2015 at 07:06 AM

KC

“ I had many great memories of Mr George in symphonic and marching band. We had many great talks and many great laughs. he was an inspiration to me musically. Thank you

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**Karen Herr Caylor** - May 23, 2015 at 08:49 PM

PD

“ Dearest cousin Lee,

*we always had such great fun and times growing up together. we were more like brother and sisters; Lee, Ellen and Mary Louise. Our travels, adventures, musicals, singing, parties with the family, picnics, going to church with great-grandmother Louise..... We were such a happy group, and much, much more. the best of memories. LOVE YOU ALWAYS, NO END!!!!!! THANK YOU FOR THE BEING MY COUSIN!!!!!! I always said you had the most beautiful blue eyes I've ever seen. LOVE, MARY L.*

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**paula dignan** - May 23, 2015 at 06:52 PM