



## Lee M. Hercula

January 27, 1980 - November 1, 2019

Lee Mathew Hercula, age 39, of Maryland, passed away November 1, 2019.

Born January 27, 1980 in Southfield, Michigan, Lee worked for the United States Government at Aberdeen Proving Ground as a Cyber Security Specialist and served in the US Army. Lee was known for a variety of achievements during his career as Captain in the United States Army such as running operations, serving as the network extension platoon leader, and working as Company Executive Officer for the Brigade. Lee won a multitude of awards for his service including two Meritorious Unit Commendations, five Army Commendation Medals, and the NATO Medal for exemplary service and performance during Operation Iraqi Freedom II and VII, among others.

Outside of work, Lee had many hobbies and will be remembered dearly for his sense of humor and love for playing chess, tennis and soccer. A passionate baseball fan, Lee loved the Detroit Tigers, but above all else Lee loved spending time with his family. Lee was kind and generous to everyone he met and was always there for everyone in his family. He was the best of us and will be dearly missed.

Lee is survived by his beloved mother Gale Hercula and stepfather Raleigh Norton. He was the loving brother of Ryan (Carissa) Hercula, Rachel (Stephen) Wood, the late Luke Hercula, Karl Hercula, Carol (Clinton) Mills,

Kurt Norton, and Chloe (Dylan) Cassel. Proud uncle of Lillian Hercula, Alexander Hercula, Sadie Hercula, Madeline Mills, Natalie Mills, Gene Mills, and Noah Mills. Dear nephew of Christina Martin, Cynthia Ashley and William Taurence, Janis Parrigin and Thomas Parrigin, and Mark Dresselhouse. Also survived by several cousins. Lee was predeceased by his beloved cats Baby and Nadia.

Visitation Thursday 4-8 p.m. and Friday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service 1 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
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## Visitation

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

NOV 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Thanks for your service.you gave to the preservation of this fine country.your devotion for god,family,country has not gone unnoticed..thank you sir again.for your service..my heartfelt condolences to your family.. Scott montgomery veteran u.s.army Vietnam

scott montgomery - November 30, 2019 at 08:50 AM

RW

“ My sweet brother Lee. My heart aches and aches to see you and talk with you. You are the best brother that any sister could ask for. You were a strong beacon of light for me and many others. You have given the world so much of yourself and we were the lucky ones to have known the beauty of your heart, so kind, gentle, generous, and loving. I am a better person for having had you in my life on earth and I thank you for all the gifts you have given this world. I don't know if the tears will stop falling. I love you so very much and will miss you and think of you each day until we see each other again.



Rachel Wood - November 10, 2019 at 07:38 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lee M. Hercula.*



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November 07, 2019 at 08:51 PM



“ *To Gale and the entire Hercula family, my heart goes out to you. I knew Lee growing up, especially in high school (what a great tennis player!), and also from being friends with Ryan and Rachel. He was a kind, smart, clever, funny, and genuinely nice guy with a warm personality, making him a joy to be around. His smile was contagious. He leaves behind a void felt by so many who knew and loved him, and he will be dearly missed.*

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**Alison Murray** - November 07, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lee M. Hercula.*



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November 07, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ *Reid Hopper purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Lee M. Hercula.*



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**Reid Hopper** - November 07, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Lee M. Hercula.*



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November 07, 2019 at 09:10 AM



“ *Rachel I cannot begin to tell you how Steve and I are feeling right now. There are no words. I know in my heart Rachel that that kind of love cannot be broken even by death. He is just a breath away.. What an amazing man he was to accomplish so much in such a short period of time and to touch so many people's lives as I have read here in the memories. I wish we could say something to make you feel better, to know that this horrible grief will get better as time passes. But the truth of the matter is it's always going to be there.. it'll always be that empty place in your heart that only he could fill. But a part of that empty place will eventually be filled with love and memories that you were so blessed to have. And I know one thing for certain... he will be watching over you every moment of every day. We love you.*

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**Valerie Anderson** - November 07, 2019 at 09:06 AM

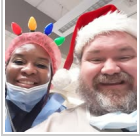


“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Lee M. Hercula.*



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November 07, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ Words can not express my sorrow for your family's loss. This is a tragedy and I can only express my condolences and empathy. My own brother died recently and in the same way. Lee will be missed and my heart goes out to your family. Lou Houchin

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**Lou Houchin** - November 07, 2019 at 08:38 AM

JR

“ Joseph & Gillian Roesch purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Lee M. Hercula.



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**Joseph & Gillian Roesch** - November 07, 2019 at 08:14 AM

DB

“ Dear Gale, It is impossible to imagine the intensity of heartbreak you are experiencing. My deepest heartfelt sympathy goes to you and your entire family. I hope that you can find peace knowing that Lee was a bright light in so many lives. His smile alone could make a person feel better, not to mention his wonderful dorky sense of humor. I remember going to the casino with Lee and Rachel and having the best time laughing. You taught him how to love, be kind and care for others (and cats). I am sorry that the world caused him so much immeasurable pain. He is gone way too soon and I have to believe that he is truly resting in peace now. So much love to you all, Debi Bailey

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**Debi Bailey** - November 07, 2019 at 07:16 AM



Christina  
Nelson

“ *My sympathies go out to your entire family. I met Lee once and he left a lasting impression. He was funny, kind and you could tell he had a big heart. Our family loved having him and Rachel over for the holidays. I'm so sorry to hear about your loss and I'm sending you positive thoughts during this difficult time.*

*Love,  
Christina*

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**Christina Nelson** - November 07, 2019 at 06:44 AM

JH

“ *Jay and Nevada Hill purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Lee M. Hercula.*



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**Jay and Nevada Hill** - November 06, 2019 at 06:28 PM

MM

“ *Gale and family*

*It is hard to find the words to express my condolences. As a friend and a mother myself, I can't wrap my mind around what you may be feeling at this time. Over the years, I have watched each of your children grow and mature into adulthood. Lee was always stood out for me. That wonderful smile and the goofy laugh always gave me joy. I especially loved his genuine compassion for others. He was always so giving to others, asking for nothing in return. Looking back on the times you, he and I spent together makes me feel lucky and proud to have known such a beautiful spirit. I am sorry that he had to endure such pain and wish I could have been more helpful. I will truly miss his precious, soft spoken conversations and pray that he may rest peacefully in his eternally life.*

*I love you Lee*

*Marilyn Madison*

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**Marilyn Madison** - November 06, 2019 at 05:55 PM

RE

“ *Prayers from the friends at The Woods FM2 men's group.*

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**RJ Evns** - November 06, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lee M. Hercula.*



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November 06, 2019 at 02:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lee M. Hercula.*



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November 06, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to Rachel and family. I know Lee was one of a kind. I will always remember our casino adventures and puzzling! All of my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*

*Love,  
Carrie, Jeremy, Olivia and Jaxon*

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**Carrie Nunn** - November 06, 2019 at 01:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lee M. Hercula.*



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November 06, 2019 at 01:22 PM