



Lee Edward Tuel

June 28, 1947 - February 4, 2020

Lee Edward Tuel passed away unexpectedly on February 4 at the Pearl Valley Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Lake Park.

Lee was born on June 28, 1947. He grew up on the family farm northwest of Milford, and, starting in 1957, on a farm near Dwight, North Dakota. Lee was a sweet, quiet, and gentle person. He was born with developmental disabilities. He had a happy childhood. His brothers were his constant companions on the farm. They played baseball for hours and hours. Lee loved dogs. He loved the activity of the farm. He liked routines and had a number of assigned chores, such as feeding and watering the chickens, and gathering eggs.

After the family moved back to Milford, Lee resided at the Dickinson County Home, and then moved to a group home in Spirit Lake, which was a very good situation for him. The staff and his housemates were his family now and he had a place and he was always included. He was taken on many outings, including a trip to Kansas Speedway, which was a highlight of his life. He worked at Echo Plus/Hope Haven for many years, doing assembly, packaging, and other jobs. He was a good worker, very steady, but he famously refused to do a job on a couple of occasions, to the quiet delight of everyone. It was such a surprise, because he was always so gentle. After retiring from that job, he attended daytime rehabilitation at Hope Haven.

In the last few months of his life he lived at the nursing home in Lake Park. And the end came very quietly for him.

At each of these places there were staff people who were much more than staff. There were so many people who really loved him. Words cannot express the gratitude that his family has for all of the folks who loved and cared for him.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Virginia Tuel, and is survived by his brothers, Jim of Spirit Lake, Ted of St. Paul, Minnesota, and John of Raeford, North Carolina, as well as their families.

Cemetery Details

Milford Cemetery

HWY 71
Milford, IA 51351

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary United Methodist Church
679 W. Okoboji Rd.
Arnolds Park, IA 51331

Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ *Jeri Lee lit a candle in memory of Lee Edward Tuel*



Jeri Lee - February 11, 2020 at 09:19 AM

BC

“ *Becky Kozaczka, Cousin lit a candle in memory of Lee Edward Tuel*



Becky kozaczka, cousin - February 10, 2020 at 07:25 PM

MC

“ *Mary Jones Blanchard (Cousin) lit a candle in memory of Lee Edward Tuel*



Mary Jones Blanchard (cousin) - February 10, 2020 at 12:05 AM

JK

“ *Jim, I am sorry for your loss. I will be thinking of you.*

Jane Kauzlarich - February 08, 2020 at 06:54 PM

KF

“ So sorry to hear of Lee's passing. I was blessed to have had the opportunity to have Lee in my life. I cared for Lee in the group home for quite a few years. Lee was a gentle soul, a gentleman and a fighter. Lee never gave up despite his challenges that he faced and disabilities. When those of us at the group home heard of his passing, we all gathered in the living room and shared our memories of Lee. We laughed and cried. Lee was loved by his housemates and the staff. We missed Lee very much when he went to the nursing home and visited him frequently. Lee always greeted us with a smile. Lee lived a full life and was surrounded by people and family that loved him very much. How could you help but not love Lee. Way too many special memories. Lee was always willing to do what ever was asked of him. Now at the same time, if Lee was not wanting to do something, Lee made it very clear he was not going to budge. Good for Lee. So, my pray for Lee is that he is in a better place and will walk through heaven's gait with his head held high and be embraced by his mother and father and those who have gone before him. Cheers to Lee, I will miss you.

Kim Feese

Kim Feese - February 07, 2020 at 03:05 PM

 Ruby Wittrock

“ Lee was always the gentle soul, a peaceful presence. Bless his heart, his sweet smile!

Ruby Wittrock

Ruby Wittrock - February 07, 2020 at 12:06 PM

M(

“ *Merla Kimble Sirovy (cousin) lit a candle in memory of Lee Edward Tuel*



Merla Kimble Sirovy (cousin) - February 06, 2020 at 07:47 PM

BC

Sadden you're hear of Lee's passing . My prayers to his brothers.

Becky kozaczka, cousin - February 08, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Lee Edward Tuel.*



February 06, 2020 at 06:38 PM

KL

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Lee. Lee and Barb lived in the group home in Spirit Lake, such a good person. R.I.P. our friend. Fly high with the angels. Till we meet again.*



Kent & Jo Kastrup and Barb Lindsay - February 05, 2020 at 06:08 PM

PT

“ *Paula E Krogman Tietz lit a candle in memory of Lee Edward Tuel*



Paula E Krogman Tietz - February 05, 2020 at 06:35 AM

MS

“ *Michele Shortley lit a candle in memory of Lee Edward Tuel*



Michele Shortley - February 04, 2020 at 09:15 PM