



John E. Lee

April 15, 2007

John E. Lee, age 66, of Versailles, passed away Sunday, April 15, 2007, in Barnett. He was born May 3, 1940, in Barnett, the son of Ralph W. and Wanda Huston Lee.

On May 29, 1966, at the First Baptist Church in Versailles, he was united in marriage with Viola Lett who survives of the home.

John was a U.S. Army veteran. He joined the LDS church in Wickenburg, Arizona, and then rededicated his life at the First Baptist Church in Versailles. He worked for the Rock Island Railroad as a lineman, was a truck driver for 14 years, and most recently, he was the superintendent of grounds for the Rancho de los Caballeros in Wickenburg, Arizona. While living in Wickenburg he starred on a commercial for Marlboro. He loved to ride and show horses, enjoyed coon hunting, fishing, and loved the water and driving his boat, but most of all, he loved his family.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son Pfc. Patrick John Lee USMC Silent Drill Platoon in Washington D.C.; three daughters, Amanda Maria Black-Schmidt and husband Rodney of Monte Vista, Colorado, Pamela Dee Berkstresser and husband Patrick of Stover, and Katherine Elizabeth Lizarraga of Barnett; eleven grandchildren, John Wesley Black of Wickenburg, Arizona, Ana Maria Black, Autumn Black, Alexandria Black, Abigail Schmidt,

Shawn Schmidt, and Seth Schmidt, all of Monte Vista, Colorado, Joey Lizarraga of Wickenburg, Arizona, Shelby Lee of Barnett, and Zoey and Zander Berkstresser both of Stover; one brother Michael B. Lee of Versailles; one nephew David Lee of Versailles, and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Shawn Edward Lee in 1981, and one brother Ralph W. Lee Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 21, at the First Baptist Church in Versailles. Memorial contributions are suggested to the John E. Lee Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home or the American Cancer Society. To send online condolences to the family visit www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Tribute Wall

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“ Christopher Marko lit a candle in memory of John E. Lee



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“ John Lee once told us a story about how, while sitting in a classroom situation while in training for the US Army was struck with an awful toothache. He was sent immediately to the dentist where it was determined that the tooth must be pulled! Well, they proceeded to pull that tooth without any Novocain or pain medication and he felt every bit of it!

At the end of what was probably a new experience with pain, John Lee was then instructed to go back to class. He did so in classic John Lee manner with strength and dignity. John was certainly one of the kindest, hard working men that I have ever had the pleasure to know.

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