



## Lee Holst

July 31, 1941 - January 23, 2023

### LEE HOLST

Lee Wray Holst passed away on Monday, January 23rd, 2023 at his home in Kansas City, KS, surrounded by his loving family. He was 81 years old.

Lee was born July 31, 1941, to Orville R. Holst and Ruby E. (Hix) Holst-Arnhold. He was raised by his grandparents Leo M. and Nora L. (Martin) Holst, and attended Proctor Elementary in Morgan County MO. Growing up, he lived with his father in Kansas City KS, graduating from Wyandotte High School in 1959.

Lee proudly served in the United States Navy from 1959 to 1963, stationed out of Norfolk, VA. His tour of duty included 18 months in Argentina Newfoundland on the Crash Crew, and two years aboard the ATF USS Seneca (AT-91). During his service, Lee helped defend the United States during the Cuban Missile Crisis, as the Seneca was in the US Navy sphere of operations near Guantanamo Bay Cuba in 1962. Lee was Honorably Discharged in November 1963.

On March 28, 1965, Lee married Marjorie J. Dunnaway. In 2022, they happily celebrated 57 years of marriage. Marjorie survives of the home.

Lee and Marjorie moved to Kansas City, KS in the fall of 1965, where Lee worked as a receiving clerk for Firestone Tire and Rubber Co in Kansas City, MO. Lee then began a 30-year career in the Kansas City Kansas Fire Department in August 1970, retiring at the rank of Captain on April 1, 2001. While on the department, Lee also honed his skills at upholstery, helping bring new life to furniture for many years.

In retirement, Lee enjoyed a rich life. He spent his summers at the Lake of the Ozarks and winters in Kansas City, KS. Lee enjoyed many hobbies including fishing, bowling, and sharing his many stories with family and friends.

In addition to his wife, Marjorie, Lee is survived by three daughters, Kala (Ron) Coleman, Lara (Mike) Harkness, and Adonna (Chriss) Thompson; grandchildren, Kimber (Daniel) Young, Alexander Coleman (Carmen Miller), Devon (Courtney) Harkness, Kelsey Coleman (Caleb Cornish), and Grace Harkness (Bob Keeper); great-granddaughter, Piper Harkness, and his sisters, Joyce Cochran and Charlotte (David) Gray.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Ruby; stepfather, Harold Arnhold, and his grandparents.

Funeral service with military honors will be held Saturday, February 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Kidwell Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel in Laurie, MO. Burial will immediately follow at the Holst Family Cemetery in Gravois Mills, MO. The Cemetery is on Holst Lane (From Hwy 5, west on Soap Creek Road at Raymond's Boats). Visitation will be from 1:00-2:00 p.m., Saturday at the funeral home.

The family will also host a celebration of life on Sunday, February 12, 2023, starting at noon at the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #4, 7844 Leavenworth Rd, Kansas City, KS.

Instead of flowers, the family requests donations made in Lee's honor to the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the Fire Family Foundation.

Online condolences may be left at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com).

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Holst Cemetery

Gravois Mills, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel  
417 Silvey Rd.  
Laurie, MO 65038  
(573) 374-7688

## Service

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My cousin on my Dad's side messaged me if I was kin to Lee Holst told me were to find his obit. Lee Wray and I sorta grew up together. Uncle Leo and Aunt Nora would come visit my folks or we would go down to there place. Lee Wray and I would have so much fun together playing. I loved going and drinking from the spring it tasted sooo good. After Lee Wray moved up to his dad's we lost touch with each other. One summer when Roy and Lois had a fish fry Lee Wray came down on his motorcycle so we got to see each other and visited. Was shocked to hear of his passing. Sending my thoughts and prayers to his family for comfort. Lee Wray was a great guy 🙏🙏  
Helen Rehmer Tatum  
My Mother was Francess Holst Rehmer

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**Helen Rehmer Tatum** - February 11, 2023 at 02:05 PM

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“ Lee Wray was so interesting to listen to and he knew all about the history of the Holst family and cemetery. He encouraged my daughter to be a junior firefighter for Versailles Rural Fire Protection District which she enjoyed. Margie he will be missed. God be with you and family. Marlene,Lindsay and Lacey Williams

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**Marlene Williams** - January 31, 2023 at 02:24 PM