



Samantha Susan Lee

June 25, 1967 - March 7, 2014

Samantha (Sam, Sammi) Lee was born on June 25, 1967 in Kansas City, Kansas. Her parents were/are Janet & Forest (Bud) Lee.

Along with her brother, Laurence, the family moved to the Lake of the Ozarks in 1968.

She was a graduate of Versailles High School in 1985, and graduated from William Woods College in 1989. She was married to Vince Williams for over 8 years.

Samantha lived in Springfield, Osage Beach, and North Kansas City, Missouri until the past month. The last 5 weeks she and her mother have shared their lake home. Sam's intention was to move on to Dallas, Texas. She had worked for Northcare Hospice in North Kansas City, Missouri for six years and most recently at Realty Executives in Overland Park, Kansas.

Samantha passed away very suddenly Friday, March 7th. She was 46 years old.

She loved her family and so enjoyed her four cats. She was a devoted member of the Kitty Cat Connection in Kansas City, serving on their board. Her love, presence, quick wit, beauty and thoughtfulness will be missed tremendously by her family and friends.

She is survived by her mother, Jan Lee of Fort Myers Beach, Florida; her brother, Laurence Lee and wife Theresa of Dallas, Texas; her half-sister, Barbara McGrath and husband Barry and their family of Denver, Colorado; nieces, Madison Lee and Nikki Lee both of Dallas, Texas; cousins, Lao Culver of Folsom, California, Jeane Appell of Auburn, California and Zoe Galloway of Quincy, Florida and many other relatives and friends. Preceding her in death was a brother Terence Martin, her father, Forest (Bud) Lee and a half-sister, Judy Segraves.

A celebration of Samantha's life will be held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 15th, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, at the funeral home. Memorial donations are suggested to the following: Kitty Cat Connection, P.O. Box 902085, Kansas City, MO 64190, S.T.A.F.F. Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 1324, Laurie, MO 65038 or Unity at the Lake Church, P.O. Box 680, Sunrise Beach, MO 65079.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

LL

“ Our family wishes to express sincere thanks for all of the condolences and memories you've shared here. It has truly touched us and given comfort knowing all of the people that Samantha touched and all that love her. Thank you.

Laurence Lee - March 30, 2014 at 05:16 PM

BF

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Samantha's family. We are sadden to hear of your loss. May you find solace in the love and memories shared together and may God comfort you with the words at Revelation 21:4,5. Happily we can look forward to the day God promises to reunite us with loved ones by the resurrection John 5:28,29. May these scriptures bring you some comfort in the days ahead.

Beltran Family - March 21, 2014 at 12:48 AM

RE

“ Dear Mama Lee and family, My heart hurts from the loss of Sam. Hugs to all. I hope the memory of her smile will light up our days and put a smile on our faces. Resa

Resa - March 19, 2014 at 10:00 AM

TR

“ Jan:

I am so sorry for your loss. Sammy was so bright and beautiful and full of light and energy. I have no memory of Sammy without seeing her fantastic smile. She will always be part of my favorite memories of Versailles and growing up around the Lake of the Ozarks. I so much enjoyed the time with you and Bud and Sammy in your home during those months from 1981 to 1982.

I will pray for comfort and blessings on you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Tim Roberts

Tim Roberts - March 17, 2014 at 11:32 AM

SG

“ *For Sam's Family: Sam and I worked together at NorthCare Hospice. I am so sad to hear of her passing. I have a great memory I will share. One morning, pulling into work, I heard a "meow" as I got out of my car. Looking around for a kitten and not finding one, I went into work. I mentioned it to Sam. I went out for lunch, came back and heard a "meow", again. She grabbed a can of cat food (who knew she kept a few in her desk drawer?). By end of the day, the can was empty, but still no cat. I drove home, got out of the car and heard "meow", again. Looking under the hood, just in case, was the tiniest black kitten. I called Sam and she came over, with food and a cat carrier. (She carried that too?) We used heavy gloves to get the cat out of the engine. She took the cat home. We talked about that day for months! I will miss her lots! I pray for you, her family. Suzy Gragg.*

Suzy Gragg - March 17, 2014 at 07:59 AM

LC

“ Dear Laurence, Jan, Madison, Teresa, n family, I have A candle burning in honor of this time. May your grief become lighter each day. May you feel the comfort of angels always. My prayers are with you, Love, Lea Carroll

Lea Carroll - March 15, 2014 at 03:27 PM

LC

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Lea Carroll - March 15, 2014 at 03:27 PM

PC

“ Jan, Laurence and family,
Your family is on my heart and in my prayers at this difficult time. I pray that God will comfort you and bring peace in this time of need.
With heartfelt sympathy,
Patricia



Patricia Chamberlain - March 15, 2014 at 09:33 AM

TM

“ Laurence,

Bobbie and I were saddened to hear of your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts.

Love & Peace,

T& B

Tim McCormack - March 14, 2014 at 06:02 PM

PH

“ Dear Jan and Family,

We are so saddened by your loss. We are keeping you close in our hearts and prayers.

Your rotary friends and your Unity brothers and sisters are here for you. There are many people who care about you and wish you peace. May you find comfort in warm memories and being with your family and friends.

Love and Light,

Patti and Richard Hall

Patti Hall - March 14, 2014 at 12:57 PM

MG

“ *My dear Jan;*

have been heartbroken and at a loss for words since hearing of Sam's passing.

No parent should have to lose a child.

You were so blessed to have had those wonderful weeks together.

Remember when you brought her home. Your family and Sam were so lucky to have found each other.

Just remember that your loss is heaven's gain.

My love to you and all of Sam's family,

Marcia

MARCIA GINGRICH - March 13, 2014 at 11:19 PM

BC

“ *Sam was a sweet lady, coming from a very sweet family. I am so glad we got to spend the weekend with her this past Labor Day, getting to know her better, and floating in the lake with her. She will be missed greatly by so many. While I am confident her sweet spirit is finding great joy and peace now, I send loving prayers for healing of grief to her wonderful family - Mama Lee, Laurence, Theresa, Nikki, Madison and the rest of her many family and friends. She will be greatly missed.*

Bryan Carpenter - March 13, 2014 at 01:58 PM

JS

“ Sam was a fun loving person! She always made me laugh! When she would come in to get her hair permed, the conversation would be entertaining so that it made my job a breeze!!! Her stories of her "kitty cats" were always great!! I know she loved her family as well! You know clients tell their stylist many things! It is a privilege to have enjoyed her smile & laughter. Sam has been on my mind, she is missed already!!! God is blessed to have her with him now.

Jeni Stull - March 13, 2014 at 10:00 AM

SS

“ Sammi was my sorority sister, roommate & more importantly my friend.

I loved her sense of humor & ability to build confidence in me. Everything from telling if I was really tired "I could still sleep with the TV set on" to giving me the childhood blue carpet (we used in our dorm room) for my next room & roommate. We later called it "the nuclear blue fallout carpet."

Sam was a great girl & someone I was honored to spend a short time with. In my heart, I knew she would be someone, no matter how much time passed, that I would regard as a friend.

May God provide his mercy, love & peace to her family & friends.

Sarah B. Smalley-Ledfprd - March 12, 2014 at 11:01 PM

JS

“ Jeni Stull lit a candle in memory of Samantha Susan Lee



Jeni Stull - March 12, 2014 at 10:07 PM

MM

“ Jan-

I was terribly sorry to hear of the recent loss of your daughter. You both are certainly occupying my thoughts and prayers these days.

Michaela Mattson - March 12, 2014 at 09:13 PM

TL

“ *My sweet, strong sister-in-law Sammie Sue. The poem below posted by Roberta Hearn speaks to me because yes "if love could have saved you", you would still be here with us. We will love you forever Sammie, and I loved you unconditionally as a sister would. I looked forward to your coming to Dallas on your new journey. I felt like it was an empowering decision for you to come be in Dallas with the heat!! A new beginning for you and I believe as Marianne Williamson says " God specializes in New Beginnings". I envisioned you with us on our Sunday family dinner nights and laughing with you. Your laughter is contagious and I will never forget it. Thank you for your loving spirit in our lives and we know you will be watching over many kitties, animals and our family. Thank God for your happiness in the last few months and our wonderful memories from Thanksgiving and Christmas. Playing Spoons with you at the kitchen table, getting so aggressive! So many awesome times in the boat, watching you flap the water chasing the huge horse flies away in the lake, I wish I would have videoed that! You will be missed so greatly. We are with you and I know you are feeling a love in Heaven that is like no other love we have known. Peace, Love and Happiness to you forever Sammie.*

Theresa Lee - March 12, 2014 at 06:11 PM

ES

I can not believe this is happening. I clearly remember the occasions Sammy and grandma Leer were coming home when Madison was a baby. impossible to forget people like them that when they saw you just gave you love. sorry that you are going through all this. please give Lawrence a tight hug from me same to his mother

Elsa de los Santos - March 12, 2014 at 10:59 PM

DC

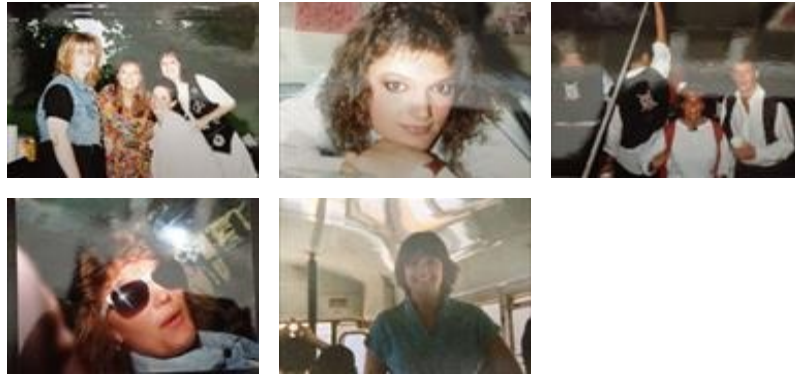
“ *Debra Stevens Crum lit a candle in memory of Samantha Susan Lee*



Debra Stevens Crum - March 12, 2014 at 03:56 PM

KI

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Kim - March 12, 2014 at 03:13 PM

KI

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Kim - March 12, 2014 at 03:00 PM

MB

“ So so sad to hear of Sam's passing. One of the finest friends I've ever had. Definitely the funniest, wittiest most caring individual on earth. Working together at Lake Port Marina was super, the laughs at Lucky's and rescuing cats, the list is endless of great memories. We lost a good one in Sam, my condolences to you Jan and all the family.

Mark Brodwater
Ocean City, NJ

Mark Brodwater - March 12, 2014 at 02:19 PM

DJ

“ Dear Jan,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you! We are so-o sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,
Darla and Mickey

Darla Johnson - March 12, 2014 at 08:43 AM

VR

“ I was shocked to hear the news of the loss of Sam. My heart goes out to you Jan, Larry and the rest of the family. So many questions as to "why". Another angel needed.
You are in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathy -
Victoria Randazzo

Victoria Randazzo - March 12, 2014 at 08:32 AM

LS


“ I remember your smile and you were so much fun to be around! So I will say not goodbye dear Sammie but see you later!

Lea Marriott Simmons - March 11, 2014 at 10:47 PM

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 ShaNay Long

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers

ShaNay Long - March 11, 2014 at 09:54 PM

 Chris Sullivan

“ Chris Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Samantha Susan Lee



Chris Sullivan - March 11, 2014 at 09:25 PM

AC

“ *Angela Campbell lit a candle in memory of Samantha Susan Lee*



angela Campbell - March 11, 2014 at 09:18 PM

RL

“ *Rita Lahti lit a candle in memory of Samantha Susan Lee*



rita lahti - March 11, 2014 at 08:57 PM



“ *Amelia Moore lit a candle in memory of Samantha Susan Lee*



Amelia Moore - March 11, 2014 at 08:44 PM



“ *Sammi it's so hard to believe your gone. You will be greatly missed by all who loved you.*

Amelia Moore - March 11, 2014 at 08:40 PM

SW

“ I'm am heartbroken to learn about Sam. She was one of my very first friends. Distant cousins, we only saw each other once or twice a year at Christmas and maybe in the summer at the lake, but we always picked up right where we left. Sam had an easy laugh, great sense of humor and a 1000-megawatt smile. My heart goes out to Jan, Larry and all of Sam's family. I already miss her so much. ~
Stephanie Willerton



Stephanie Willerton - March 11, 2014 at 04:36 PM

DT

Exactly like I remember Sammie. My heart is broken.

Debbie Taylor - March 11, 2014 at 05:21 PM

CB

“ *Cristy White Bauer lit a candle in memory of Samantha Susan Lee*



Cristy White Bauer - March 11, 2014 at 01:28 PM

SF

“ *Sami you have a special wonderful family. And I will love you always*

stanley field - March 11, 2014 at 10:32 AM

SC

“ I met Sam through her volunteer work with Northland Animal Welfare Society (NAWS) and I became friends through her volunteer work with Kitty Cat Connection. She was a past Board Member, past Secretary and past Vice President. Her passion was cats and especially baby kittens. She was our "go to" girl with babies that needed bottle feeding and helped with litter after litter. She was so knowledgeable about cats and researched and educated others about care, diseases and nutrition. We are all so saddened by her loss. We will miss her smiling face.

Sandy Coffman, President and Co-Founder of Kitty Cat Connection

Sandy Coffman - March 11, 2014 at 09:52 AM

DH

“ Sam's love for animals started early...during recess in elementary school, one of her favorite things was to pretend we were animals. She always picked something beautiful and majestic like a horse, or a cheetah. You will be missed, Sammiand you will always be beautiful and majestic!

Donna Hess Huffer - March 11, 2014 at 07:20 AM

ML

“ My sweet aunt Sam. Not an hour goes by that I haven't thought of your big heart and laughter that would light up the room. I keep thinking about all of the times that we had together. One distinct memory that keeps popping into my head, was probably the most recent one. You and I were watching Despicable Me 2 in our living room. You were sitting in the chair that you loved, that I now always see you in, when I look at it. You had this contagious laughter throughout the movie, that made me so happy. Watching movies with you, spending every Christmas with you, the times at the lake with you, laughing so hard until I cried with you, talking to you about our kitties, and hearing everything that you had to talk about, was such a joy for me. I was so excited for you to move here for us to get to know each other even better. I guess that will have to be somewhere else someday. I just still can't believe you are gone. I just want to give you another big ol bear hug, thank you for the beautiful jewelry you made me, and you would say "you're welcome, sweet pea". I just wish we could play taboo again and we could all laugh for hours because of a funny comment you said. I just want you back, not only for the whole family and I, but for Grandma and Dad. They are hurting so much and this wasn't supposed to go like this. I will always hold our memories and your beautiful self in my heart. I love you so much aunt Sam. Always. I hope you are okay, wherever you are. P.S-don't worry I'll always put tea tree on it ;)

Madison Lee - March 11, 2014 at 01:39 AM

SW

That's beautiful, Madison. I'm so sorry about the loss of your aunt.

Stephanie Willerton - March 11, 2014 at 04:43 PM

ES

I can not believe this terrible news, It really hurts that my beautiful family Lee is suffering right now. love you always

Elsa de los Santos - March 12, 2014 at 10:46 PM

NK

“ Sam was always there with a smile, a big hug and great conversation. She was so smart and very knowledgeable on many different subjects and she kept us entertained with her wittiness and great stories. I enjoyed seeing her every Christmas at the Lee's house and on occasion down at the lake. We were looking forward to having her here in Texas and helping her start the next chapter in her life. Her family now has a huge hole in their hearts and we are left dumbfounded wondering why this would happen to her. As Laurence said it best, God had another plan for her. We will miss her smile, her laughter and her sweet giving, but we'll carry her in our hearts and know that we will see her again. Much love to you, Jan and Laurence. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we love you so much. We'll be thinking of you and of Sam on Saturday.~With love, Nicole, Chad, Isabella and Ian

Nicole Kopec - March 10, 2014 at 09:50 PM



“ Sam I cannot believe you are gone. I will miss you. I will forever remember growing up with you and smile about all the laughs we shared over the years. I still remember thinking as a little kid that you were the prettiest girl in kindergarden. I always knew if we had not spoken in a while we could just pick up and catch up where we left off. You and I used to crack each other up with the silly notes and antics. You made this one face that used to send us in hysterics. All these laughs were magnified if we were in concert choir or symphony band and trying not to laugh. We had more good times in college and even after. I will never forget you and what a sweet and kind person you were. You will always be that beautiful girl with the white smile and big brown eyes in my mind's eye. I was expecting us to be feisty old ladies together, and we still will be because you always have a place in my heart. I love you.

Dawn Bush - March 10, 2014 at 07:11 PM

RH

“ *Thinking of You with Love*
We thought of you with love today,
but that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
and days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
we often speak your name.
All we have are memories,
and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
with which we will never part.
God has you in His keeping,
we have you in our hearts.
A million times we`ve wanted you.
A million times we cried.
If love could only have saved you,
you never would have died.
It broke our hearts to lose you.
But you didn`t go alone.
For a part of us went with you...
the day God called you Home.
~Author Unkno

Roberta Hearn - March 10, 2014 at 06:06 PM

AF

“ *A Friend lit a candle in memory of Samantha*
Susan Lee



A Friend - March 10, 2014 at 06:03 PM

TS

“ *Thom Switzer lit a candle in memory of Samantha Susan Lee*



Thom Switzer - March 10, 2014 at 05:48 PM

TJ

“ *Prayers of healing to my family. Love you all.*

*Tami, Caylie and Cole Jacobs
Tampa, Florida*



Tami Jacobs - March 10, 2014 at 04:42 PM

MC

“ *Mary Carey lit a candle in memory of Samantha Susan Lee*



Mary Carey - March 10, 2014 at 04:31 PM



“ *Laurence Lee lit a candle in memory of Samantha Susan Lee*



Laurence Lee - March 10, 2014 at 04:13 PM

RL

Jan & Laurence, I am so sorry to hear this news & know your family is in a lot of pain right now. We never know why these things happen & so young. Only God knows what plan he has for Sam. He needed another angel & chose Sam. I will hold your entire family in my thoughts & prayers.

rita lahti - March 11, 2014 at 08:54 PM

ES

sorry for the pain you and your mother are going through now. is easy to say that your sister is in better condition now but for those of us left here is not any consolation. the pain of losing someone so close and so dear will not cure anything, only time helps to live with it. were few occasions that I had the privilege of being with Samantha but enough to realize the great human being she was so similar to you my dear Lawrence. receives a hug and share it with your mother with love from me, people like your family leaves a mark in the hearts of those who know you all.

Elsa de los Santos

Elsa de los Santos - March 12, 2014 at 10:41 PM