



## Garry Ray Lee

May 22, 1947 - February 15, 2018

GARRY RAY LEE May 22, 1948 ~ February 15, 2018 Garry Ray Lee was born in Portland, OR on May 22, 1948, to Elden and Ivona Lee. He grew up in Portland and graduated from Franklin High School in 1965. Garry joined the United States Marine Corps after high school and served one tour in the Vietnam War. He received a meritorious combat promotion to the rank of Sergeant / E-5 in October 1968. After his tour of duty, Garry returned to Portland and worked in the construction industry for Hoffman Construction Company for over 20 years, in both Portland, OR and Anchorage, AK. He then moved back to Alaska in 1991 to pursue his teaching certification. He taught 4th and 6th grades in Anchorage for six years before returning to the Portland area in 1998. While in Alaska, he worked for Hope Cottages where he made a life-long friend named Tommy. Garry taught Science and led the Science Olympiad at Jason Lee Middle School in the Vancouver School District until he retired in 2012. His dedication to and love of teaching earned him the District Educator of the Year Award in 2011. After retiring, he remained active. He continued to lead the Science Olympiad and served as the President of the Franklin High School Alumni Association from 2013-2018. He was an active member of East Woods Presbyterian Church, where he served as an Elder, and later served at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, where he often sang, read Scripture and served as the Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee. Garry is survived by his wife, Angie Lee; his brothers, Larry (June) and Monty Lee; his sisters, Nancy (Jim) Durant and Dolores

Mather; his daughters, Erin (Hank) Hays, Jennifer (Janelle) Siri-Hines and Andrea (Thor) Juliussen; his son, Gudmund (Allison) Lee; and his grandchildren: Tanner Siri, Jens Juliussen, Shannon Wilhelm, Hannah Juliussen, Kaylyn Wilhelm, Jack Juliussen, Henrik Lee, Ivona (Ivy) Lee and Silje Lee. Military honors will be presented at Willamette National Cemetery on Friday, March 30th at 10:00 a.m. There will be a service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Vancouver, WA, at 1:00 p.m., with a reception immediately following. Please sign his guest book at: [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

# Tribute Wall



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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 08:44 PM



“ What a great post and did not know you, I didn't go to Franklin until 1974, but love the fact that you went to Vietnam and sacrificed your future for your country and represented Franklin very proud !!

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**Eric M. Knuth Graduated in 1977, marine corps 1977 to 1981 !!** - May 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Expressing my sincerest sympathies to Garry's entire family. Such a heartfelt loss. It was such a pleasure to reconnect with Garry during the reunions and the rededication of Franklin High School and the picnic on Sunday. He will be missed immensely by everyone. Sending our blessings to Angie and the children and grandchildren.

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**Sally Branson (Thompson)** - April 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ It was a pleasure to know and work with Gary. I looked up to him as a mentor when I was his Science Olympiad co-coach. When I moved on to another school he inspired me so much that I created an elementary school Science Olympiad team. I will dearly miss Gary and the Joy he brought to the world. Thank you Gary...

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**Jerry Walsh** - March 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our sympathies to Garry's family. He was our grandson's 6th grade teacher. We have stated many times how much we admired Mr. Lee and can't thank him enough for the wonderful contribution he made to our grandson's future by teaching him so many skills that have made him such a success. We will never forget his positive influence on Miles. Thank you so much.

Cheri Kelly - March 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Garry was a good man, a good friend, a great class-mate from Franklin High, and just fun guy to hang with. He was one of the most thoughtful and considerate friends I know. Miss you ...

Dennis Puetz - March 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Miss you Garry From special 8th grade memories to our FHS 50th reunuion, we remained great friends... not many guys take time to send letters of support and inspiration, you did...you led us, fed us and left us far too soon....sadness and shock at first, i will think of you with great fondness now. See you in heaven, big guy.

Cindy Ballard Floeter - March 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Garry, you were so supportive and encouraging! You will be so missed. Especially among the Quakers Alumni Association! I appreciate and value your faith in me and will do my best to live up to it!! Thank you for your heart and spirit. The FHSAA will not let you down!

Lisa Ewers - February 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ You are amazing and will be missed to great lengths.

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**Alex Rodriguez** - February 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will miss you at the monthly lunches and dinners. U will always be in my heart. Who's gonna call me Lulu now? You were my go to guy for everything. Thanks for all your help and friendship. U are missed tremendously.

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**Linda Lu** - February 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ GaGa...thank you for singing me to sleep all those years before you went to Nam. "til there was you" is still my favorite song and brings tears to my heart when I listen to it now. And for teaching me to slow dance while I stood on the toes of your desert boots and hung on to the belt loops of your corduroy pants. I'm already missing you... Nan L (last born)

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**Nancy Lee Durant** - February 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Garry, I am glad we reconnected at the class reunion and got me involved in the Alumni Association. You helped Donna and I with the memorial plaque for our son displayed in the new gym. We will never be able to thank you enough for all you did to get the plaque. Your spirit and dedication to making FHS an outstanding school will be missed. You were a true leader and inspiration. Thanks for your friendship. Miss you buddy.

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**Bob Earnest** - February 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM