



Lee C. Van Eperen

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Lee C. Van Eperen, age 72, passed away December 12th with family by his side. Lee was born April 22nd, 1953 to Lawrence and Joan (Swenson) Van Eperen. He graduated from Seymour High School in 1971. Lee earned an associate's degree in marketing and made his home in Kaukauna for many years, where he was a part owner of Kaukauna Meats.

Later in life, he moved to Waupaca where he worked both as a CNA and activities director at King Veterans Home. Lee married Ann Jorgensen on May 12, 2006. He and Ann loved spending time outdoors. Their shared interests included hiking, fishing, canoeing, bird watching, and gardening. Lee also enjoyed hunting, reading historical novels, spinning tall tales, and taking care of his beloved pickup truck, Blue Boy. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially his grandsons to whom he was known as "Pop-Pop." Pop-Pop could often be found participating in indoor "army battles" and other forms of general mischief which brought smiles and laughter to those around him.

Lee is survived by his daughters: Jessie (Josh) Adrians, Mary (Josh) Drephal and grandsons, Jacob and Isaac Drephal, and Andrew Adrians. He is also survived by his siblings: Les (Tammy) Van Eperen and Linda (Lee Wilmington) Van Eperen, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews. Lee was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brother, Larry Van Eperen, and daughter, Victoria Van Eperen.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, December 19th, 2025 at 11 a.m. at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Waupaca, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. A visitation will be held on Friday at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass at 11 a.m.

Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.



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Visitation

- Friday**, December 19, 2025
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church**
N2845 Shadow Road, Waupaca WI 54981

Funeral Mass

- Friday**, December 19, 2025
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Cemetery Details

- St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery**
900 High Street, Waupaca WI 54981



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Your Dimensions Living Appleton Family planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Lee.



December 19 at 8:43 AM



Rich Wessenberg sent a Sunflower (Silk Mausoleum Flowers) to the Van Eperen family.



December 18 at 5:38 PM



Abbie-Ann-Donna-Juliet-Steve-Lana-Erin sent a Pink Potpourri Bouquet to the Van Eperen family.



December 16 at 3:52 PM



Jessica Laudoff posted:

I was given the privilege to care for Lee in his home for many many months. He was the kindest and sweetest soul. He had a huge heart and always welcomed me back. I looked forward to my visits with him. Im saddened to hear of his loss, but rejoicing he he now has a restored body with the Lord. My heartfelt condolences to his whole family.

December 16 at 10:32 AM



Glenn Vissers December 18 at 9:15 AM

Spent time with Lee at Dimensions assisted living in Appleton, WI. We went to the same high school together. He was a year older than me, so i knew him but not really well. We talked allot about the old days and I got to know him allot better along with his family. We had allot of good stories and some questionable ones. Sad to have you leave so soon Lee, but may you rest in peace.



Ednah Kaminski(Davis) December 17 at 4:43 AM

So sad to hear this, I worked with las at the king. He was a very kind man, always willing to help a fellow co- worker. RIP my friend.



Mary Drephal December 16 at 1:42 PM

Thank you Jessica ❤️



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Brandon B. posted:

Worked with Lee many times while at the Vet's Home. Sad to hear of his passing, but happy to know that he's finally back with Annie after all of these years.

December 16 at 7:58 AM



Mary Drephal December 16 at 1:43 PM



Dave Jaeck posted:

Knew Lee from when he worked as "float" CNA and much of that time was spent at MacArthur Hall. He was a pleasure to work with. Shared a few laughs. Condolences to the family.

December 15 at 4:35 PM



Mary Drephal December 16 at 1:43 PM

Thank you Dave



Steve Sorensen posted:

Lee was a great guy. Always willing to lend a hand or an ear. Lots of hard work and many laughs over the years of working together.

December 15 at 2:25 PM



Mary Drephal December 16 at 1:43 PM



Karen Turner lit a candle in honor of Lee.

Sorry to hear about Lee. I worked with him at the Veterans home! We split many shifts together. I enjoyed his company! Condolences to the family!

December 15 at 8:31 AM



Mary Drephal December 16 at 4:31 AM

Thank you Karen. In his final hours he was talking about the Veterans Home. He had so many fond memories.



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Nan Chapman posted:

I considered my self a friend to lee, when I first met him I was sent to MacArthur Hall do a p.m. shift over there, he came up to me and started telling me what to do he said he was the RN of the unit! I believed him he was so convincing, after a while he let me know that he was my partner on the wing we worked on together! We laughed he always made me laugh, many more good memories of Lee through the years. Rest in peace Lee and God bless your family

December 15 at 8:27 AM



Mary Drephal December 16 at 4:29 AM

That is so my Dad! Thank you for sharing. That brought the first smile to my face in over a week. ❤️



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lee by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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