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Leland "Lee" Sherwood Jones passed away early Sunday morning, April 18th, 2010 in the Delaware Hospice Center, Milford.

A resident of Rehoboth Beach, he was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on April 10, 1930, son of the late John G. and Inez (Harmon) Jones.

A charter member of AFRA, the American Federation of Radio Artists (now known as AFTRA, the American Federation of Radio and Television Artists) in Portland, Oregon, he began his career as a teenage radio actor in the 1940s. He majored in Theatre Arts at the University of Southern California and following two years of Army service during the Korean Conflict, moved to New York City where he worked as an actor, writer, producer and director on stage, film, TV and in business theatre. He owned his own company, Lee Jones Associates, for many years prior to his retirement in Rehoboth Beach in 1996.

Lee was an active retiree. He served on the founding board of the Rehoboth Beach Film Society, was appointed to the board of the Delaware Humanities Forum by then Governor Ruth Minner, served on the board of his home owners' association in Eagles Landing, was co-chair of the Rehoboth Art League Cottage Tour from 2008 through 2009, and was active in the Sussex County League of Women Voters.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Carol D. Jones; three children, Kevin and his wife Karina Golden of Bowie, MD, Gary of Ashburn, MD, and Christina Ingram and her husband Charles of Lynchburg, VA; five grandchildren, Corey McGahan Gilbreath, Kiley McGahan, Darryl, Hannah and Christopher Jones; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Phillip.



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A memorial service will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 301 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach on Saturday, May 22nd at 2:00 PM., with his pastor, The Rev. Dr. Frank S. Deming officiating. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Lee's memory to the Delaware Hospice Center, 100 Patriots Way, Milford DE 19963 or to the Rehoboth Beach Film Society, 107 Truitt Ave., Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Arrangements by Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Lewes. Please sign the guestbook at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com.

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GJ

Gerry Carmelich Jaffe' posted:

I was so sad to hear about the death of Mr. Jones. My memories of him are so fond. He was such a handsome man who had a love of life, a smile on his face and an infectious laugh. He was so nice to us, the neighborhood kids. I also loved his love of Mrs. Jones. I always thought they had the "coolest" marriage. I send my love and prayers to all of you. xo Gerry Carmelich Jaffe'

May 26 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Leland S. Jones.

May 25 at 8:00 PM

MW

Mark Weiss posted:

When you hear the cliché, "Lived life to the fullest" it seldom applies. Uncle Lee lived it to the max! His smile goes on forever. Love you!!!

May 17 at 8:00 PM

CH

Charmian posted:

We, in signing this guest book, are Lee's family. We all knew him very well. Each of us knows what the other has lost. His gaiety is what we will remember most...the times he has made us laugh. He was alert and alive. We all know in our hearts that these few minutes we devote to him are small drops in the ocean of our affections. Our real tribute will be paid over many years of remembering, of telling good stories about him and thinking about him when we are by ourselves. Let us thank whatever God we believe in that we shared so much of the good, bright life Lee led on this earth.

May 15 at 8:00 PM

JR

Jill Roberts posted:

Carol and Family, We are so sorry to learn of Lee's passing. Unfortunately we will not be able to attend his service on the 22nd, but will hold fast to the fond memories I have of serving with him on the Film Society Board in the early years. Fondly, Jill & Steve Roberts

May 6 at 8:00 PM



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AW

Aileen Watkins posted:

Lee impressed me with the attention he gave his Mother, Inez, at the Methodist Manor House in Seaford, DE. Lee also dazzled our Poetry Group when he visited on Tuesday. He was quite the gentleman.

May 6 at 8:00 PM

PI

Pat Niland & Stan Iwamoto posted:

Stan and I always enjoyed listening to Lee and all of the wonderful stories he had to share from back in the day of working in the film industry. We will miss our neighbor.

May 3 at 8:00 PM

HJ

Hannah Jones posted:

Hey Grandpa:) Some of my fondest memories of you include playing outside and in the water in the hot summer months, be it the neighborhoods pool or the chilly Rehoboth Beach waters. When I think of you I'm reminded of those times and the general feeling of summertime and how I'm always the happiest in them. Thank you for putting up with me and Kiley spinning around in your swivel chairs even though we weren't supposed to and I apologize for both of us for staying out past 8 to go on a walk with those boys when we were probably only 11 or 12. But thank you for being a softy about it, I know you knew we were just being little girls:). Puzzles will forever and always remind me of you and how you used to almost always pull one out whenever we were visiting! Also, I truly believe it was because of your background that prompted Darryl to being film and other creative works, which in turn, began mine. I thank you for that and I wish I could have told you that in person. I've always thought you were an incredible man and whenever I see light denim I think of you:) I love you with all of my heart and I'll always miss you.

May 2 at 8:00 PM

CG

Corey M Gilbreath posted:

Grandpa Lee was a wonderful man and I will dearly miss him.He started my obsession of artichokes and I think of him every time I make one:) As he once said to me....."I've created a monster" hahaLove you grandpa!!

May 2 at 8:00 PM



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TP

Tony Paris posted:

Carol and family, and friends, my profound sympathy. It was my distinct pleasure to meet Lee when we both attended the School of Radio and Television Broadcasting in NY City? a world all new to me. We became friends. He was my mentor, sharing his knowledge of acting, directing, and producing that eventually helped me make my way into video production. Lee and I worked together on some business meetings, he made it fun. I was always learning. Along the way I was invited to the Jones apartment on 67th Street, in NYC, where on very special evenings Lee and Carol gathered a distinct, eclectic, talented group of folks. I considered myself a very lucky person to be included in this impressive group. I could not wait for my next invitation? and of course the hero sandwiches. At one point Lee and I had this hot idea that we could make our way into standup comedy. We exchanged, what we thought were current, funny, clever ideas. We had some laughs. Unfortunately it lasted as long as it takes to read this paragraph. When Lee and Carol moved to Rehoboth Beach and Lee would call? he was always Lee. Interested, and involved. And of course the family, he always kept me up to date. As I write this I am looking at Lee's bio picture. He was one hell of a guy.

April 23 at 8:00 PM

PM

Patrick & Katleen McGahan posted:

Very sorry to hear of a family loss. During times like these never forget your loved one is in no more pain or suffering but in the hands of our savior Lord Jesus Christ. In sympathy, Patrick J. McGahan

April 23 at 8:00 PM

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JP

Jack & Jean Perrine posted:

Our world has lost one of its finer individuals. Lee was a great host and an interesting conversationalist. He was endowed with an intelligent worldview based on common sense and decency, and seasoned with humor. This gentleman will be sorely missed.

April 22 at 8:00 PM

RM

Rain & Mark posted:

I will always remember my uncle Lee with a smile on his on his face, a challenging twinkle in his eyes, and a knowing anticipatory little laugh as he would begin to tell us an autobiographical story from his many incredible life experiences.

April 22 at 8:00 PM

FS

Frank Sullivan posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all

April 22 at 8:00 PM

SC

Sara Chase posted:

What a handsome picture of him. I can see Kevin, Gary, Darryl and Christopher in that young man's face! I know how much he will be missed.

April 21 at 8:00 PM

LS

Lois And Al Sichau posted:

OUR LOVE AND CONDOLENCES TO CAROL AND THE FAMILY. WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER LEE'S SMILE AND GOOD HUMOR AND NEVER FORGET THE MANY GOOD TIMES WE SHARED WITH HIM AND CAROL. LEE WAS QUITE A FELLOW...A GOOD MAN AND AND A GOOD FRIEND. WE THANK GOD FOR HIS LIFE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW HIM.

April 21 at 8:00 PM

DN

Dick Niekamp posted:

I remember Lee and the strength and encouragement he brought to all.

April 21 at 8:00 PM



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DO

Dr. Akwasi Osei posted:

I met Lee when I served on the Board of the Delaware Humanities Council. I recall his gregariousness and passion. We will miss him, and thank his family for sharing such a treasure.

April 21 at 8:00 PM

MW

Marilyn P. Whittington posted:

Lee's enthusiasm was contagious. He was a tireless advocate when he served on the Delaware Humanities Council.

April 21 at 8:00 PM

MJ

Martin Jones posted:

He was a wonderful, loving uncle to me (and my siblings). I could not wish for a better uncle.

April 21 at 8:00 PM

BB

Barbara Skinner Buxton posted:

Memories of Lee in High School and following reunions have a special place in my heart.wefn

April 21 at 8:00 PM

VD

Valerie Driscoll posted:

My last personal memory of Lee was when he called "time" on Carol during a debate in Georgetown. It gave everyone present a good laugh.

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BB

Bob And Linda Book posted:

We were all so blessed to have known Lee.

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Randy Jones posted:

What a great photograph! Really captures those qualities that made him shine. Love to all.

April 21 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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