



Me. Leon "June" Smith Lee Jr.

September 20, 1949 - October 3, 2022

Leon Smith Lee, Jr. was born on September 20, 1949, to the union of Leon Smith Lee, Sr. and Jessie Mae Bracy Lee in Pine Bluff, AR. He was brought up in a Christian home and accepted Christ at an early age. Leon received his formal education within the Milwaukee Public School (MPS) System.

He was employed and served as a student aide at MPS, banquet leader at The Pfister Hotel, and other positions that enabled him to share his jovial personality. He also served in the United States Army. His time in the armed forces included a tour of duty in Vietnam, which would prove to have a lasting impact on his life.

Leon, whom we affectionately called "June", loved being surrounded by family and friends. June loved to cook and share meals and a cold beer with "the guys"; he would invite us over often. His home was regarded as "the gathering place" for many years. While he may have always been late with the food preparation, the food he prepared was well worth the wait. The food was made even better with the support of his longtime helpmate, Faye Gathings. His specialties included corned beef, smoked ribs, and chicken. June also loved music, especially blues and jazz.

He had a special love for the children in his life. His daughter, Carina, adopted daughter, Santana, grandchildren, and his nieces and nephews were the apples of his eye.

Leon Smith Lee, Jr. departed this life on October 3, 2022. He was preceded in

death by: parents, Leon S. Lee, Sr. and Jessie M. Bracy Lee Amos; three brothers, Willie George Smith, Cleo Smith, and Thurston Lee; and one sister, Ester Mae Gilbert.

He leaves to cherish his memory: daughter, Carina Gray; adopted daughter, Santana; sisters, Barbara L. Davis and Cora Lee-Palmer of Milwaukee, WI, and Rosemary Lee of West Helena, AR; longtime special helpmate and friend, Faye Gathings of Little Rock, AR; mother of his child, Alesa Gray of Milwaukee, WI; sister-in-law, Betty Smith of Crossett, AR; two grandchildren, Wynter and Eastyn; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends.

Cemetery Details

Southern WI Veterans Cemetery

21731 Spring St.
Union Grove, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ Love, Prayer, and Condolences to the Lee Family! Leon was LOVED by our family. He will be MISSED and we will treasure the memories!

Juanita Moore Collier - November 01, 2022 at 10:47 AM

CP

“ CAPITA Productions purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Me. Leon "June" Smith Lee Jr..



CAPITA Productions - October 31, 2022 at 04:00 PM

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“ Denice D Walker lit a candle in memory of Me. Leon "June" Smith Lee Jr.



denice D Walker - October 31, 2022 at 08:13 AM