



Mr. Carmen J. Lee

June 24, 1940 - August 28, 2024

UTICA – Mr. Carmen J. Lee, age 84, passed away after a brief illness on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on June 24, 1940, Carmen was the son of the late Gilbert C. and Elizabeth (Suppa) Lee. He was a graduate of Utica Catholic Academy/Class of 1958. On April 22, 1961, he joined in matrimony with the former Judith A. Aigner. The two were high school sweethearts and could not live with or without each other

At the age of 16, Carmen found employment as a truck driver with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, the position from which he retired after 41 years of dedicated service. Not a man to stay still, he later worked for Chanatry's Hometown Market, a job he thoroughly enjoyed for 20 years.

A gregarious person, Carmen loved to socialize and be around other people. He knew the value of a good drink and good laughs – he made wonderful memories at The Auburn and was even gifted his own seat and stool. He could often be heard saying “One more and I’m out of here!” He would also try his luck at scratch-off lottery tickets. Carmen lived life his own way, worked hard, stayed true to his convictions, and often broke out his great sense of humor. Some of his favorite pastimes were watching classic movies and cheering on his favorite teams, the New York Yankees and the New York

Giants. He was also a proud member of the NYS Teamsters Union. Most of all, Carmen loved his family unconditionally.

Carmen is survived by his beloved wife, Judith; daughters and sons-in-law Lori and Craig Stenske, and Linda Sarcone and Joseph Betrus and his daughter, Alyssa; brother and sister-in-law, Francis and Marianne Lee; nieces and nephews, Tricia Lee, Carol Ann and Michael D'Accurzio, and Mary Frances and Todd Carville and their mother, the late Frances (Audino) Lee, who passed away in 1995; many great-nieces and great-nephews, aunt, Victoria "Vicki" Perritano; a host of cousins; and many cherished friendships, both lifelong and recent. He was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Kenneth C. and Ethel Aigner.

Carmen's family extends their gratitude to Dr. Amina Mookshah, MD and the emergency staff at Wynn Hospital for their care and compassion.

The family will honor and commemorate his life privately. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Carmen's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass. Memorial contributions in Carmen's honor may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center online at www.mskcc.org; envelopes will also be available at the service. Entombment will take place in Calvary Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall

BD

“ Brad & Marlene Doolen purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Carmen J. Lee.



Brad & Marlene Doolen - September 02, 2024 at 11:17 AM

BD

“ Brad & Marlene Doolen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Carmen J. Lee.

Brad & Marlene Doolen - September 02, 2024 at 11:17 AM

LL

“ Linda I'm so very sorry to hear about your dad. To this day I remember how kind and funny he always was, truly a good man. My deepest condolences to you and your family 🙏❤️

lisa leone - September 02, 2024 at 11:13 AM

MP

To the family of Carmen Lee. We are so sorry for your loss. Carmen was one of my oldest Lansing St friends. I am in the recovery stages of Covid and unable to attend Mass today. We always enjoyed casual catch up at Chanatry's market. God bless you my friend. Michael and Linda Paciello

Michael A Paciello - September 03, 2024 at 10:21 AM

MM

“ Carolann, Mike and the rest of the family you all are in my thoughts a prayers at this time with my deepest sympathy! ❤️🕊

mmora325@yahoo.com - September 01, 2024 at 11:34 PM

KD

“ Karrie DiNigro lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carmen J. Lee



Karrie DiNigro - August 31, 2024 at 08:08 PM

RR

“ My deepest sympathy to the Lee family. I am very sorry for your loss. I have many good memories of Carmen . Lots of laughs when we hung out at the Auburn.



Rocco Rositano - August 31, 2024 at 10:51 AM

RL

“ So sorry for.your loss remembering my cousin. Anyways had a nice smile.

roz. lee. - August 31, 2024 at 09:40 AM

DK

“ Dear Lee Family,
We are so very sorry for your loss of Carmen.
I knew Carmen for years when I worked for The Hershey Chocolate Company. We would see one another in the stores especially Chicago Markets. And then when he retired he was a fixture on the front ends at Chanatry's.
Carmen was a kind, caring, loving gentleman.
May His Memory Be Eternal!!!!
Deacon Dan and Cindy Klockowski
and Family

Deacon Daniel A Klockowski - August 31, 2024 at 09:08 AM

DP

“ David Perritano purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Carmen J. Lee.



David Perritano - August 30, 2024 at 11:19 PM

MS

“ I often would think of Carmen, growing up around him was a lot of fun. May God be with Carmen and his family at this time. Many good and fun memories, God bless you cousin. Lansing street for ever God bless you Carmen, Mark Suppa.

mark suppa - August 30, 2024 at 09:04 PM

LS

Thank you Mark.
We all had a blast on Lansing St

Lori Stenske - August 30, 2024 at 10:49 PM

MP

“ Please accept our sincere condolences during this difficult time!
Emil and Janet Paparella

M J PAPARELLA - August 30, 2024 at 06:07 PM

PG

“ Knowing Carmen was a die hard Yankees fan and I the Mets,
Carmen was talking about #7 Mickey Mantle. I said to Carm that the
Mets had a pretty good #7 as well, Ed Kranepool. A
decent,serviceable player but no Mickey Mantle. Well, Carmen took
the heat and then we laughed. But, for the next couple of months
when he would first see me at the Auburn he would look at me,
shake his head and say effin Ed Kranepool!! Love you my friend 🙏
🙏🙏

Phil Giruzzi - August 30, 2024 at 05:55 PM

LS

I remember that story. Thank you for Sharing. He loved you too.

Lori Stenske - August 30, 2024 at 06:58 PM

PG

Your dad's up there with Jimmy DeMerritt!! Remember that name?!? 😊
😊

Phil Giruzzi - August 31, 2024 at 07:18 AM

DR

Knowing Mr. Lee was a pleasure. He was funny and kind. He always
acted surprised when his daughter Lori and I went to the Auburn to
have some Saturday drinks with him! I'm sure he was surprised the first
time and I'm almost positive he looked forward to it weekly! Many
laughs! My heart hurts for Lori and Linda! Cherish all those memories!
R.I.P. Mr. Lee ❤️🙏

Donna Rounsville

Donna Rounsville - August 31, 2024 at 08:21 AM

LS

*Thank you Friend.
And yes Phil I remember that name.*

Lori Stenske - August 31, 2024 at 01:42 PM

DM

My sincere condolences to the Lee family...our Lansing Street family.

Don Marino - September 03, 2024 at 10:15 AM