



Lee Andrew Anthony

September 5, 1926 - December 19, 2021

Lee Andrew Anthony, 95 of Fort Myers, FL passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 19, 2021 at his residence. Formerly of Niles, OH he had been a resident of Fort Myers for the past 34 years. He was born September 5, 1926 in Petrolia, PA a son of the late Glenn A. and Reatha M. (Hilty) Anthony.

Mr. Anthony was a WWII Veteran, serving in the United States Army from 1944 -1946. He was stationed in Japan and was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal Victory Medal and Army of Occupation Medal Japan.

Lee married the love of his life that he affectionately called "Love," Ruth Irene McCormick on January 3, 1945. When he came home from the war, he and Ruth settled in Ohio, where they began their family. His love of cars started at the age of 9 when he first drove a Ford Model T before purchasing a 1941 Chevrolet Convertible when he was 15 years old. In 1947, he and his father opened and operated Anthony Auto Sales located in Niles, OH. When times were slow for the car business, they would sell Christmas trees on the lot with lights aglow. He loved the Lord and served as a deacon at First Christian Church in Niles for many years.

After his family had grown and married, he and retired and moved to Fort

Myers, FL where they resided in a retirement community, garnering many friends, playing shuffleboard, hand and foot and an occasional game of poker with his buddies. He also enjoyed his collection of model cars. Lee took countless rides on his golf cart and spoke to everyone in the park, he never knew a stranger. Every evening before he went to sleep, he would have his coffee pot ready to go for the morning and he would eat his powdered sugar donuts. A simple life was lived by Lee and Ruth and it proved to serve them well. They are both dearly missed.

Survivors include his children, Sandra (John) Haldie of Bonita Springs, FL, George (Cindy) Anthony of Orlando, FL, Kathy Eddy of Youngstown, OH, Ruth (Basil) Polivka of Charlotte, NC; 15 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; and 14 great great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 71 years, Ruth Irene Anthony in 2016; and siblings, Ralph Anthony, Ida Loudin and Vivian Markle.

A funeral service will be held with Military Honors on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at 4:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Tr. So., Bonita Springs, FL 34134. The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM until the start of the service.

He will be laid to rest beside Ruth at Pineview Memorial Park in Warren, OH.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Pineview Memorial Park

Warren, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-4982
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Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lee Andrew Anthony*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Thank you Dad for being a stellar Father. When I think of you I think of all the ways you would fix things....Taught me to be resourceful!
I will forever miss you! Rest in Peace my Daddy with Mom!*

kathy eddy - December 29, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ *Love & prayers to all of Lee Anthony's precious family, you loved him well, he lived a good life, his wishes came true, being with the Lord & wife!
I was happy that I got to hug him on one of his daily golf cart rides. He said "I'm ready for what's next!" 🙌🙌🙌🎁🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏
Praying for God's comfort as you go through this difficult time! May he surround you with love!! We are with you in heart! We love you all! Roger, Leslie Adams & family 🥰🙏🙏🎄🙏*

Leslie Adams - December 29, 2021 at 09:11 AM



Thank you Leslie. He will be greatly missed.

kathy eddy - December 29, 2021 at 02:43 PM

SH

“ *My Dad! You were a good man Dad and forever I will miss you. I had your Christmas gift bought and we were going to have steak for you on Christmas! I will always honor you! Truth was one thing you instilled in me and respect! I am do hay you are now beside Mom, Your Luv as you called her and now you are in Heaven together! Nothing will ever be the same but you taught us to be strong! Oh Dad you will be missed* ❤️🙏❤️

sandra haldie - December 29, 2021 at 09:07 AM

KE

Awe Sonnie.....Our lives are forever changed. But you are right.....We are strong together!

kathy eddy - December 29, 2021 at 02:44 PM

LC

“ *Sandy Haldie Nancy Holmes Sherry Lori Tracy and Michael.....my sincere condolences to you All in the passing of your father and grandfather and to the entire Anthony family! Who doesn't remenber Anthony's Auto Sales and the Christmas Trees! May Lee R.I.P.*
Love, Linda Cerimele

Linda Cerimele - December 23, 2021 at 11:09 AM

KE

Thank you Linda...We all appreciate your kind words.

kathy eddy - December 29, 2021 at 02:45 PM

BG

“ To the family of Lee Anthony: I went to work for your father when I was 15 years old and he would pick me up on Garland Dr. to go work before I bought my first car. I bought 2 more cars from him while I worked there. I learned a lot about business from your Dad and never forgot his lessons I learned when dealing with difficult people in my business. The characters that I met while working at his lot in Niles are unforgettable and still make me smile, (Big Ed, Leroy, Al Cercolli, Junior, Billy from the Pure Station, Pappy always fixing his clocks, and the people that lived behind his lot just to name a few) George and I used to sneak cars out of the lot after dark and it was my idea to fill the open space in the front row with a different car. We still got caught! Wow, just one thing I learned while working at Anthonys Auto Sales, always keep the front row filled and if a white car won't sell, paint it RED! He did it. I was making .88/hr cash as a kid and when I asked your Dad for a raise to \$1/hr. he said "Then I would have to deduct taxes and you would make the same anyhow" Wow, Basic Accounting 101, keep your overhead low!! LOL. The memories are countless. He would buy us lunch us at the lot, 1 # of sliced bologna, a jar of mustard, and a loaf of sliced bread. Fringe benefits were included at Anthonys LOL! Your Father was one of the last of a generation that I will always miss for his values and entrepreneurial drive. He would tell me to put used tires on the lot across the street so it would depressed so he would offer a low price to buy it. He did it and it worked! Another lesson in life. God Bless you guys, you had one hell of a Father, Bob Gombosh. Miami Fl

Bob Gombosh - December 22, 2021 at 07:46 PM

KE

Thank you Bobby. He was a great businessman and Dad.

kathy eddy - December 29, 2021 at 02:46 PM

EB

“ MY TRUE CONDOLENCES TO LEE'S FAMILY!! WHAT A GREAT LIFE N LEGACY HE LEAVES!!!!. I BOUGHT A CORVAIR FROM LEE N NILES WHEN I WAS 16-YEARS OLD!!! (1964) RAN GREAT BUT LEAKED OIL 🚰 BAD!!! WHEN I WENT BACK N TOLD LEE HE SAID THEY ALL LEAK N GAVE ME \$20:00-CASH TO BUY FEW CASES OF OIL N SAID TO ME!! SELL THAT THING AS SOON AS YOU CAN!!! GREAT ADVICE!!! AS-IS WAS ON BILL OF SALE!!! PS HE INSPIRED ME SO MUCH I STARTED SELLING VEHICLES AT 14-YEARS OF AGE N STILL DOING IT NOW AT 74-YEARS OLD!!! WHAT A GREAT GUY N MENTOR!!!! RIP!!!! GENE BERENCSI (ACE-MOTORS!!!) MISBERAL RIDGE OHIO!!!! THANKS

EUGENE BERENCSI - December 22, 2021 at 04:43 PM

KE

Thank you Gene. He was a great man. He seemed to have an impact on a lot of folks.

kathy eddy - December 29, 2021 at 02:47 PM

SH

Thank You Gene for your kind words and story. We have known each other longer than I knew !

sandra haldie - December 31, 2021 at 07:43 AM

DM

“ *Dianne Mazorek purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Lee Andrew Anthony.*



Dianne Mazorek - December 21, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lee Andrew Anthony.*



December 21, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *To the Anthony Family, sadden to hear of Lee's passing. Lost many nickels to Lee's poker games. He taught Bobbie and I how to play hand and foot and even let us win once in awhile. It was an Honor to know you and call you my Friend. Love You, Bobbie Hummel & Craig Wheeler Thornville, Ohio Former Thunderbird residents.*

Craig Wheeler - December 21, 2021 at 08:12 AM



Rest In Peace Uncle Lee, give mum a big hug from me. You're all together again 🙏❤️

Lonna Mackey - December 21, 2021 at 10:26 AM



Rest in Peace grandpa...you will be missed ...give Nana a big kiss and hug from ...love you..Sherry Anne

Sherry Sigley - December 23, 2021 at 03:32 PM

CW

“ *God Bless Lee Anthony. It has been an honor to know you and call you my Friend. You taught Bobbie and I to play Hand and Foot and you took my money in poker.
God be with Lee's family.
You will be missed my friend.*


*Craig Wheeler & Bobbie Hummel
Thornville, ohio
Former Thunderbird residents.*

Craig Wheeler - December 21, 2021 at 07:37 AM

KE

Thank you Craig. I know my Dad and Mom thought a lot of both of you!

kathy eddy - December 29, 2021 at 03:12 PM

 Tracy
Lowery

“ *One of my greatest memories of my grandfather was when he taught me how to tell time on a real clock. It was important to him that we understood how the minute hand worked and how we should not rely on a digital clock.
Another memory was when he made the comment "You can tell how a person is by the way they take care of their car." A messy car is a messy life." I still use that quote today.
Rest in Peace Papa,
Love, Tracy*

Tracy Lowery - December 21, 2021 at 07:06 AM

LC

Awe.. Tracy that was such a sweet memory to remember about your Papa! My sincere condolences to you! 🙏

Linda Cerimele - December 23, 2021 at 10:56 AM

KE

Tracy.....Thank you for your kind words.....You inspired me to read 2 Thessalonians. Love you!

kathy eddy - December 29, 2021 at 03:11 PM