

LeRoy "Lee" Champagne

May 17, 1926 - November 18, 2014

LeRoy "Lee" Champagne, 88, from St. Joseph passed away Tuesday morning at the Pine Ridge Nursing in Lincoln Township. He had been ill for several years.

A mass celebrating his life will be held at 11:00 am St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Benton Harbor on Friday November 21. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Dey Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph on Thursday, November 20. Please send memorials to Pine Ridge Nursing Home or Hospice or the family. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Lee was born May 17, 1926 in Detroit to Fredrick and Gertrude Champagne. He moved to this area in 1951. He worked at V-M Corporation for 12 years, then for the City of St. Joseph for 24 ½ years, then for the Heath Company. He was an active member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church. Lee was a veteran serving in the Army Air Force during WW11.

He is survived by his wife Doris Perlick Champagne, whom he married in May, 1953. They lived in this area for over 61 years. He is also survived by his daughter Cheryl "Richard" Glowacke of Stevensville, his son Thomas Patrick "Cathy" Champagne of St. Joseph, 6 grand children and 14 great

grandchildren, 1 great great granddaughter, his cousin Mary Chetkovich of Cement City, Mi. and many wonderful friends at Pine Ridge who were like family.

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Lee was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sons Michael Champagne and Randy Champagne.,

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

2925 Niles Rd
Saint Joseph, MI 49085
rvcemetery@parrett.net
<http://www.sjcity.com/services/riverview.phtml>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013
2506 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
(269) 983-1514
staff@florin.net

Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

SS John & Bernard Parish, St. Bernard Catholic Church
555 Delaware
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Tribute Wall

LH

“ Dear Cheryl...I remember spending a lot of time at your house during our high school years. I remember your Dad as always smiling, always welcoming and always so nice to me. I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad...I know he will be greatly missed.
Love, Lisa Hatch

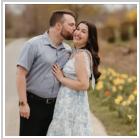
Lisa Hatch - November 25, 2014 at 03:40 PM

MG

“ Melody Anne Gold lit a candle in memory of LeRoy "Lee" Champagne

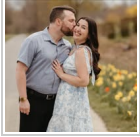


melody anne gold - November 20, 2014 at 07:04 PM



“ To the World's Greatest Grandpa Ever! You will Always be Loved and Missed more than ever! Thank you for being the BEST GRANDPA ever! I will miss our phone conversations, but I know you will always be there with me even in spirit! RIP Grandpa xoxoxo 🌹🌹🌹🌹🥹💖. Love you tons, Michelle

Alexis Pierson - November 20, 2014 at 03:43 PM



“ Alexis Pierson lit a candle in memory of LeRoy "Lee" Champagne



Alexis Pierson - November 20, 2014 at 03:37 PM



“ Teresa Yehnert purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of LeRoy "Lee" Champagne.



Teresa Yehnert - November 19, 2014 at 08:56 PM



“ Debbie Thomas Rose lit a candle in memory of LeRoy "Lee" Champagne



Debbie Thomas Rose - November 19, 2014 at 08:39 PM



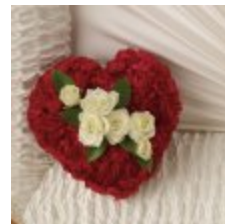
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LeRoy "Lee" Champagne.



November 19, 2014 at 07:39 PM

MP

“ *Michelle L Pierson purchased the A Devoted Heart Casket Insert for the family of LeRoy "Lee" Champagne.*



Michelle L Pierson - November 19, 2014 at 03:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of LeRoy "Lee" Champagne.*



November 19, 2014 at 02:46 PM

MC

“ *Lee, I know you are up there smiling down on us. I will always remember our UFO chats, you were a true believer and you made a believer out of me. The visits Mom and I had with you, Doris and the kids were always fun. Love ya kiddo. See you after a while. Doris, we'll be seeing each other after some of this snow melts! Love to all.*

Mary Chetkovich - November 19, 2014 at 02:22 PM

FJ

“ Dear Folks,

So very sorry to hear of the loss of your "loved one." I was his Confessor & Friend for years.... Nice Man! Always enjoyed our chats on Saturday afternoon! Saw him a number of times at Park Ridge for Mass.... He was attentive and still liked my sense of humor.... May God grant him eternal rest and peace and may God bring comfort to all of you who mourn his loss. In Christ's Love, Father Bill Jacobs, Pastor, SS John & Bernard Parish...

Fr. Bill Jacobs - November 19, 2014 at 11:03 AM