



Merl "Dempsey" A. Lee

April 9, 1927 - September 21, 2018

Merl "Dempsey" Lee, of Minneota, formerly of Marshall, Minnesota, died on Friday, September 21, 2018, at the Minneota Manor Health Care Center. Memorial gathering of family and friends will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 28, 2018, at Hamilton Funeral Home in Marshall, Minnesota. A light lunch will be provided. Private Interment will be in the Marshall Cemetery with military honors provided by Marshall American Legion, Post #113.

Merl Adolph Lee was born April 9, 1927, near Revere, in New Hope Township, Redwood County, Minnesota. He was the 7th of 9 children born to Henry and Freida (Riem) Lee. Merl attended country school and graduated from the 8th grade. He worked as a hired hand for both his father and many area farmers.

At age 17, Merl enlisted in the United States Navy on April 4, 1945. He was honorably discharged on July 20, 1946. Upon returning home, Merl worked for Scheering family farms near Slayton and also Olson and Johnson of Marshall. Merl was then hired, in 1951, by the O'Connell Motor Company as a mechanic. He was talented, able to diagnose and repair almost any mechanical engine. Merl was gifted with ingenuity and common sense, and he used those talents daily. Some years ago, a young man who respected Merl's abilities and work ethic, approached Merl with an idea to establish a repair depot to service his future fleet of trucks. Merl declined the offer, choosing the security of his current employer... that young man was Marvin Schwan.

On November 13, 1949, Merl was married to Marilyn Jean North at Wesley United Methodist Church Marshall, Minnesota. The couple made their home in Iona and then Marshall. They were blessed with 2 children, Paulette and Richard. Marilyn and Merl were married for 16 years before her untimely death in 1966.

Merl dedicated himself to raising his children. He was a father first and foremost, and as his children grew, he joined in their many outdoor activities. He especially liked hunting and fishing, spending many weekends at the lake. The catch of the day was often served

for supper that evening. Merl enjoyed playing cards at family gatherings with his brothers, sisters, and in-laws. Smear and Buck Euchre were family favorites.

Merl died September 21, 2018, at the age of 91 years, 5 months, and 12 days. Blessed be his memory.

He is survived by his children, Paulette (Bruce) Marks of Marshall, Richard (Brenda) Lee of Marshall;

grandchildren, Kristy (Rod) Guza of Minneota, Nicholas (Amanda) Marks of Salem, OR, Jerred Lee (Jamie Schultz) of Marshall;

great-grandchildren, Wyatt Guza, Reese Guza, Logan Lee (Robirds); many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Merl was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marilyn Lee; siblings; and a grandson, Jeremy Wade Marks.

Cemetery

Events

Marshall Cemetery	SEP	Memorial Gathering of Family and	11:00AM -
600 N Bruce St	28	Friends	01:00PM
Marshall, MN,			
56258		Hamilton Funeral Home	
		701 Jewett Street, Marshall, MN, US, 56258	

Comments



“ Rick, Brenda and family, so very sorry for your loss. Please know you are all in our prayers and as you are flooded with memories may you be comforted by them and in knowing he is resting in our Father's loving arms. Hugs to you. Sincerely, Sandy Braun and family

Sandra M Braun - September 27, 2018 at 07:17 PM



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“ Rick, Bren and entire Lee family. We are so sorry for the loss of such a special father, grandfather and great grandfather to you all...i know how much you will miss him. We send love and prayers.
Greg and Shannon Rund

Shannon Rund - September 25, 2018 at 08:12 AM



“ Thank you!

Brenda Lee - September 27, 2018 at 02:19 PM



“ Still remember all the fun times shared with our families. He was a good man.
Sympathy Rick and Paulette!

Shirley (Wittry) Senden - September 24, 2018 at 09:28 AM



“ Smpathy to the Lee family from the Leonard Wittry family.

Shirley (Wittry) Senden - September 24, 2018 at 09:24 AM



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reserve - is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to, and including his life."
That is honor. And there are way too many people in this country today, who no longer understand



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“ Jerred, Rick, Gramps and Logan - Sunday visit

Brenda - September 23, 2018 at 05:49 PM



“ Love and Prayers to the family of Merl. What a wonderful model of guidance, gentleness and goodness he was. Thinking of all of you, Dawn - Bren's sister.

Dawn Brown - September 22, 2018 at 09:49 AM



“ Thank you, you are so right on!

Brenda Lee - September 22, 2018 at 12:35 PM