



John Wallace Lee

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LEE, John Wallace (Wally) 89, resident of Dunedin, Florida, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2022. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Ida Jacobson Lee, his parents Ethel and John Lee, his brothers Thurman, Roy, Chester and sister Jean Lee Thornton. He is survived by his sister Vera Lee Bagwell of Tuscaloosa Alabama along with his three children, Nicole Lee Bouchard (Ray), Jennifer Lee Andersen and Scott Wallace Lee. He is also survived by his five grandchildren.

Wally was born on August 30, 1932, in Jena, Alabama. As a young man, when Wally wasn't in school, he was either working the cotton fields, managing the produce department of the local grocery store, or maybe playing baseball. He graduated from Tuscaloosa County High School and then attended the University of Alabama (Roll Tide). After receiving an offer to work for an uncle in the hotel business, Wally left his beloved Alabama and began his lifetime career in the hospitality industry. He worked for hotels across the country and the Caribbean. Some of his favorite hotels include, The Grand Bahama Hotel, The Casa Blanca Inn, and The Grove Park Inn. Wally was contacted by the Jack Tar Hotel Group and offered the general manager position at The Fort Harrison Hotel. He enthusiastically accepted the job and moved to the Clearwater area. When the Fort Harrison was sold in the mid 1970s, Wallace was approached by the Hunter family to manage the Clearwater Beach Hotel. He was truly the perfect fit for the Clearwater Beach Hotel as he greeted his seasonal guests that he knew by name. He managed the property for 32 years until he retired when it was sold and ultimately became the Sand Pearl. Wally often reflected on the wonderful people he worked with and the special guests that he met at his hotels. When Wally wasn't working, he enjoyed playing golf, traveling to see other resorts, but mostly he just enjoyed being with his love of his life Ida and his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Arc Tampa Bay Foundation, <https://thearctbfoundation.org/> or North Dunedin Baptist Church at www.myndbc.com




Events


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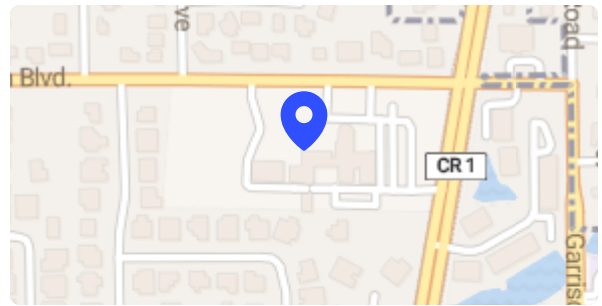
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Funeral Service

 **Thursday**, February 17, 2022

 4:00 PM ET

 **North Dunedin Baptist Church**
1595 N. Michigan Blvd, Dunedin FL 34698





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SH

Steven Lee Hanson posted:

I worked with Mr. Lee from 1981 until 2004 (excluding 199-2002). He was VERY good to me and I will always remember the kindness he and Neil showed to me during all that time.

September 8 at 1:32 PM

WJ

Wallace Jenkins posted:

I had so much respect for Mr. Lee my condolences to the family.

February 14 at 2:20 PM

LA

Libby Andersen posted:

What a sweet guy, a true man for others. I have so enjoyed knowing Wally through the years. He was honest, kind, and believed strongly in fairness and family. We have shared so much with Wally and Ida, especially one of life's most precious gifts, grandchildren. My heart goes out to Jennifer, Niki, Scott, and his precious grandchildren.

February 14 at 2:06 PM

ML

Maugarette L. sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Lee family.



February 14 at 1:05 PM

HH

Haelee Holjes posted:

So many fond memories of my lifelong friend Jennifer's funny and sweet dad Wally. From all of those summer days at the Clearwater Beach Hotel to just hanging around at the Lee's house on New York Ave, I always had fun with the Lee family - even when Jenn and I were in trouble. Love and comfort on Wally's passing to Jennifer, Niki, Scott, and your entire family.

February 14 at 8:10 AM



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Denise Hawi posted:

I worked at the Clearwater Beach Hotel for 17 years. Mr. Lee (he was always Mr. Lee to me) was a typical southern gentleman. I'm sure he had seen it all over the years but was always welcoming to everyone, "regulars" and first timers. Some of my fondest memories are working at the hotel and the people I met there. I believe that Mr. Lee is now with his Ida, I know he missed her so much. There is no place like the CBH hotel anymore and he certainly made it what it was to so many people. I miss those days and what Mr. Lee and the hotel represented, elegance, style and southern hospitality. My thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time, Denise Hawi

February 14 at 4:58 AM



Kate Heitman posted:

In the short time that we knew Wally, he was a wonderful neighbor and he will be missed.

February 13 at 5:25 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Lee family.



February 13 at 10:21 AM



Anonymous sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Lee family.



February 13 at 8:17 AM



Marreen Majer posted:

What an Amazing Man What an Amazing Family What an Amazing Life. Heaven Got Another Angel on 2/9/22 three 2's means Angels. Now you have another one watching over you. I know your Mom has been waiting now they are together. When I think of your Dad I think of kindness when I think of your family I think of Kindness. He loved his Family and you loved him back it was so clear to see. It's so hard to lose a Father and a Grandfather I'm very sorry you all are in my thoughts and prayers.
Marreen Majer

February 12 at 2:51 PM



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Bunny Dutton posted:

I remember Wally when my family would stay at the Clearwater Beach Hotel. So many memories of his wonderful spirit. Prayers to his sweet family. RIP Wally Lee.

February 12 at 11:39 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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