



Gale Lee Lawson

January 28, 1951 - May 12, 2023

Gale Lee Lawson, age 72, died shortly after noon on May 12, 2023 in Millers Chapel, a community near Jonesville, Virginia.

Lee was born in Millers Chapel on January 28, 1951 to Clara Helen Fisher and Kernie Lee Lawson. He lived at home until 1969, when he graduated from Jonesville High School and moved to Wise, Virginia to attend Clinch Valley College. In Wise, Lee met and married Deborah Beverly and the couple moved to Morristown, Tennessee to work in manufacturing industries. Their marriage was without issue and the couple divorced in 1977.

Lee worked and lived alone in Morristown for many years. He loved to read. He built miniature furniture. He carved wood into animal-shaped figurines as gifts for friends and family and he made hundreds of decorated wooden canes. He loved living and he enjoyed beer and tobacco.

Lee moved from Morristown to Millers Chapel in 1992 and lived quietly for the remainder of his life. He helped raise two generations of young cousins and assisted in the care of his grandmother, Josie Fisher, his uncle, Cecil Fisher and his mother, Clara Fisher, as they aged and grew frail and reached the end of their lives.

Toward the end of his own life, Lee suffered from congestive heart failure and

liver disease. He was being treated for hepatocellular cancer when he died.

Lee was preceded in death by his mother, Clara Helen Fisher, his father, Kernie Lee Lawson, his grandparents. Ewing and Josie Fisher and Nan and Gale Lawson, his aunt Irene Jerrell and her spouse John Jerrell, his uncle Cecil Fisher, his aunt Louisa Wilson, his uncle Grover Lawson, his cousin Paul Jerrell, his half-brother Richard Lawson, his step-mother Shirley Henderson Lawson and many other members of an extended family.

Lee leaves behind a brother, Larry Anthony (Tony) Lawson, and several cousins who were like brothers and sisters to him – Sonja and Richard Duncan, Mrs. Paul (Patricia) Jerrell, Jeffrey Jerrell, Sharon Jerrell, Scott Jerrell and Sherry and Arthur Garrett. He was close to the children and grandchildren of these cousins and he loved them all.

Lee's parents divorced when he was a child and his father re-married and raised a second family. Survivors in this second family are his half-brother Michael Lawson, half-sister Susan Lawson and step-brother Jerry Henderson.

Lee is also survived by his aunt, June Genthner, and her husband Carl. Lee lost touch with most of his cousins on the Lawson side of his family, but he heard reports about them from time to time and had fond memories of them as children.

Lee also leaves behind two cats – Misty and Miss Kitty.

During the last months of his life, Sharon Jerrell helped meet Lee's personal needs and maintained his household. He was grateful for her help and he loved her very much. The family wants to thank Sherrie Lynn Williams, Devon Jerrell, the Jonesville Rescue Squad, the Lee County Sheriff's Department, and Robinette Funeral Homes for responding quickly and professionally when

called to the home.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16, in Millers Chapel Cemetery. Everyone is asked to meet at the cemetery for services.

Cemetery Details

Miller's Chapel Cemetery

Jonesville, VA

Previous Events

Graveside service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Miller's Chapel Cemetery
Jonesville, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Gale Lee Lawson*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *John Wynn sent a virtual gift in memory of Gale Lee Lawson*



John Wynn - July 01, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ *Wilma W. McNew lit a candle in memory of Gale Lee Lawson*



Wilma W. McNew - May 24, 2023 at 10:32 AM



Tony and family, so sorry for your loss. Lee was a second cousin on the Fisher side of the family, a sweet and loving person. I grew up with Lee and Tony. I have one of his canes and a couple of wooden figurines that he made for me. I will treasure them. I have wonderful memories of Lee and all his family in Millers Chapel. Prayers for all.

Wilma W. McNew - May 24, 2023 at 10:40 AM

SH

“ Thinking of Tony and all of his family and friends during this sad time.

sammie R horton - May 15, 2023 at 02:01 PM

BA

“ Becky Astrop Aschenbrenner lit a candle in memory of Gale Lee Lawson



Becky Astrop Aschenbrenner - May 14, 2023 at 09:25 PM

HC

“ I remember this handsome young boy who was in grade higher than me at Jonesville High School. Tony, very sorry for the loss of your brother. Prayers for you and the family ... Harriett Sargent-Campbell



Harriett Campbell - May 14, 2023 at 06:46 PM

GS

“ Glenna Collins Stark lit a candle in memory of Gale Lee Lawson



Glenna Collins Stark - May 14, 2023 at 05:47 PM

GS

I remember many years ago when we were much younger, we played croquet in Lee's grandparents' Nan and Gale Lawson's yard next to where Sue Sexton lived. A snapshot of days gone by.

Glenna Collins Stark - May 14, 2023 at 08:55 PM

TA

“ *Bill and Tinker Anderson*



Tinker Anderson - May 14, 2023 at 05:18 PM

LB

“ *I am sorry for your loss.*

LaVerne Brown - May 14, 2023 at 08:47 AM

KB

I am so very sorry for your family's loss. It has been many years since I've been in touch with Lee but as a young girl I had a mad crush on him. I remember him as such a wonderful young man.

Kathy Crumley Blalock - May 14, 2023 at 02:33 PM

PA

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you Tony.

Patsy Adkins - May 14, 2023 at 04:55 PM