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Lee Wick, an Oregon school administrator and financial advisor died at home in Redmond, Oregon, July 5. He was 78.

Lee was born in Puyallup, WA, in 1943 and grew up first in Eugene but after a year his family moved to a farm in Alfalfa, Oregon, near Bend. He attended Alfalfa Grade School where there was no running water and an outhouse. He graduated from Redmond High School in 1960. In 1964 he graduated from Eastern Oregon College with Bachelor's and Master's degrees presented 5 weeks apart. He taught 5th grade one year in Pendleton, then 2 years 6th grade followed by one year Math in Beaverton. He was a school administrator in Beaverton 26 years before retiring in 1994.

Lee played football in college which he said paid his way through. He was president of COSA (Confederation of Oregon School Administrators) from 1981-82. He held many, various educational leadership positions at the state and national levels. As a financial advisor, he held state, local and national positions with VALIC (Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company).

Lee married Patty Eden June 23, 1963. They had three children-Tammy

(February 1965), Scott (July 1967), and Tonya (March 1971).

In August 1989 he married Ruth Wehling and moved to a floating home in Portland on the Columbia River which they enjoyed for 22 years. This was a fun and rewarding lifestyle of boating, fishing and socializing. They boated from Olympia to Alaska mooring 30 years in Roche Harbor, San Juan Island, WA. They enjoyed 18 cruise ship trips, Spring Break trips to Europe, 5 winters in Florida Keys followed by crisscrossing the US every year back to NW, and 9 winters in Lake Havasu, AZ. Lee was a fisher of clams, oysters, shrimp, crab and salmon.

This last year his health began to deteriorate but went into remission in April/May when they were able to spend 5 weeks in Reno and Lake Tahoe. Lee's health issues returned and basically his liver and kidneys shut down. He vigorously continued to fight the battle and never gave up.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Elvina, and his brother Phil. He is survived by his brother Don of Bend. He has four Grandchildren- Payton, Austin, Katelyn and Cameron.

The family will hold a private graveside service.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Sending this with love and remembrance. We are honored to plant this grove of trees in loving memory of our cousin Lee. He will truly be missed.* ”

Diane, Ron and Wendy - July 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *We love the idea of planting trees in Lees name. A mighty man has fallen but let his legend live on. Our deepest sympathy.* ”

Dee and Kevin Knode - July 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Ruth, We send you thoughts of comfort. Plant this tree in loving memory of Lee whose friendship and leadership I will always cherish.* ”

Sue Braithwaite - July 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *A great educational leader* ”

Chuck and Barbara Carpenter - July 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *As you grieve know that we are remembering you and honoring the memory of "Ramon Wick". The world was a better place with Lee in it.* ”

Dick and Betty Carter - July 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Our condolences for your loss. We love this tribute of planting a tree in Lees memory. Our best, Chris Dudley & Renee Sessler*

Chris Dudley & Renee Sessler - July 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Lee was our forever friend, and still can't believe our bigger than life friend has left us!! He will be missed by so many, because he was a friend to all he meant! We shared so many fun and memorable times with Lee & Ruth! Boating, fishing & crabbing, traveling & casino hopping! From Portland, to the San Juan's, Florida and Lake Havasu!! We already miss you Lee!! RIP Skipper.*

Sharon & Doug Spencer - July 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM