

Leander Ernest "Lee" Beaulieu

MOOSE RIVER -- Leander E. "Lee" Beaulieu, 67, died unexpectedly Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, at his home in Moose River.

He was born Feb. 6, 1942, in Waterville, to Louis and Margorie (Vigue) Beaulieu. Lee graduated from Lawrence High School with the class of 1960. He enlisted in the Army National Guard in June of 1960, serving as a tank gunner in the 20th armor. He was commissioned as second lieutenant, armor officer in June of 1966. He served in the Maine Army National Guard until 1971 and entered the Army Reserve in 1972, retiring as a major in 1987. Lee enjoyed his 27 years serving in the military. He was employed for 33 years as a construction foreman by the State of Maine Department of Transportation retiring in 1996 to Moose River.

Lee was active in many organizations. He was a member of the Classic Chevy International of Orlando, Fla., a member of the Model A Association Club, a member of the Fiero (FOA) Owners Association of Texas, a member of American Legion Post No. 14 of Fairfield, former member and past president of Fairfield County Riders Snowmobile Club, and a member and two-time past president of Border Riders Snowmobile Club.

He was an avid outdoorsman who especially enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping. He had completed a course from the Maine Trappers Association. Carpentry and antique car restoration were also a great pastime for him. He could often be found fixing things around his home. In his healthier days he loved traveling all over the country in his old "'56 Chevy." More recently he spent most of the time cooking with recipes from his "newest" antique cookbook.

Lee was known for his hospitality. He loved listening to his old record collection while hanging out with friends and family. All who entered his home -- it didn't matter who it was, be it an ex-con or the President -- were welcome. His door was always open and he loved meeting new people. Lee gained friendships from all over the country.

His dogs, longtime best friend Pistol and his latest dog Ranger were very special to him.

He loved his kids and grandkids. They knew he was always there if they needed him and that he was just a phone call away and his door was always open.

He is survived by three daughters, Crystal Lee Huggins and her husband, David, of Fairfield Center, Barbara Lynne McCoskey and her husband, Todd C., of Charlotte, N.C., and Rebecca Anne Baker and her husband, Jason, of Winslow; five grandchildren, Chad Huggins, Chelsea Baker, Derek Baker, Elisabeth McCoskey, and Matthew McCoskey; one great-grandchild, Daylin Baker; two stepchildren, Donna Rancourt Frigon and her husband, **Jereme Frigon BK-18015**, of Moose River, and Andrew Rancourt and his girlfriend, Leah Singer, of Jackman; three stepgrandchildren, Carli **Frigon**, Carroll **Frigon**, and Kelsey Rancourt; his brothers, Louis Beaulieu and his wife, Judy, of Bath, and Leo Beaulieu and his wife, Donna, of Norridgewock, and several nieces and nephews.

With respect for Lee's wishes, there will be no funeral services.

Cremation arrangements are by Giberson Funeral Home, 18 River St., Bingham.

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