



James Philip Lee

June 25, 1962 - March 18, 2018

James Philip Lee, 55, passed away March 18, 2018 at his residence in Eatonton, Georgia from natural causes unexpectedly. His memorial service will be held, Saturday, March 24, 2018 @ 1:00 pm at Williams Funeral Home, 306 N. Jefferson Avenue, Eatonton, GA 31024. Visitation will be prior to service 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Phil was born in Atlanta, Georgia on June 25, 1962. He grew up in South Fulton County and graduated from M. D. Collins High School 1980 and then attended and graduated Georgia Southern College graduating in 1985 with a degree in Civil Engineering Technology. His engineering and construction career has been in many different aspects of construction from land planning, homebuilder, Henry County building inspector and then for the last 20+ years he was involved in the design, building and utilization of 911 Cell Towers & Radio systems nationwide. His job gave him the opportunity to travel and live in at least 10 different states. He loved meeting new people and seeing new places. He had a home in Oklahoma called “Rancho Grande” which he visited several times. When not traveling with work, he lived at Lake Oconee.

Phil never met a stranger and had friends everywhere, he truly will be missed by many. A whole generation of kids that have come to the Lake house – knew him as “Uncle Phil”. Phil had many gifts and talents but one of his greatest gifts was the gift of hospitality. He loved to serve and take care of

others (i.e. jet skis, smoking BBQ butts, frying Christmas turkeys in the rain, pressure washing houses, etc.)

He was preceded in death by his father, James Marion Lee, and his mother, Emma Buck Lee, and is survived by his sister, Marene Lee Martin, and brother-in-law, Clay Martin as well as his niece, Meredith Lee Martin, and nephew, Trey Martin.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to: McDonough Road Baptist Church, 352 McDonough Road, Fayetteville, GA 30214.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“*Marene, so sorry for you loss. Phil and I worked together for most of the past 20 years. Our adventures took us through Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Illinois, Maryland and several little stops in-between. Phil was always the "go to" guy at work as well as a good friend. He spoke of his mom and your family frequently. The lake house was a change for Phil in an otherwise nomadic lifestyle as it became "home". There was rarely a conversation that did not include a lake house project or what to throw on the smoker for a weekend with family and friends. I hope your family continues to enjoy the lake as that is what Phil would have wanted. RIP my friend, you will be missed.*

Brian Blacketor

Brian Blacketor - March 23, 2018 at 09:05 AM

KB

“*Phil played a very big part in filling my life with fun and joy after the loss of my husband. He was so much fun to spend time with, quirky and brutally honest at times, but what you see is what you get! What a genuine loving caring giving person he was ❤️ Rest In Peace my dear friend❤️*

Kerry Beard - March 22, 2018 at 10:05 PM

DC

“*Marene, I'm so sorry to hear about Phil. Emma told me a lot about him through the years. I am praying for you and your family. I surely do miss your mom.*

David Chancey - March 21, 2018 at 10:04 PM

VR

“ So sorry. He was so young and such a nice young man. I know Emma and Jim were there at the gates of heaven to welcome him home. Thoughts and prayers to Marlene and the family.

Virginia Roberts - March 21, 2018 at 06:07 PM



“ My condolences to the Lee Family. May the ties which bind our hearts in Christian Love embrace you together to honor the life of Phil. Shalom Aleichem my friends.....Cal

Cal Hyers - March 21, 2018 at 02:05 PM

DL

“ Phil my man, you were one of a kind. from Kindergarten through college graduation; We started our careers together; built homes all over Henry County; your friendship shaped my life; you were a true friend. Like a brother for so many years. I truly hate that we grew apart in our older years. Once again you have taught me a lesson; I am reaching out to all my old great friends now to make sure this does not happen again to any of us. What I would give to sit down in OLA with you right now, while the house is half built, build a fire, stack beer cans until 4:00 am and just talk. We did that so many times over the years; Our Statesboro and Tifton trips to homecomings etc. I miss you, I have missed you, and now will look forward to that day I join you above; have a cold one ready for me my brother. Love you man!

Doug Lee - March 21, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Phil. We have many wonderful memories of him. Your family is in our prayers Marene.*

Jeff and Lynne (Lee) Bailey

Lynne Bailey - March 21, 2018 at 12:20 PM