



Lee Heaton

July 21, 1949 - June 30, 2024

Carl "Lee" Heaton, 74, of Oskaloosa, passed away Sunday, June 30, 2024, at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City.

Lee was the son of Charles and Louise (Moffet) Heaton, born July 21, 1949. Lee graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1967 and spent much of his life in Oskaloosa. He married Diane Werner in 1969, and two children were born from that union. Lee married Kerry Mathew in 1978, and two children were born from that union; Lee and Kerry were married until Kerry's passing in 2020.

Lee held several positions in his life, working at Fareway Grocery for several years before working with his father at the Heaton Service Center in Oskaloosa until its closing in 1993. Lee then went to work for Cunninghams, Arnold Motor Supply, and Carriker Ford. Always an avid car guy, Lee worked on classic cars in his shop.

Lee always enjoyed the outdoors and had many weekends camping at Lake Red Rock with his family. He was also a hobbyist woodworker, attending several craft shows throughout his life. Most of Lee's children and grandchildren have furniture built by him. Lee enjoyed attending NASCAR events and sprint car races at Knoxville with his children and grandchildren. Lee and Kerry moved to Rochester, Minnesota, in 2006. They stayed until 2017, when Lee and Kerry retired to spend their summers traveling and volunteering in Minnesota State Parks and the winters along the Gulf Coast. Lee is survived by his family: a son, Steve Heaton, and his wife, Kendra, of

Oskaloosa; a daughter, Cara Sage and her husband, Todd, of New Sharon; a son, CJ Heaton, and his wife, Jessica, of Omaha, Nebraska; a daughter, Katie Freeman and her husband, Ryan, of New Hope, Minnesota; his grandchildren: Amanda Heaton, Lake Heaton, Arick Sille, all of Oskaloosa, Alex (Andrea) Heaton of Sigourney, Mikayla (Bret) Adkins of New Sharon, Abby Heaton, Reed Heaton, Grant Heaton, all of Omaha, Nebraska, and Jesse Kilburg, Dax Freeman, and Hallie Freeman, all of New Hope, Minnesota; ten great-grandchildren; and a sister, Linda (Bill) Binns of Oskaloosa.

Lee is preceded in death by his wife, Kerry; a grandson, Jordan Lee Heaton; and his parents, Charles and Louise Heaton.

As was his wish, Lee's body has been cremated, and his ashes will be privately scattered. A visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 4-6 p.m.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Mahaska Health Foundation and directed to the Hospice Serenity House or to the Minnesota Parks and Trails.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 N 3rd St
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
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The family will greet visitors from 4-6 p.m., Tuesday evening.

Tribute Wall

PF

“ Paul And Bev Floden lit a candle in memory of Lee Heaton



paul and bev floden - July 05, 2024 at 08:56 AM

MM

“ Mike knew Lee since high school. We remember seeing him at Fairway. He worked with Ma (Erika) there. After Mike and I were married we moved into a house across the street from Lee and Diane and became good friends. Eric played with Steve and Cara and we babysat for each other. Remember his green Challenger. So glad Mike was able to speak with Lee recently. He had a positive attitude. RIP dear friend. Our sympathy to all the family.

Mike and Rhonda Mitrisin - July 05, 2024 at 08:04 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lee Heaton.



July 03, 2024 at 05:03 PM

JR

“ John and Steve and Julie and Ron planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lee Heaton.

John and Steve and Julie and Ron - July 03, 2024 at 05:03 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Besco lit a candle in memory of Lee Heaton*



Kathy Besco - July 03, 2024 at 03:25 PM

KB

I worked with Lee for many years through high school and college. Lee was a kind and fun person to work with. He enjoyed joking around and he made the day pleasant to be at the checkout line.

Kathy Besco - July 03, 2024 at 03:29 PM

PD

“ *Patricia Draughn lit a candle in memory of Lee Heaton*



Patricia Draughn - July 03, 2024 at 10:10 AM

MS

“ *Mike Sage lit a candle in memory of Lee Heaton*



mike sage - July 03, 2024 at 07:12 AM

SW

“ I knew Lee From him Marrying my Cousin Diane. My thoughts and Prayers go out to the entire family. Rest In Peace Lee you will be missed.

Scott Whipple - July 03, 2024 at 12:30 AM

CM

“ I can remember when my sister and I were little - we'd go visit Aunt Louise and Lee would be working on the go-karts that he built. He had a track back behind their house and he would let us little girls drive the go-kart back to the track. We thought it was so much fun! I also remember his dog Cricket and the time he talked his parents into letting him have a dance party in the garage. We got to watch all the big kids dance. We were probably two little girls in the way - but he never made us feel that way. RIP Lee

Cindy McNulty - July 02, 2024 at 04:08 PM

DT

“ Deb And Tom lit a candle in memory of Lee Heaton



Deb and Tom - July 02, 2024 at 03:45 PM