



Leland "Lee" Grider

July 31, 1940 - November 3, 2024

Leland Lee Grider, most recently of Bloomington, Indiana, passed away on November 3, 2024, at the age of 84 at IU Health Bloomington Hospital after a long illness with Alzheimer's Disease. Born on July 31, 1940, Leland lived a life dedicated to his work, community, and family.

Leland was born to Roy and Lula Grider of Vallonia, Indiana. He was a cherished son, born late in life for the era, after his parents suffered the loss of three young infants. His older sister, Betty Ann Smithers Jones, doted on him throughout her life, and they enjoyed many years of camaraderie and close friendship as adults.

Leland had a long and storied career in bridge and road construction. He was considered one of the best in the business of preparing bids for major projects. He began his career at J.L. Wilson Construction in Bloomfield, Indiana, working there for many years before retiring from Beaty Construction in Boggstown, Indiana, at the age of 75. He took great pride in the bridges he helped conceive throughout Indiana, including the J.L. Wilson Memorial Bridge in Bloomfield.

Leland was very active with the Bloomfield, Indiana Jaycees in the 1960s and 70s, holding many local and state officer roles. He was particularly proud of being one of the founders of the annual Bloomfield Apple Festival and contributing to the construction of the local community building. He was also a member of Moose International later in life, enjoying many hours with friends and family at the Moose Lodge 500 in Speedway, Indiana.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Libby K. (Bland) Grider, with whom he shared 47 years of marriage. Leland was the father to three children: Marilea Grider (Kirk Miller), Julie Doerge (Michal), and Alice Johnson (Michael); and three stepchildren: Lacreata Eskam, Amie Lundy, and Chad Bays. He was a proud grandfather to 13 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren with 3 more due in the coming year. He is also survived by one niece, Connie Norris, and one nephew, Daryl Jones.

Leland is preceded in death by his parents, his sister, and his stepdaughter Amie.

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 10 A.M. until the hour of service at Jenkins Funeral home in Bloomfield.

Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Austin Brown officiating. Burial will follow at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

If you choose to make a monetary donation in Lee's name, the family ask it be made to Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Grove Cemetery

Walnut Grove Road
1458 S. Walnut Grove Road
Bloomfield, IN 47424

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - Bloomfield
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Tribute Wall

AR

“ I really enjoyed the 8 years that I worked with him. Great bridge estimator, even better person. Andrew Rayner

Andrew Rayner - November 11, 2024 at 12:02 PM

LG

Thank you very much Andrew.

Libby Grider - November 13, 2024 at 12:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leland "Lee" Grider.

November 10, 2024 at 09:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leland "Lee" Grider.

November 08, 2024 at 06:17 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Leland "Lee" Grider.



November 08, 2024 at 06:17 PM

BS

“ Blaine Sprinkle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leland "Lee" Grider.



Blaine Sprinkle - November 08, 2024 at 11:15 AM

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Blaine Sprinkle - November 08, 2024 at 11:15 AM

ST

“ Shawn and Tracy Timm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leland "Lee" Grider.

Shawn and Tracy Timm - November 08, 2024 at 10:19 AM

ST

“ Shawn and Tracy Timm purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Leland "Lee" Grider.



Shawn and Tracy Timm - November 08, 2024 at 10:19 AM

CB

“ My thoughts and prayers to the Grider family at this sad time. Lee's passing brought back memories of a lot of good times we shared during our teens and twenties. Rest in peace Lee. I'll be along soon. Your old friend Charlie.

Charles Bower - November 08, 2024 at 09:28 AM

AR

Lee was a great guy to torment. He always had a smile...I loved sending him surprise birthday wishes. You'll be missed but not forgotten!💙

Angela Ruppel - November 09, 2024 at 01:36 PM

LG

Thank you very much. Lee enjoyed you very much. Great memories.

Libby Grider - November 13, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Leland "Lee" Grider.



November 07, 2024 at 03:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leland "Lee" Grider.

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DM

“ Daryl, Andrea Jones. Kelly, Emilio Montes purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Leland "Lee" Grider.



Daryl, Andrea Jones. Kelly, Emilio Montes - November 06, 2024 at 07:36 PM

TF

“ The Johnson and Harris families. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leland "Lee" Grider.

The Johnson and Harris families. - November 06, 2024 at 03:42 PM

TF

“ The Johnson and Harris families. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leland "Lee" Grider.



The Johnson and Harris families. - November 06, 2024 at 03:42 PM

GS

“ Geri Sears lit a candle in memory of Leland Grider



Geri Sears - November 06, 2024 at 08:52 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leland "Lee" Grider.



November 05, 2024 at 08:36 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Leland "Lee" Grider.*



November 05, 2024 at 02:49 PM

FC

“ *From your Aunt and cousins purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Leland "Lee" Grider.*



From your Aunt and cousins - November 05, 2024 at 12:21 PM

BJ

“ *Bob & Charlene, Kevin, Janet, & Jill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leland "Lee" Grider.*



Bob & Charlene, Kevin, Janet, & Jill - November 05, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Leland "Lee" Grider.*



November 04, 2024 at 07:15 PM

AN

“ *Lee always had a sweet smile. Mary Ann Beaty*

AnnBeaty - November 04, 2024 at 07:00 PM

LG

Yes, he did.

Libby Grider - November 13, 2024 at 12:27 PM

MB

“ *Matt and Sheryl Brown purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Leland "Lee" Grider.*



Matt and Sheryl Brown - November 04, 2024 at 05:32 PM

KH

“ *Kathi Hahn lit a candle in memory of Leland Grider*



Kathi Hahn - November 04, 2024 at 03:35 PM