



Lee W. Eitrem

October 30, 1932 - December 10, 2019

Lee W. Eitrem was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on October 30, 1932 to Margaret (Mastaw) and Odon "Ole" Eitrem. He attended St. Mary's Elementary School and graduated from Loretto Catholic High School. Lee attended Michigan Technological University for a short time, and was subsequently called to serve his country in the United States Army. On December 27, 1952 he was sent to Korea where he served with the First Cavalry Division, 7th Cavalry Regiment. He volunteered for and was selected to sing with the famed Gary Owen Chorus, General Custer's Regiment. He toured Japan and Korea entertaining troops as part of the Army's elite Special Services Troop. While there he had the honor of signing at the Ernie Pyle Theatre (Japan). Once released from this assignment he returned to his duties as a Troop Movement Specialist for the 7th Cavalry Regiment. He was honorably discharged in the rank of Staff Sergeant on July 12, 1954.

Upon his discharge from the military he attended Bryant University in Providence, Rhode Island. While attending Bryant he met and married Ann (Krapf) Eitrem. They were married in St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Church on September 28, 1957. While attending the university Lee worked at The Outlet Company, Rhode Island's largest department store. Lee graduated from Bryant in the upper third of his class with a Bachelor of Science Degree in

Management. Shortly after their marriage, they travelled to California, but a few months later they returned to the Sault. He served as a tax advisor and consultant primarily to businesses located in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. He also served as a public tax accountant and investment specialist.

Later, just prior to his retirement, he volunteered to serve as a board member on the Economic Development Corporation of Sault Ste. Marie. He also volunteered to help restart the St. Mary's Catholic School and, working with a team of like-minded volunteers, was instrumental in constructing the Seal Trust.

Lee leaves behind his wife of 62 years (Ann), sons Mark and Scott, both of Sugar Island, and a daughter Leanne (Eitrem) Marlow of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. He was predeceased by his loving daughter, Alana "Chicky" Eitrem, parents Margaret (Mastaw) and Odin LeRoy "Ole" Eitrem, brothers Kenneth W. Albone, Wayne "Sonny" Albone, Robert F. Eitrem, Joseph V. Eitrem, Leon V. Eitrem, and sisters Louise "Gig" (Albone) D'Agostino, Constance "Connie" (Albone) Onorato, Geneva (Eitrem) Sika, and Genevra (Eitrem) Palmer. He leaves behind one brother, Odon R. Eitrem of Sault Ste. Marie, many nieces and nephews, and three grandchildren, Eliot Marlow of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, Sarah R. Eitrem of Lansing, and Cody Lee Eitrem, currently serving with the Navy in Gulfport, Mississippi.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be sent to Lake Superior State University's Foundation Office, for the Alana "Chicky" Eitrem Memorial

Endowment Fund which proudly supports the LSSU Nursing Program.
Donations can be sent to LSSU, Attention: Endowment Fund at 650 West
Easterday Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783.

Public visitation will be held in the Mary Room at St. Mary's Church on
Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan at 9:30 am followed by a Mass of
Christian Burial at 11:00 am with Father Sebastian Kavumkal as Celebrant on
Monday, December 16, 2019. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home is
assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lee W. Eitrem*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Lee W. Eitrem*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Lee W. Eitrem*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dear Ann, Leanne, and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Lee. He was a great teacher when I was just starting out as a bookkeeper at Ball Moving & Storage in the Soo.....many many years ago. I learned a lot of accounting practices from him. He was kind, patient, and forgiving of my mistakes. He will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathy and prayers are for you all.*

Lynn Gillies - January 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Lee's passing. I enjoyed our phone conversations about family and loved hearing him tell me about my granny, who he adored. Rest in Peace, Lee. I will miss our talks.*

Esther Johnson - December 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM