



## Lee Allen Vanderlooven

February 20, 1961 - September 20, 2015

Lee Allen Vanderlooven, age 54, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died on Sunday, September 20, 2015 in Clark Township, Michigan. He was born on February 20, 1961 in Saginaw, Michigan to George Allen and Shirley Mae (Prahl) Vanderlooven.

Lee grew up in Quanicasee, Michigan. He played football and ran track in high school. After graduation, he went to work as a well driller for several years, before he started working construction. In 1995, he moved to the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan and continued to work in the construction field and was currently working for Jahr Contracting. He met Melanie Causley and they married on August 27, 1997.

Lee was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America, Local 202.

Lee was an avid outdoorsman, he loved hunting, and fishing. He was a carpenter by trade, building deer blinds, and fish shanties.

Lee is survived by his wife, Melanie Vanderlooven of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; grandmother, Sarah Prahl of Cass City, Michigan; father, George Vanderlooven of Bay City, Michigan; sisters, Patty (AJ) Strieter of Pickford, Michigan, Kathy (Scott) Maguire of Caro, Michigan; brother, Scott (Anny)

Vanderlooven of Eagle River, Alaska; and several nieces and nephews.

Lee is preceded in death by his son, Cody Vanderlooven; mother, Shirley Vanderlooven; and grandfather, Louis Prahl.

Private family services are arranged.

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family.  
Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Italian/Maplewood Cemetery

Hessel, MI 49745

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lee Allen Vanderlooven*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Lee Allen Vanderlooven*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Lee Allen Vanderlooven*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Melanie-*

*I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your husband Lee. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Stu Mani*

STUART MANI - December 04, 2015 at 04:17 PM



“ *mel,*  
*so very sorry to hear about lee.*  
*our prayers and thoughts are with you.*  
*john r sr and david dutcher*

john r dutcher sr - September 25, 2015 at 03:26 PM

DR

“ God Bless You Leeper!!!! You will be missed, so many great times in life we shared as kids and running across you in the Sault while working construction. Prayers go out to your family from ours.

*Don Richardson*

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**Don Rochardson** - September 25, 2015 at 01:16 PM

LH

“ RIP my dear classmate, prayers sent for your family.

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**LAURA HAMER-HUIZAR** - September 24, 2015 at 09:35 PM

JS

“ Jessica Dolman and sons purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Lee Allen Vanderlooven.



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**Jessica Dolman and sons** - September 24, 2015 at 10:47 AM

BB

“ So sorry about Lee...we had just met him...but our hearts are sadden for your loss. Those few days that Lee worked at our house we enjoyed his presence. What a nice hard working man. Our thoughts and prayers for your family.

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**Bob and Kareen Brown** - September 23, 2015 at 10:03 PM

MG

“ So sorry to hear about Lee. Will keep you all in my thoughts.



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**Mary Ann Greania** - September 23, 2015 at 08:11 PM

DC

“ So sorry for your loss! Lee and his family were great friends of my family! My brother and myself enjoyed many hours playing together when we were young! My the times we kids had and the trouble! I only have good thoughts of Lee and he will surely be missed and thought of kindly. R.I.P.

*Deborah Walraven Christie, Bay City, MI*

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**Deborah Walraven Christie** - September 23, 2015 at 06:27 PM

SC

“ I only knew Lee as a Husband was for my Cousin Mel that made her Complete with Smiles that said so and seen her confidence so that I knew he was good for her also they had to be meant for each other because He clearly made her Happy & Complete so He had to be My good Friend of mine May he Lee RIP I'm so sorry for your loss Melonie I send you hugs with love.

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**Steve Causley** - September 23, 2015 at 05:45 PM

TV

“ To the Vanderlooven Family.. We are very saddened to hear of the loss of your husband, son, brother, and just a great man Lee. Our family sends your family our love, condolences and prayers during this extremely difficult time.. But we Vanderlooven "s stick together.. You need anything you just let one of us know.. We love you all. The Family of Joe Vanderlooven ❤️💙💚💛💜

Terri Vanderlooven - September 23, 2015 at 05:15 PM

NM

“ Melly, you are a strong and awesome woman, friend, and wife. I know that Lee is "your star", and will be missed forever. Time will be your friend, I'm so sorry that you have to go through this, just remember we are always with you.

nancy farr morrison - September 23, 2015 at 04:02 PM



Martin Doud

sorry

Martin Doud - September 24, 2015 at 04:44 AM

AE

So sorry for your loss. Rest in peace Lee AnnMarie

AnnMarie Eisengruber - September 24, 2015 at 09:34 AM

MD

Thoughts and prayers for the entire family. May God give you strength to get through this difficult time and the days that follow.

Mary Turschak DePrekel - September 24, 2015 at 02:17 PM

NM

“ Nancy Farr Morrison lit a candle in memory of Lee Allen Vanderlooven



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**nancy farr morrison** - September 23, 2015 at 03:57 PM

DR

“ Melanie, we are shocked and saddened to hear of Lee's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of his family.  
Dave and Patti Reinhardt

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**Dave & Patti Reinhardt** - September 23, 2015 at 12:33 PM

VD

“ It is with great sadness and shock that I look at this page. Our family lost a husband, a son-in-law, a brother-in-law, an uncle and a great friend. Lee, you will be forever missed.. And to Melanie, my sister, our hearts are breaking right beside yours. We love you both

*James "Slim" & Valerie Huffman, Brandon (&Krysta) Warner, James Huffman III and Loreena Huffman, Rachel & Brandon LaForte, Jennifer Huffman, Danielle & Noah Lindberg, Olivia (&Cory) Huffman*

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**Valerie & Dink** - September 22, 2015 at 09:25 PM

AW

“ My condolences to the family , so sorry Melanie , I knew lee since he was a baby , during his childhood and after , me and my late wife Rose were best of friends with his parents George and Shirley , lee was hunting with his father and me at our cabin by Pickford when he harvested his first U P buck , I beleive that's when he fell in love with the U P , he was a good man , Im heartbroken for his loved ones

*Alex (moose) Walraven & family*

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**Alex Walraven** - September 22, 2015 at 06:17 PM

KM

“ Not only was Lee a great contractor working along side my brother Mike, he was a fishing partner, hunting partner and great friend. You could often find Lee over at Mikes "shootin the breeze" as they would say. They had known each other a long time having grown up together in Quanicassee, His sudden passing was a tremendous shock to all of us especially Mike. He will be sadly missed but greatly remembered. Thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.



*Kaen (Jahr) Montgomery*

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**Karen Montgomery** - September 22, 2015 at 12:47 PM

GH

*So sad to hear of Lee's death! ---My heart goes out to Melanie & George & the kids-You are all in my prayers--What a flood of good memories has come to me--Our family shared a lot of family time together as our kids grew up--Lee was such a good person from a little boy on up to being a good man-- In the words of a song "JESUS NEEDS A FEW GOOD MEN" he now has another one with him. Gail [Mrs Jim] Hill*

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**Gail Y. Hill** - September 25, 2015 at 02:39 PM