



Mr. Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea IV

December 28, 1987 - November 2, 2024

It is with great sadness that the family of Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea IV, age 36, of Garrison, formerly of Henderson, announces his passing on November 2, 2024. Lee was born on December 28, 1987, in Henderson, Texas, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Lee attended St. Gregory and Bishop T.K. Gorman Middle School in Tyler before graduating from Henderson High School in 2006. He later went on to graduate from Kilgore College and attended The University of Texas in Tyler, where he continued to pursue his education and passions.

Lee met the love of his life, Rebecca, while in college, and they were married on May 14, 2016 in Tyler, TX. Together, they shared many adventures, and loved traveling across the United States with their beloved dog, Ancel, and also abroad with close family. Their bond was a strong and loving partnership, and Lee was a devoted husband for the past eight years. On July 2, 2024, their lives were further blessed when they welcomed their beautiful son, Carmel Leo McElyea V. Lee had always dreamed of having a son to carry on his name, and he wished for him to grow up to be healthy, strong, kind, and successful in all his endeavors. Above all, he hoped his son would navigate life's challenges with resilience and courage, just as Lee had always strived to do.

Lee also had a special place in his heart for his nieces and nephews. He took great joy in being an uncle, using his humor, warmth, and playfulness to create lasting memories with them. His love for his family, and especially the younger generation, was evident in every moment he spent with them. Mr. McElyea had a deep passion for life, enjoying activities such as traveling, hunting, and fishing, and always cherished time spent with family and friends. He was a proud member of the Sons of the American Revolution and was honored to be presented at the George Washington Ball in 2005. Additionally, Lee was an active member of the Executive Hunt Club, where he formed lasting friendships and shared his love of the outdoors.

Known for his quick wit, southern manners, and his ever-present willingness to help others, Lee made a lasting impact on all who knew him. His generous spirit, sense of humor, and love for those closest to him will be profoundly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rebecca McElyea and their young son Carmel Leo McElyea V; parents, Carmel and Eleanor McElyea III; sisters, Kimberly Macedo and husband Otoniel, and Natalie Chittenden and husband Jeremy; father and mother-in-law, Russell and Inga Jackson; sister-in-law, Cassandra Steen and husband Thomas; nieces and nephews, Jude Francis, Valerie, Alexander, Isabelle, Leighton, and Landry; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Boyd Anderson, Sr and Mr. and Mrs. Carmel Leo McElyea Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. McElyea will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Henderson with Father Jay Lucas officiating. Interment will follow in Live Oak Cemetery in Big Sandy under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 3-6 PM on Wednesday, November 6, in the chapel at the funeral home with a rosary to follow at 6 PM.

Pallbearers will be Alexander Macedo, Otoniel Macedo, Jeremy Chittenden, Justin Anderson, Bennett Anderson, Luke Hughes, Eric Hipp, and David Shipp. Honorary pallbearers will Carmel Leo "Leo" McElyea V, Boyd Anderson, Leighton Steen, Landry Steen, Thomas Steen, Rick Jackson, Sam Jackson, and Hunter Jackson.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations being made to a benefit for Leo's college fund. Donations may be made to Austin Bank Benefit 1781, The McElyea Family at any Austin Bank location.

Words of comfort may be shared at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Live Oak Cemetery

575 Yellow Birch Rd
Big Sandy, TX 75755

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Rosary

NOV 6. 6:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Mass of Christian Burial

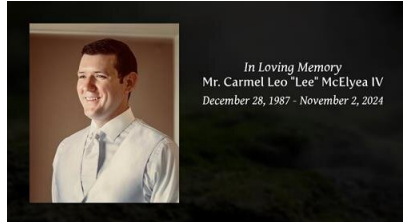
NOV 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Jude's Catholic Church
1100 Longview Drive
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea IV*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - November 06, 2024 at 12:29 PM

TH

My deepest regrets to family and friends, Tim Hughenjr

Thomas A Hughenjr - December 26, 2024 at 04:58 PM

AN

“ *Carmel and Eleanor, you are in my Thoughts and Prayers.*

Alan Nettles - November 12, 2024 at 09:44 AM

BH

“ *Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea*



Brent Hale - November 08, 2024 at 08:58 AM

JH

“ *Our deepest and most sincere condolences from the Helton Family.*

Jack Helton - November 06, 2024 at 03:01 PM

JC

“ *Carmel and Eleanor, I am sincerely sorry for the loss of your son, Lee. Peace be with you and your whole family.*

Jean Carr, Citizens Bank

Jean Carr - November 06, 2024 at 02:52 PM



CM

“ *Wrapping you in love*

Claudia Morgan-Gray - November 06, 2024 at 11:19 AM



PG

“ *Praying for the McElyea family.*

Patrice Gage - November 05, 2024 at 09:11 PM



SY

“ *Carmel and Eleanor, Cherisa and I are lifting you and your family up in prayer. Our hearts ache for you all and I pray that the love of your family and friends will sustain you as you find your way forward. May God wrap His arms around you all and give you a sense of His peace.*

Sammy & Cherisa York

Sammy York - November 05, 2024 at 05:07 PM

GH

“ I am so very sorry for your loss and will continue to keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Gina 🙏

gina Holloway - November 05, 2024 at 01:27 PM

FL

“ Fellow passenger in life lit a candle in memory of Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea



Fellow passenger in life - November 05, 2024 at 06:02 AM

JH

“ Judy Hall lit a candle in memory of Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea



Judy Hall - November 04, 2024 at 10:37 PM

CG

“ so so sorry for your loss charlotte and wayne gossage



charlotte and wayne gossage - November 04, 2024 at 09:37 PM

JH

“ Dearest Eleanor and family,
My heart is broken for all of you . I am sending all my love and
prayers to each of you, and will continue praying . With all my love,
Judy Hall

Judy Hall - November 04, 2024 at 07:04 PM

ML

“ In loving memory of Lee, Carmel Leo McElyea IV. My heart goes
out to you all. May you be comforted by the outpouring of love
surrounding you. May you feel the love of the Father and the peace
of the Holy Spirit, secure in the grace and resurrection of the Son.

Merri Suzanne Liles - November 04, 2024 at 05:30 PM

TV

“ Tom Vaught lit a candle in memory of Carmel
Leo "Lee" McElyea



Tom Vaught - November 04, 2024 at 04:38 PM

RM

“ Rosa and Hal Martin lit a candle in memory of
Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea



Rosa and Hal Martin - November 04, 2024 at 04:22 PM



“ *Kathy Porter lit a candle in memory of Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea*



Kathy Porter - November 04, 2024 at 03:58 PM



“ *Margaret L Logston lit a candle in memory of Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea*



Margaret L Logston - November 04, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ *Alan and Teresa Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea*



Alan and Teresa Hawkins - November 04, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ *Lavonne Schauwecker lit a candle in memory of Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea*



Lavonne Schauwecker - November 04, 2024 at 11:04 AM

KH

“ Mollie & Ken Hale



Ken Hale - November 04, 2024 at 10:34 AM

SD

“ Eleanor and family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your precious son. May God give you His Grace and Mercy during this overwhelming grief. I am sending my love to you.



Sherri Davis - November 04, 2024 at 10:09 AM

PP

“ pud patterson lit a candle in memory of Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea



pud patterson - November 04, 2024 at 09:14 AM

AV

“ Andy Vinson lit a candle in memory of Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea



Andy Vinson - November 04, 2024 at 09:07 AM

TS

“ *Tammy Stoddard lit a candle in memory of Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea*



Tammy Stoddard - November 04, 2024 at 08:53 AM

VI

“ *Virginia Irwin lit a candle in memory of Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea*



Virginia Irwin - November 04, 2024 at 08:31 AM

JW

“ *Joe White lit a candle in memory of Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea*



Joe White - November 04, 2024 at 07:52 AM

BG

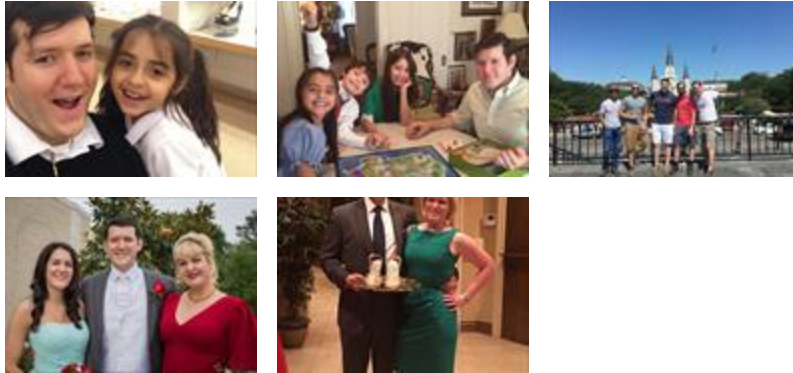
“ *Praying for peace, comfort and understanding.
Bonnie Geddie*



Bonnie Geddie - November 04, 2024 at 07:44 AM

KI

“ *Best brother, uncle, and godfather*



kim - November 04, 2024 at 07:00 AM

MW

“ *So sad, so very sorry. This is so heartbreaking. Life changing. Love ya.*
Mary Dell

Mary Witty - November 04, 2024 at 06:48 AM

EM

“ *I'm sincerely sorry for the loss of your son, Lee.*



Elise Mahesh - November 03, 2024 at 11:02 PM

DM

“ *We are thinking of your family during this painful time. Sincerely,*
Deborah and Randy Moore

Deborah Moore - November 03, 2024 at 08:24 PM

KL

“ *Kay Lewis lit a candle in memory of Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea*



Kay Lewis - November 03, 2024 at 06:44 PM

JS

“ *Made the loving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ give you comfort in this time of deep sorrow. I am so very sorry for your loss.*



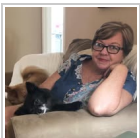
Judy Sewell - November 03, 2024 at 06:12 PM

DW

“ *Deanna Wooley lit a candle in memory of Carmel Leo "Lee" McElyea*



Deanna Wooley - November 03, 2024 at 06:09 PM



“ *Lynne LeBow lit a candle in memory of Carmel McElyea*



Lynne LeBow - November 03, 2024 at 04:40 PM

CW

“ We are so very sorry to hear of this most tragic loss. Praying that God will wrap his loving arms around all of you and comfort you in the loss of your precious Lee.



Cyndi Walker - November 03, 2024 at 04:35 PM

AN

“ Ananda Nobles lit a candle in memory of Carmel McElyea



Ananda Nobles - November 03, 2024 at 03:41 PM

RC

“ Reba Crim lit a candle in memory of Carmel McElyea



Reba Crim - November 03, 2024 at 02:59 PM