



Lee Henderson

October 22, 1952 - April 19, 2025

Frankfort - James "Lee" Henderson, age 72, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 10:18 AM, with family and friends present. A celebration of life will be at the Elks Lodge #530 starting at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2025.

Lee was born in Dallas, Texas on October 22, 1952, to the late James "Bob" Henderson and Virginia Ann Dove Henderson. He is survived by his daughter, Grace Lee Henderson, and his sister, Jill Henderson Replogle (Tom). He was a graduate of the University of Kentucky, and retired from a studios career in the Kentucky State Department of Surface Mining. He was an avid fisherman, exploring every waterway he had access to from Florida to Canada. He was a proud member of the Elks Lodge for several years and believed in its mission. Most of all, he will be remembered for being a dedicated Dad and loyal friend. To know him was to love him; he will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Frankfort Elks Lodge #530
309 Lewis Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Tribute Wall

JE

“ Jenni planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lee Henderson.

Jenni - May 26, 2025 at 07:26 AM

UC

“ Uncle Mike & Aunt Connie purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Lee Henderson.



Uncle Mike & Aunt Connie - May 05, 2025 at 03:37 PM

AC

“ Our family were lifelong friends to the Henderson family, since Lee was four. Lee never forgot Chris' birthday and when Chris passed, Lee sent me flowers on Chris' birthday. This loving gesture dearly touched my heart.
Lee teaching my children to fish at the river was another gift. We loved his Christmas visits, too.
Pictures of Chris and Lee playing as young boys are a riot. They sure loved their sports.
Lee was a firecracker and we were blessed having him as a friend!



Ann Colvin - May 03, 2025 at 09:50 AM

GH

Thank you Ann 💙

Grace Henderson - May 05, 2025 at 10:29 AM

LF

“ Love, Ann Colvin and family purchased the "Sending You an Angel" Statue to Express Sympathy for Funeral Or Memorial for the family of Lee Henderson.



Love, Ann Colvin and family - May 03, 2025 at 09:36 AM

LF

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Love, Ann Colvin and family - May 03, 2025 at 09:23 AM

LF

“ Love, Ann Colvin and family purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Lee Henderson.



Love, Ann Colvin and family - May 03, 2025 at 09:23 AM

SL

“luckily, I got to have breakfast with Lee and Hugh Archer just recently in Kentucky. And I'm so glad we did. Lee and I gardened together for years. I had a huge garden in Kentucky and he made it beautiful. Here is a cute story about when we were gardening together one day. He would sing a lot when we were gardening and I have a terrible singing voice. He insisted that I sing a song for him. I had a standard poodle who I adored her name was Sophie. And I broke out in song to the tune of Maria from West Side Story except I interjected Sofia. It cracked him up. I loved this man very much. We did an awfully lot of wonderful work together on my farm. And he fished in our stock pond many many times.

One of the things that I joked with him about was how hard he tried to be a redneck. When he was actually a pretty sophisticated guy. He did his best. One thing for sure I became a better gardener by working along side him. A thing that makes me really happy is in his own garden on the river, I saw a lot of my plants that I had given him over the years and they flourished of course.

susan carson lambert

susan carson lambert - May 02, 2025 at 03:42 PM

GH

Thank you, Susan! I agree that he was much more sophisticated than he let on, haha. ❤️

Grace Henderson - May 02, 2025 at 07:27 PM

MU

“ Met Lee 40 years ago in Louisville thru his UK roommate Tim Mercer which was then married to a dear friend of mine, which is still a very special person. Lee lived on our Kentucky River and loved Grace so much, spoke about her often. Lee was a very good person inside and out he will be missed on the River...love you

Martha B Ueltschi - April 26, 2025 at 11:47 PM

GH

Thank you Martha 💙

Grace Henderson - May 02, 2025 at 07:26 PM

AV

“ Anne Winn Vansant lit a candle in memory of Lee Henderson



Anne Winn Vansant - April 25, 2025 at 02:14 PM

GH

Thank you Anne 💙

Grace Henderson - May 02, 2025 at 07:26 PM

MS

“ Lee and I knew each other for more than forty years. We fished and went to Keeneland and Churchill with great regularity. Won some serious money twice. As my writing career progressed and I got a great agent and all that goes with it, Lee was my biggest fan. I have dedicated my coming novel *Evanescere, the Gardeners Story* to Lee. Travel safe little buddy. Michael Stafford

Michael Stafford - April 25, 2025 at 12:10 PM



Thank you Mike □

Grace Henderson - May 02, 2025 at 07:26 PM