



Lee E. Dawson

January 5, 1941 - January 13, 2020

Lee E. Dawson departed for his eternal home on the morning of January 13, 2020. He was born in Waterloo, Iowa on January 5, 1941 to the late Howard and Ella (Kammeier) Dawson. Lee was a graduate of East High School class of '59, and upon graduation served in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Spain. Lee was a dedicated career police officer serving for 30 years and retiring from the Cedar Falls Police Department. He was a gifted Karate teacher for over 50 years at the Cedar Falls Karate Club, the school he founded in 1970. In 2015 he was promoted to 10th degree Black Belt, a rare and distinguished achievement. In 2017 and 2018, Lee authored two books of Karate instruction and philosophy for the Japanese inspired Seishin-Ryu style he developed and taught.

Lee will be dearly missed by his children: Kelly Dawson (Jason Brownrigg) of Holmen, WI; Jeff (Terisa) Dawson of Evansdale, IA; Debra (Carlos) Puce of Wilmette, IL; Tina (Mike) Waner of Mcpherson, KS.

He was a loving grandfather to: Nick and Branden (Kelly), Abby and Cody (Jeff), Alexander and Joshua (Debra), Sydney and Andrew (Tina), and JoEll Perry. He was also a great-grandfather to Kendyl and Oaklen (Jeff). He will be dearly missed by his siblings, Lynne Hansen and Lonnie Dawson, and his devoted friends Veronica and Rodney Perry, Kathryn Wood, and many others.

Celebration of life services for Lee will be held at Grace Baptist Church in Waterloo on Friday, January 17, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Richardson Funeral Service. Memorials may be directed to the family for designation at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Celebration of Life

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church
3820 Hammond Avenue
Waterloo, IA 50702

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Allen Stickfort lit a candle in memory of Lee E. Dawson



Allen Stickfort - January 23, 2020 at 01:15 PM

EH

“ I only knew Lee from his time living at Mallard Point Independent Living. He was always a very pleasant man to talk to even when he was in pain. I started having back problems. Lee would ask me every day how I was doing even when he wasn't doing well, He will be missed here at Mallard. R,I,P, Lee.
Your friend
Evelyn Hamlin

Evelyn Hamlin - January 18, 2020 at 02:11 AM

MW

“ Thank you for all you did for me Sensi
I will always remember you. Mike Wilcox

Michael Wilcox - January 17, 2020 at 09:36 PM

DD

Mike I remember you. Thanks for writing, I hope you are well.

Debra Dawson-Puce - May 26, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ *Chinese Dogwood Tree was purchased for the family of Lee E. Dawson.*



January 16, 2020 at 10:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lee E. Dawson.*



January 16, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ *Steve Waltermann purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lee E. Dawson.*



Steve Waltermann - January 16, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ *He was a great teacher. Self control and discipline along with restraint were engrained early on while taking karate lessons. He pushed you beyond what you think you could do. That is the mark of a great teacher. My condolences.*
-Lucas Hinke

Lucas Hinke - January 15, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lee E. Dawson.*



January 15, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ *Thank you to the spirit of this man, Soshu, who had a huge impact on my son, Sam's, life for many years. As a young boy of 8 or 9 years, Soshu allowed Sam to discover his strengths and weaknesses. As a teen, he demonstrated and encouraged self-discipline, respect for others, and humility. As a young adult, Sam was given opportunities of self-identity through his relationship with Soshu. He was an important part of our family's for all those critical years. I am forever grateful.*
Mary Roche

Mary P Roche - January 14, 2020 at 09:48 PM



My Uncle Lee will always be in my heart forever. I will never forget the wonderful times we all had together. Family gatherings, spending time at his club with him and with Kelly, Deb, Tina and Jeff. He always was such a loving uncle to me and was always there whenever I needed him. I am so honored to call him my uncle. I will never forget the memories we shared. And how he raised the most amazing children ever. I will deeply miss our times together. Until we meet again. All my love my dear uncle R.I.P. I love you forever and ever.. Stephanie Juehring and family ❤️😭

Stephanie Juehring - January 14, 2020 at 10:59 PM

JD

Lee was a great brother-in-law. He never gave advice that wasn't asked for, showed up when he was needed, and was a second pair of eyes on our kids. He kind of pushed me into joining a karate class. It changed my life. He was a tough teacher who could make you feel so small with with a disapproving glance. Nothing but your best would please him. He would always tell me, "If you think you can, you can. If you think you can't, you can't." I have had that advice echo in my head through every challenge I've faced. He taught me that I can. Rest In Peace, dear brother.

Jean Dawson

Jean Dawson - January 15, 2020 at 07:49 AM

CW

Lee I always enjoyed talking to you when I returned from Nam and ran the station 3rd shift across from the fire station on Main RIP

CRAIG WHITE - January 15, 2020 at 11:54 AM

KG

A great friend when we were teenagers many fun memories. Ken Gardner

Ken gardner - January 16, 2020 at 09:41 AM

KE

Lee was a teacher and friend to me as well as an inspiration. We traveled and had fun together and he will remain in my memory always. RIP Handsome.

Karen Eckhoff - January 16, 2020 at 10:18 AM

PK

*Lee Dawson Sensei was a long time friend. I am so saddened by the news of his recent passing, A strong man and a great leader of men and women. I will miss him along with numerous other friends and associates. He is in a better place. God bless his soul.
Phillip W. Koeppel*

Phillip Koeppel - January 17, 2020 at 06:35 PM

SK

Recently found out Lee had passed. Was part of CFKC cack in early 70s when we were above the movie theater. Great memories I will always cherish. RIP warrior.

Steve Kaiser - February 26, 2023 at 02:23 AM