



## Ruth Phelps Lee

July 4, 1923 - July 5, 2012

Born July 4, 1923 in Streator, Illinois, Ruth grew up in Coshocton, Ohio and Cambridge, Ohio. She has been a South Florida Resident of Miami, Florida and Tequesta, Florida for over sixty years. She is the daughter of the late William Robinson Phelps and the late Ida Ruth Haggard Phelps of Cambridge, Ohio. She is preceded in death by her husband of sixty-one years, Thomas E Lee, Jr. and a granddaughter, Bonnie Ruth Lee. She is survived by her daughter, Lynn Lee Cruse and husband, David; son Thomas E. Lee, III and wife, Julia; son John Patrick Lee and wife, Sara; son David Godbee Lee and wife Ann; and son James Bryant Lee and wife, Dawn. She is survived by fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was a loving mother and grandmother who was very involved in each of their lives. Ruth also was a loving sister, aunt and friend to a very large, loving group of friends and relatives. She was someone who was loved and admired by all who were fortunate enough to know her. We will miss her dearly.

As a young lady, she worked at the family grocery store in Cambridge, Ohio, and as a switchboard operator and filing clerk at Cambridge Glass. In 1949, Ruth and her good friend, Mary Lou McCartney, drove from Ohio to Miami, Florida, in search of work. Ruth landed a job as the secretary to Dean Rasco at the University of Miami Law School where she soon met her future husband, Tom, a law student. Together they raised, nurtured, and inspired a large family which continues to grow.

A visitation will be held from 4-6 PM, Sunday, July 8, 2012 at Taylor and

Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center Street., Jupiter, FL. A Funeral Service will be held 1 PM, Monday, July 9, 2012 at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Palm Beach Atlantic University, 901 South Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL. 33401 ATTN: Development Office in loving memory of Ruth Lee.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Phelps Lee*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *I remember Aunt Ruth very fondly. I got to see and visit with her several times at my parent's home's in Annandale and Richmond when she would get together with her sisters at their reunions. She also stopped out here in Oregon and saw us when she was traveling with Uncle Tom. I was able to speak on the phone to Aunt Ruth many, many times and enjoyed our conversations more than I can say. The wonderful thing about the Phelps sisters was that they were great at keeping in touch with each other. I got to hear about the lives of all their families while I was growing up because my mom would share all the letters she received. I'll miss Aunt Ruth very much and my love goes out to all her family. Mary Ruth McDonald-Miura.*

**Mary Ruth McDonald-Miura - Eugene, OR - Ruth's niece - July 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM**



“ *So sorry for the loss of your mother, but knowing you have peace about her being in the Lillies of the Valley with your Dad now.*

*Your friend, always!  
Rachael*

**Rachael Terry - Little Rock, AR - Friend/Coworker of John Lee - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

PF

“ I am Tim Lawson's mother . Tom has been part of our lives since ASU days. I am so sorry to hear that you have lost your wonderful mother and want you to know that I will keep your family in thoughts and prayers. Sincerely

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**Pat Moser - Blowing Rock, NC - friend** - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ For Tom and all the Lee family I send my best. I feel like a member of your extended family. Your mother was so nice the few times I met her. Please know I am thinking of you all.  
Tim Lawson

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**Tim Lawson - Seattle, WA - Friend of the family** - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ We are so saddened by the sudden loss of your precious mom and grandmom. I know that Mike would like to be with you at the service and to share in her celebration of life. She was such a sweetheart, it's hard to understand a day without her. We know that she will deeply be missed by so many that knew and loved her. John and Sara, we are so blessed to have known your dear Mom and will keep the memories as a true treasure. We are with you in thoughts and prayers during this time, and regret that we cannot be at the service. All our love to your family.  
Mike and Cindy

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**Cindy & Mike Weaver - Miami, FL - Friends of The Lee Family** - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ John and the entire Lee family, We are profoundly sorry about the passing of your beautiful mother. Of course, we had not met her, but we feel like we know her by knowing you. Any mother who has raised such a fine and wonderful son most assuredly was and is fine and wonderful herself. Please accept this one small store of pity to help relieve your pain.

*"Death is nothing else but going HOME to God; the bond of love will be unbroken for all of eternity." Mother Teresa*

*Don't you know she and your father are having a grand time about now?*

*Love, sympathy, and peace be with you. Cheryl & Michael*

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**Chryl Dees & Michael Zukoski - Little Rock, AR - friend of John Lee & family -**  
July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PI

“ Dear Tommy & the Entire Lee family,

*Growing up in Miami, everyone was familiar with the honorable Judge Lee & wife Ruth. My grandmother, also Ruth, was a legal secretary for her entire career. My parents also knew the Lee family, as all of our families lives crossed each other's paths.*

*What a wonderful and successful life your Mom lived. She was a role model for all woman to follow. From her career, to being so blessed in her personal live with a long marriage to a loving prestigious husband, to raising a large, and very successful loving family. During this celebration of your Mom's life, All of the entire Lee family can be so proud to have had this wonderful woman be a mentor in each and every one of your lives.*

*With heartfelt condolences, Pamela Anne Ingoe Brodhead*

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**Pamela Anne Ingoe Brodhead - Melbourne, FL - Friend of Thomas E. Lee III -**  
July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ I've known Ruth since the early 50's when her brother Jack and I were married. We made many trips between Ohio and Florida thru the years and finally made the move to Miami right next door to Ruth and Tom. We had many fun times together. I will miss her and will be lifting her family up in prayer.V

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Virginia Johnson - Palm Bay, FL - Sister--in-Law - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Sorry for the Lee's Family Loss. mwc

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michael w chiello sr - Palm Bay, FL - Friend of Family - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I know how much you will all miss your beautiful Mom and Grandma..she was just the sweetest I'll remember her always...especially the chicken and noodle recipe that she has shared..a new family favorite. I am do glad that she had a wonderful trip to NC last month for the wedding and a chance to spend some very happy times with her family. She took the time to come visit my mom. while here and it meant so much to my Mom. She will be missed always,but I personally have wonderful memories which I will hold dear and will think of her everytime chicken and noodles is served, I promise

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Peggi and Bob Pearson - NC - Lynn's friend - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM