



## *Celebration of Life*



Honoring Lee Eugene West  
(formerly known as Larry West)  
August 18, 1956 – July 30, 2024

As you may know, Lee West passed through the veil and entered the Godly realm on July 30, 2024, at 3:12 am at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Lee was there to investigate a fire and suffered a deadly V Fib Cardiac Arrest on our Anniversary of our first date, marriage proposal, and wedding celebration, July 24th. In only the kind of beautiful symmetry that God can create, Lee died on the very day when our love began to sprout wings, 7 years prior. And how fitting this symmetry as it is out of death and destruction that also Life and Love begin. It was because of the most severe fire in the history of Honolulu that brought Lee to Hawaii where we met and realized we had been waiting for each other for a long time; we have such an ancient love. And through the death of others, God brought the Life of Us in that Moment together on July 24, 2017, in Hawaii. I always loved the July 24th date as it relayed that we loved each other 24/7.

Since the University of Minnesota piloted the amazing program with technology called ECMO, EMTs and doctors were able to bring Lee back to life with these life supporting machines. And I thank God for this time, 5 days on life support, which gave me and his best friends the opportunity to be with him as he prepared for the soul passage back to God. We stayed by his bedside, holding his hands, talking to him out loud, showering him with love and strength to make his soul journey home.

Lee is forever etched in our hearts and souls as he was the best human being and most amazing soul that any of us have ever known. Not only was he the best prankster, which made life fun and enjoyable, he was such a kind and giving man to friends and strangers alike. He was so adept at managing all types of personalities at fire scenes and in everyday life. He had such breadth of knowledge of so many things in life. He was so spiritually and physically strong. He knew how to adore and love me perfectly. And I thank him for giving me such deep, purposeful love in our 7 years. He was my best friend and my favorite thought. He was loved by everyone he met. Because Lee was so lively, energetic, the life of the party, it is only fitting that we have a Celebration of Life party to celebrate this most amazing man.

Saturday September 14, 2024  
Fellowship begins: 2 – 5 pm  
Dayton Firefighters Activity Center  
3616 Needmore Rd, Dayton, OH 45424

Share your Lee-ism moments: bring photos, videos, speeches to share in celebrating our dear friend

Please RSVP ASAP for planning to:  
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Honor Lee West (formerly known as Larry West) with your presence for a

# *Celebration of Life Memorial*

## *Date & Location*

Saturday September 14, 2024  
Dayton Firefighters Activity Center  
3616 Needmore Rd  
Dayton, OH 45424

## *Time*

Aperitifs and Esculents  
Beginning at 2pm  
2 – 5 pm storytelling  
(we can stay as long as we would like)

## *RSVP*

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917-995-1055

## *Please Bring*

Videos &/or Photos of Lee  
Share your Stories about Lee  
(hope everyone shares a Lee-ism moment)

If you would like to donate to First Responder Charity Funds to honor Lee & his career or to the GoFundMe for Cassandra to help with hospitalization fees, memorial costs & to help her save the home that she and Lee built, click on Links below:

GoFundMe for Cassandra - <https://gofund.me/d1b61e5f>  
Wounded Warrior Project – <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>  
Tunnel to Towers – <https://www.t2t.org>  
Firefighters Association of Charleston – [www.firefighterssupport.org/donate/](http://www.firefighterssupport.org/donate/)  
Ohio Fire & Emergency Services Foundation -  
<http://ohiofirechiefs.com/aws/OFCA/pt/sp/donate>