

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR JERE ROBERT LEE

Jere Robert Lee, age 63, died quietly at his family home on Barton Avenue on December 14, 2017. He was born in Nashville to Hulon Granville Lee and Nell Puryear Lee and attended Two Rivers and McGavock High Schools. In 1972, Jere enrolled at Vanderbilt University and graduated with a B.A. degree in 1976. While an undergraduate at Vanderbilt, he met the love of his life, Evon Batey Lee. Jere and Evon married shortly after their graduation in 1976.

In the fall of that same year, Jere enrolled at Vanderbilt School of Law and graduated in 1979. He joined the Nashville firm of Dodson, Harris, Robinson & Aden, where he became a skilled litigator. When the firm dissolved in 1987, Jere successfully pursued his own law practice with broad spectrum of clients with a specialty in transportation law. He was well known at the bar for his collegiality, his tenacity for his clients and his devotion to honesty in all matters. It has been observed that it would be hard to find any adversary at the bar who did not count Jere Lee as a friend by the time the case closed. Devotion to honesty and professionalism profiled his career.

Jere's generous and engaging personality formed close friendships with attorneys and clients. Among friends he was known for a subtle, wry wit that spiced his conversation. He was a life-long Democrat and enjoyed repartee over lunch or a Coors on political topics. While he was a spirited partisan, his friends were of all persuasions.

Jere Lee had many interests. He was an avid gardener, a reader of history and a devoted Vanderbilt sports fan. Every Vandy baseball fan knew that Jere and Evon could be found at their third base line seats at home games. Jere knew the team members and the coaches personally. Indeed, his daughter Nicole married a Commodore baseball player. He was a regular at Vandy basketball games and a long-suffering football fan as well. On the rare occasion when the Commodores football team beat Tennessee, Jere was merciless in his joy.

Jere was also an accomplished outdoorsman and backpacker. He, his brother, Dr. David Lee, and close friends began backpacking in the Smoky Mountains and the Big South Fork in the late 1970's, taking 3 and 4 day backpacks multiple times yearly. This group grew and became known as the "Senseless Walkers," composed of companions from Nashville, Clarksville and Knoxville. Jere took many winter backpacking trips on the Appalachian Trail with his group, forming close bonds in common suffering through cold and snow. He was an avid trout fisherman and looked forward to spring treks to the "Jere R. Lee Memorial Campground" on Slickrock Creek on the North Carolina and Tennessee line. He and his friends traveled west for week-long treks in Yellowstone Park, the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, the Tetons and Glacier National Park. On the many trips to Glacier National Park, he came to love climbing and summited many of the highest peaks in the park. He twice climbed Longs Peak in Colorado, once with his daughter, Katie. He described these days as among the best of his life.

In early 2014, Jere was diagnosed with ALS but he continued to backpack, fish and climb with his friends for as long as he could. That summer he climbed Mt. Clements in Glacier Park accompanied by four (4) of his friends. His joy of making this day-long climb with friends was shared by all the group.

By far, the greatest pride and legacy of Jere Lee's life was the family he and Evon raised. He was devoted to Evon and his family. You could not know Jere long before hearing about his beautiful and accomplished daughters: Rachel, Nicole and Katie. As the girls finished college and married, Jere devoted loving attention to his granddaughters: Caroline, Amory, Anna and Tess. Many summers he and the entire family traveled to Switzerland to tour and hike. Attesting to the strength of his family, when Jere became ill in 2014, Rachel and Nicole's families moved to homes nearby so they could assist Evon in caring for Jere as his health deteriorated.


True to Jere's character, he never complained about his illness, even when he became confined to a wheelchair. He acknowledged his blessings of a devoted wife, loving family and close friends. He was an esteemed lawyer, a beloved friend to many and a man of character. He will be missed at the Bar, by his family and by all who knew him.

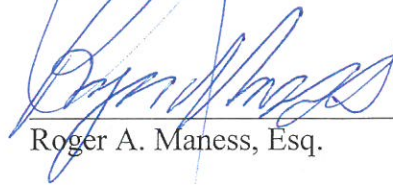
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nashville Bar Association honor the life and career of Jere R. Lee and appreciate his contributions to our community.


Be it FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial resolution be placed in the permanent records of the Nashville Bar Association and entered in the minutes of the Chancery Court for Davidson County with copies be furnished to his family.

Respectfully submitted,

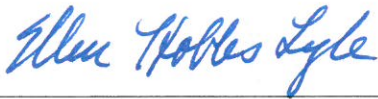
  
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