

M.O. (Myrth Obert) Lee Jr., 79, of Bella Vista, Arkansas died February 10, 2009 at a local health care facility.

M.O. was born August 10, 1929, in Sacred Heart Village, Minnesota to Myrth O. Lee Sr. and Selma Holt Lee. He completed his elementary education at Montevideo, MN and then moved to Watertown, SD where he received his secondary education. He attended the University of South Dakota for four years and completed one year of law school. He was a 1st Lieutenant in the US Army during the Korean War, serving in the Infantry. He was a member of the American Legion.

Following his military service, he became an insurance adjuster for General Motors. M.O. was united in marriage to Wanda Johnson Lee in Estelline, SD on February 1, 1958.

As an adjuster, he headquartered in Huron and worked much of South Dakota and some of North Dakota. Because of his work travel he knew the main roads, back roads, diners, body shops and dealerships of eastern South Dakota very well. He also always knew where the fish were biting and the mallards were gathering. M.O. and Wanda left Huron in 1983. He retired in 1985 and they moved to Bella Vista.

M.O. was an avid golfer who was always ready to give a lesson. It is likely he enjoyed sharing the game with others more than playing it himself. In his retirement years, he eagerly made sets of golf clubs for his relatives and friends. M.O. loved the outdoors and time spent hunting and fishing. He could always be talked into a game of cards and accompanying Wanda on trips. He especially took pleasure in watching his grandchildren participate in their sports, music, dramatic and dance activities. M.O. cherished time with friends and family more than any treasure.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Wanda, of Bella Vista; two sons, Mark (Lesa) Lee of Madison, SD and Todd (Kimberly) Lee of Owensboro, KY; one daughter, Karen Lee of Sioux Falls, SD; seven grandchildren, Allison (Jon) Uresk, Amanda Koenig, Meagan Lee, Michael Lee, Carson Lee, Jackson Lee and Peyton Lee; one sister, Mary (Tom) LeRoy of Hudson, Ohio, and one brother James (Carolyn) Lee of Naples, Fl. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, John.

A memorial service will be held at United Lutheran Church in Bella Vista Saturday, February 14 at 2:00 p.m. A service of remembrance at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and interment at Mount Hope Cemetery in Watertown, SD will be at a later date. Memorials may be made in honor of M.O. Lee to the Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762; the United Lutheran Church, 100 Cooper Road, Bella Vista, AR 72714; and Trinity Lutheran Church, Box 146, Estelline, SD 57234. Bella Vista Funeral Home, 2258 Forest Hills Blvd, Bella Vista is in charge of funeral arrangements.