



Lee D. Shumway

January 21, 1958 - November 21, 2020

HADLEY - Lee D. Shumway, 62, of Hadley, passed away on Saturday, November 21st at Cooley Dickinson Hospital surrounded by his loving family after a long, courageous battle with ALS. He was born in Northampton on January 21, 1958 to the late Baxter and Irene (LaFountain) Shumway. Lee grew up in Amherst and graduated from Amherst Regional High School class of 1976. He excelled in most things he did but especially in sports, receiving both varsity letters in baseball and basketball. Lee went on and later graduated from Greenfield Community College where he also played on their baseball team. He met and fell in love with a beautiful girl named Diane Niedzwiecki. Their fondness for each other grew, and they were married on July 4, 1985. They settled in Hadley, and it was there that they raised and doted on their two daughters: Amanda and Lindsey. Lee worked for 30 years as a UPS driver. Over his long career he delivered 1.8 million packages and drove over 700,000 miles. In just one shift, he drove 210 miles and delivered 350 packages. During this time, Lee made hundreds of friends and wonderful acquaintances.

Being a sports enthusiast, he enjoyed watching several sports teams, including the Boston Red Sox, Boston Celtics, New England Patriots, NY Giants, and NY Rangers. Diane and Lee loved going to concerts, meeting several artists including Darius Rucker, Lady Antebellum, and Eric Church. He loved spending summers in Maine making many long-lasting memories with his family.

Lee appreciated vintage cars and home projects. He enjoyed learning how to build and repair alongside his friends, as well as through studious research. He was a bit of a perfectionist and believed things should be done as well as possible without shortcuts. One of Lee's favorite projects was restoring vintage Ford Mustang gauge clusters, making them look and function as if fresh from the factory. His work was so meticulous that his restored gauges are installed worldwide in many high-end vintage Mustangs.

Since Lee was diagnosed with ALS on December 11, 2017, he dedicated his life to raising thousands and thousands of dollars to help find a cure and to help the ALS Association Massachusetts Chapter. He had worked determinedly on fundraising for the Western Massachusetts Walk to Defeat ALS held at Look Park in Northampton. Lee's dedication and determination has left a positive impact on all who knew him. His strength and wisdom will not be disregarded. We will continue to fight ALS until there is a cure.

Lee is survived by his loving, devoted wife, Diane Shumway of Hadley, daughters, Amanda Shumway of Charleston, SC, Lindsey St. Laurence and her husband Philip of Hadley, his precious granddaughters, Peyton and Lily, his brothers, Gary of Amherst, Bruce and his wife Rachel of Belchertown, Tracy of Hadley, several nieces and nephews, and dear friends.

Calling hours will be Friday, November 27th from 4-7 PM at DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME of Northampton. Funeral will be held on Saturday, November 28th at 10 AM in the funeral home followed by a prayer service to begin at 11 AM officiated by Fr. John Smegal. Burial will follow in Holy Rosary Cemetery, Hadley. Per request by Lee, please dress casually.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lee's memory to: Lee Shumway Memorial Fund, One Dollar Difference, 685 Canton St., Suite 103, Norwood, MA 02062 or to The Susie Foundation, 15 Carleton Rd., W. Hartford, CT 06107.

Due to Covid-19, masks and social distancing are required at all times. We also ask during your visit with us to please keep your condolences with the family brief. For more information or to leave a message of personal

condolence please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hour

NOV 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Drozdal Funeral Home Of Northampton

Funeral

NOV 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-5306
<https://drozdalfuneralhome.com/>

Prayer Service

NOV 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-5306
<https://drozdalfuneralhome.com/>

Cemetery

NOV 28. 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Rosary Cemetery
Huntington Rd.
Hadley, MA 01035
<http://mhrhadley.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Very sorry for your loss, Diane.*

Mike Kroll

Michael Kroll - December 03, 2020 at 07:02 AM



“ *Rest in peace my friend. You fought a very hard fight. May others benefit from your work. My sincere condolences to Dianne and all family members.*

Charlie Bray Rotonda West Florida

CHARLIE Bray - December 02, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Lee. Sending love and light to your entire family.*

Ted Schiff - November 26, 2020 at 03:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lee D. Shumway.*



November 25, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ *Lee will be sadly missed Dave and Darlene Amherst/Southwick*

David Brunelle - November 25, 2020 at 07:47 AM

JK

“ Who looks forward to seeing the smiling, happy UPS driver bounding up the driveway? We did! For years this terrific man delivered packages to us in South Amherst....delivered each with a smile, a joke or a story. We talked NASCAR, baseball, Patriots and each brief visit was fun. May you hearts be filled with wonderful loving memories of this terrific man. Sending healing prayers to ease your grief and hugs to give you comfort. Vic K. and Kelley

Jane Kelley - November 24, 2020 at 08:23 PM

CW

“ Carrie Wysocki purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lee D. Shumway.



Carrie Wysocki - November 24, 2020 at 04:19 PM

Nic Lane

“ Nic Lane purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lee D. Shumway.



Nic Lane - November 24, 2020 at 03:25 PM

Nic
Lane

“ Last Tuesday was our last visit. Khailee and I came in like a tornado per usual when we would see you. The smile on your face I will never forget. Then you got me with cleaning your glasses that had no lenses, and we laughed. You always kept your sense of humor, you loved seeing people smile. When I see you on the other side you better be wearing those fuzzy pants lol. You will me missed tremendously.

Nic Lane - November 24, 2020 at 03:24 PM



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Drozdal Funeral Home - November 24, 2020 at 11:43 AM

DC

Beautiful picture ♡

Deborah Campbell - November 25, 2020 at 10:34 AM

CM

Lee was our favorite UPS driver of all time - always a bright spot in the workday. (I knew he was something special the day he said "Fra-GEE-le, that's Italian for KICK ME.") So sad he didn't get more time to enjoy Maine. The loss is hardest for his family, but everybody along his route got a share of his freedom and exuberance, and we will all miss him. - Joe (Amherst College Science Building) and Catherine (Yiddish Book Center) (both now retired)

Catherine Madsen - November 28, 2020 at 11:36 AM

DW

Lee was a standout in our ARHS high school class, in athletics, awesome (fast) cars, and bringing people together with his positive energy and incandescent smile. Lee's smile and energy were infectious and he brought joy to anyone who knew him. He was a loyal friend to all who deeply loved his family. We will miss him at our next reunion. But we will raise a glass in his honor. All thoughts and prayers for his family.

Dan Winslow - December 12, 2020 at 04:09 PM