



## Leland "Lee" DeVries

December 21, 1949 - August 21, 2012

Leland "Lee" DeVries, 62, of Davis, South Dakota, died unexpectedly, Tuesday, morning August 21, 2012 at Lennox of an apparent heart attack. Leland Ray DeVries was born on December 21, 1949 at Lennox, South Dakota, the son of Andrew and Marles (Knock) DeVries. He grew up in the Lennox area and graduated from Lennox High School in 1968. He served in the U.S. Army from 1969 until his honorable discharge in 1971. On September 4, 1971 he married Shirley Sweeter at West Prairie Lutheran Church. The couple made their home east of Davis where they currently reside. Lee worked as a John Deere mechanic at Cavin's Implement from 1971 until 1984 and also farmed. In 1989 he became the owner/operator of DeVries Trucking. Lee had been a member of Delaware Reformed Church. He was a member of the Lennox American Legion Post. Lee sang with the Andrew DeVries Quartet for over 15 years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. Lee played baseball while growing up and went on to coach Junior Legion Baseball. Later Lee switched to fast pitch softball where he played catcher for the Freeman Blues, Pierson City and Davis Elevator/Jorgensen Brothers teams. His passion then became golf and the joy of his life was his granddaughter, Zoe. Besides his parents, Lee was preceded in death by one sister, LeAnn Tatro in 2008. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Shirley; two children: Shawn (Kelli) DeVries and Lisa DeVries all of Davis; one granddaughter, Zoe DeVries; siblings: Laurna (Eric) Gustafson, Colorado Springs, CO, Larry (Sandy) DeVries, Lennox, Lorraine (Dan) VanGeest, Inwood, IA, Lowell (Harriet) DeVries,

Chester, Linda (Terry) Thompson, Prairie DuChien, WI, Lena (Thomas) Sanderson, Rapid City, Lorretta (Ken) Lang, Oakdale, MN, Lorin (Melanie) DeVries, Lennox and Leota (David) Olsen, Fairview; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 25 at Il Reformed Church, Lennox with burial in the Lennox Cemetery. Visitation also at Il Reformed Church will begin at noon Friday with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Arrangements are by Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox.

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ *My greatest sympathy on the passing of Lee. He was an outstanding man and accomplished more in life than many. May God Bless you all.  
Kindest regards,  
Brian Lind*

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**Brian Lind** - August 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *Shirley, I am so sorry for your loss and have you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

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**Gail Doyle** - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Shirley and family;  
Mike and I were saddened to hear of Lee's passing; we will miss him at the golf course!  
Our prayer for all of you is that in Christ's arms you will find the strength to hold you, grace to sustain you and love from family and friends to carry you through this difficult time.  
God Bless you.*

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**Mike and Kelly Cole** - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *We express our deepest sympathy at the loss of your loved one, Lee. It is hard to understand these situations. We have to trust in God and draw on his strength. God bless and keep you.*

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**Lee and Theresa Raabe** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Shirley-and family-You and your family are in my thoughts today and in the future-so sorry for your huge loss.Hold on to the great memories.

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**Wanda Bassett** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Shirley, Shawn and Lisa - I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Take care and God Bless.

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**Renea (Kindt) Rozeboom** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Shirley, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my Prayers.

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**TroyLyn Josepht** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Our deepest symphathy to Shirley and family. Had lots of good rounds of golf with both of them.  
Arlo and Vonnie Larson

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**Arlo and Vonnie Larson** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ My sincere sympathy to you on your loss. I was a member of the Class of '68 and remember Leland as a quiet, respectful and enjoyable classmate. I am so sorry that you could not share more years together. As a grandparent, I know how much it meant to him to be a "Grandpa" and how sad it is for him to miss his little granddaughter growing up. God bless his soul and may he rest in peace. May your many wonderful memories help you during this difficult time.

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**Charlotte Johnson Hoverstadt** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ All the sympathy in my heart Shirley and family. I may have only been Lee's truck insurance agent but I loved him tons. He spent so much time with me and taught me so much, I will cherish every memory and miss him like no other. All my prayers.

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**Darron Johnson** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Shirley and family,  
We are so sorry to hear of your sudden loss of Lee. Our deepest sympathies to you at this difficult time. Are thoughts are with you.  
Marilyn and Tom

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**Marilyn Miller** - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ So sorry to hear of Lee's passing. I knew him well from the old softball days. He was a good guy and will be missed. Cam Lind

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**Cam Lind** - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Shirley & family,  
Our deepest sympathy for your loss. May God comfort you and  
bring you peace in this time of great sorrow.

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**Paul & Enid Farmer** - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this  
difficult time.

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**Art & Peggy Farmer** - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM