



Lee Mentel Bridges Jr.

December 29, 1950 - June 20, 2023

Lee M. Bridges Jr. 72, transitioned away peacefully on June 20, 2023, after a short illness at the home of his daughter Traci, surrounded by the love of his family.

Lee was born December 29, 1950, in Steubenville, Ohio, to the late Mary L. Parrish Thornton and Lee M. Bridges Sr.

Lee aka Big or Red, we his family called him Skip, attended and graduated from Mansfield Sr. High in 1969

He was employed for many years with the former Mansfield Tire and Rubber Company, later employed with the Ohio Brass when the Tire folded. After 25 Years of service Lee retired from MANCI.

Lee loved fishing (and could fillet a fish better than anyone). He loved and watched football and baseballs games on television. His favorite teams were the Browns, Ohio State and the Cleveland Indians (Guardians). His other pastimes when not fishing was bowling and coaching different girls' softball teams with his friend, Howard (Scob) Lindsay.

Sadly, Lee leaves to cherish him, two daughters, L. Mychele Bridges, and Traci S. Hardin, both of Mansfield; a son, Ulysses S. (Kimberly) Bridges, Akron; one bonus son, Melvin (Nicole) Girtman, Mansfield; goddaughter,

Allison Lindsay; two brothers, Jack C. Thornton, of Warren, Ohio, and Glenn (Shirley) Floyd, of St. Louis, MO; a sister, Rene Bridges, of St. Louis, Mo.; five grandchildren, Yavell (Haley) Hardin, Jamaica S. Bridges, LaTahvia S. Hardin, all of Mansfield, Dominique Bridges, Canton, Ohio, Grayson S. Bridges, Akron, Ohio; two great-grandsons, Kyro M. and Zarro N. Hardin, both of Mansfield, Ohio.

Lee and former-wife Mary Bridges enjoyed co-parenting and remained close friends over the years. Her/His extended family who thought of Lee as a brother in love includes, Ann (Leon) Jefferson, Brenda Scott, both of Mansfield, Ohio, William Scott, Cape Coral, Fl., Faye Thornton, Warren, Ohio. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by both parents; his Big Mama who helped raised him, Savannah Moore; youngest brother, Paris Bridges; older brother, Dave Hasting; and dear friend and sister in love, Delores Scott with whom he was very close.

Lee cared for his family and would do anything he could for anyone that had a need.

The calling hours will be one-hour prior to the services at 12 pm, Friday, June 23, 2023, at Small's Funeral Services, 326 Park Ave W., Mansfield, Ohio 44906, with Rev. Aaron Williams officiating. The burial will follow at Mansfield Memorial Park, 2507 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, Ohio 44906

The family has entrusted Small's Funeral Services with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Small's Funeral Services
326 Park Avenue West
Mansfield, OH 44906
(419) 524-0019
esmall@smallsfuneralservices.org
<https://smallsfuneralservices.org/>

Service

JUN **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Small's Funeral Services
326 Park Avenue West
Mansfield, OH 44906
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Burial

JUN **23**. 1:30 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Mansfield Memorial Park
2507 Park Avenue West
Mansfield, OH 44906
(419) 529-4433
gigravy@yahoo.com

Repast

JUN **23**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Golden Corral
575 N. Lexington, Spring Mill Rd
Mansfield, OH 44906

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *My sincere condolences to my children in the loss of their dad. Skip, I will miss you. Rest now*

Mary Bridges - June 27, 2023 at 12:21 PM

JM

“ *We send our sincere condolences, deepest sympathy, love, and prayers to all during this time.*

Jeff, Roz, Willie Crittenden and Zonie M - June 26, 2023 at 05:55 AM

QD

“ *Wow I just read about Skip's passing. Mary, Mychelle, Traci and to the rest of the family. We are so so sorry for your loss. May God give you strength to endure his passing. Rest in peace Lee. You were a great once upon a time neighbor. Such a sweet person.*

Queen Diallo Kahmeelah Jelani Dulin - June 23, 2023 at 03:56 PM

MB

Thank you so much Queen. God bless

Mary Bridges Brid - January 14, 2024 at 06:34 PM

AL

“ *One of my dads closest, and longtime friends. I'll always remember that toothpick in your mouth, "cool breeze" attitude, that cool and smooth laugh, and bright auburn hair...I've been away but when I did run into you in our more recent passings you always carried a smile, and gave out warm hugs, no matter how you felt. You'll forever be in my heart, GodDad. I love you and will keep your family in prayer always.*

Allison Lindsay - June 22, 2023 at 07:39 PM

MB

He loved you Allison. Thank you for being her to see in before he left us and being here for us. Love you bunches

Mary Bridges Brid - January 14, 2024 at 06:36 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lee Mentel Bridges Jr..*



June 21, 2023 at 06:23 PM

CS

“ *Skip was always a nice, and kind person. I liked how his face lit up, when he saw you. It always made you feel special.*

Sending sincere condolences to the family.

Corrine E. Scott

Corrine E Scott - June 21, 2023 at 01:56 PM

TL

Big was like a brother to us, we go back a many years! He's our daughter Godfather, so sad...Praying The Lord give the family strength, love you all. Jo, Scob, an Allison ❤️

The Lindsay's - June 22, 2023 at 08:27 AM

MB

We love you Jo, thanks for making us Allison's Godparents

Mary Bridges Brid - January 14, 2024 at 06:38 PM