



Eileen Kreider

June 9, 1943 - March 11, 2016

Lee Kreider, recently of North Cape May, NJ and formerly of Phoenixville, PA, passed away on March 11, 2016 as a result of serious complications related to diverticulitis.

She was the mother of three children (Andrew, of Chester Springs, PA; Jason, of Phoenixville, PA; and Lindsey (Kreider) Brady, of Maricopa, AZ), whom she raised as a single mom through the 1980s and 1990s. Lee also leaves behind four grandchildren (Arianna, Imri, Gaelyn and Octavia), who will miss visiting her at the beach, and who will remember her knack for always finding the most perfect Christmas gifts.

Lee was born and raised in New England, and although she moved to the mid-Atlantic many years ago, she carried with her a charming accent that evoked smiles whenever she had to "pahk the cah in the gahrage". She is survived by a brother, Thomas Battles, of Palm City, FL (whose accent sounds just like hers), and was predeceased by another brother, James (Jude) Battles.

Lee was an emergency room nurse, an entrepreneur who launched a rehabilitation company, and the founding director of the Magic Memories preschool and child development center in Phoenixville, PA. Started as an in-home daycare in the Kreider family house on Kleyona Avenue, she built Magic Memories into one of the most well-respected preschools in Chester County. She is still fondly remembered as "Miss Lee" by the many families for whom she cared over the years.

Shortly after retirement, Lee followed her lifelong dream of living at the beach, and moved to a modest home near the Delaware Bay in North Cape May, NJ. While sampling the cocktail menu at Lucky Bones Backwater Grille, she met a group of wonderful friends and spent her final years wining, dining and watching sunsets over the sand dunes.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Lee's honor to the Reservoir Dogs Park (which Lee helped establish), c/o Vito Cerruti, 1907 Diane Circle, Phoenixville, PA 19460.

An informal, open house celebration of Lee's life will be held at her son Andrew's home on Saturday, March 19 between 12PM and 4PM. Please contact Andrew for directions if needed. Per her wishes, and instead of a memorial service, "a big party" will take place on June 26 (she would have insisted on waiting for warmer weather!) at her home in North Cape May.

Tribute Wall

TB

“ MY DEAR SISTER I WILL MISS YOU GREATLY ESPECIALLY THOSE SUNDAY CALLS WHEN WE HAD TIME TO CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER.
MY SADNESS OVER YOUR LEAVING US JUST OVERWHELMS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

TOM BATTLES - March 22, 2016 at 03:26 PM

DW

“ Andrew, Jay & Lindsey, I am so sorry to learn that your mom has passed. I have fond memories of eating all the food in your house while your mom was working. She sure worked hard and did a great job raising you guys!

Dawn DiCarlo Wesley

Dawn Wesley - March 15, 2016 at 08:31 PM

PV

“ Dear Andrew and Family:

My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May you find peace and comfort from the memories you hold dear. And, also be comforted in knowing that others are lifting you up as we share in your loss.



Sincerely, Pauline De Vose, US EPA - Philadelphia, PA

Pauline De Vose - March 15, 2016 at 01:26 PM

BG

“ My condolences to you and your family. My prayers are with you and I will ask my church family to keep you and yours lifted in prayer. I didn't know your mother but knowing you lets me know she was a special woman. Stay strong and faithful.

Benita/EPA

Benita Graham - March 14, 2016 at 10:59 AM

KM

“ Wow! Miss Lee, Marie Louise & Erin, Erin & Marie Louise the Thelma & Louise of Magic Memories as someone said she ran a tight ship but no place else would my wife and I feel our daughter would be safe and cared for but Lee Kreider Magic Memories. Marie, Kevin & Magic Memories own Marie Louise Matsinger

Kevin Matsinger - March 13, 2016 at 02:59 PM

ER

“ Lee, as your bartender at Lucky Bones I have to say, your smile always made me smile. I'm going to miss seeing the excitement on your face when you would order my special Margarita. Cheers

Erica - March 13, 2016 at 11:39 AM

BE

“ Lee, we are so happy we met you that spring day at Lucky Bones. You have made our lives better with your knowledge, your love, and your companionship. You truly were our best friend. We loved the hours we spent, just the three of us, at your house or ours, just talking. We are sending your family our best wishes, as we know you will be missed. Love you Lee. JimBob.

Bob Epaldo - March 12, 2016 at 09:47 PM

MM

“ So sorry to hear of your mothers passing. I knew her from My daughter going to Magic Memories at 3 months old until age 5. That was many years ago but I remember Your mother ran a tight ship- but the kids all loved her. She was a very special lady.

Mary McCoy - March 12, 2016 at 08:42 PM

DB

“ Andrew, Jason, and Lindsey I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom always held a very special place in my heart. My condolences to your family.

Deirdre Brown - March 12, 2016 at 08:28 PM

JB

Sending prayers and hugs from the Bachi family to all of you. May Lee rest in peace.

Josie Bachi - March 13, 2016 at 10:06 AM

 Bridget Birkner

“ Andrew, Jason and Lindsey, my heartfelt sympathies on the loss of your mom. She was an amazing lady and will be dearly missed.
- Bridget (Mulhall) Birkner

Bridget Birkner - March 12, 2016 at 07:24 PM