



James Ray Lee

August 21, 1926 - September 4, 2025

Lee, James Ray, September 4, 2025, age 99 of Westland. Loving husband of Emma Lee. Cherished father of Cheryl (the late Lawrence) Rehfield, Kathi (Kevin) Horste, Michael (Kelly) Lee and Robert (Tiffany) Lee. Dear grandfather of ten, great grandfather of fourteen and great-great grandfather of one, along with many nieces and nephews that are dear to his heart.

James was the last surviving student from the Tennessee School for the Deaf, class of 1948. He was a typesetter by trade and retired from the Detroit Free Press in 1989.

Visitation Tuesday, September 9th from 10 AM until 12 PM Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. Interment at United Memorial Gardens, Superior Twp. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942 or Tennessee School for the Deaf, 2725 Island Home Boulevard, Knoxville, TN 37920-2731. Attention: Betty Ann Brookshire. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Cemetery Details

United Memorial Gardens

4800 Curtis Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland
980 North Newburgh Road
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 326-1300
westland@vermeulenfh.com

Funeral Service

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Burial

SEP **9** (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GR

“ Grant, Jillian, Luke, Maggie, Ruby purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Ray Lee.



Grant, Jillian, Luke, Maggie, Ruby - September 09, 2025 at 09:30 AM

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“ Grant, Jillian, Luke, Maggie, Ruby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Ray Lee.

Grant, Jillian, Luke, Maggie, Ruby - September 09, 2025 at 09:30 AM

NH

“ Nancy & Paul Lybrink, Ann Horste purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of James Ray Lee.



Nancy & Paul Lybrink, Ann Horste - September 07, 2025 at 06:07 PM

PF

“ Paul and Lisa Robertson and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Ray Lee.



Paul and Lisa Robertson and Family - September 07, 2025 at 02:02 PM