



Deacon Leland "Lee" Leckner

April 18, 1956 - May 18, 2023

Deacon Leland "Lee" Leckner, 67, of Hot Springs, AR, passed away suddenly on Thursday, May 18, 2023. Lee was ordained a Permanent Deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Little Rock on Dec. 14, 2002. Dc. Lee was assigned to St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church and was a gifted homilist.

Dc. Lee was born on April 18, 1956, to Paul Earl Leckner and Helen Faye Leckner, nee Burrows, in Pratt, KS. Raised in a large extended family in the community of Pratt, Dc. Lee went on to graduate from St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City, KS. While living in Dodge City he met the love of his life, Dianna, in 1981. The couple were married on Feb. 6, 1982, and raised a family of three children, James Leckner, Robert "Paul" Leckner, and Holly West.

Dc. Lee had a varied career but found his niche in the field of rehabilitation. He was Rehabilitation Counselor for the Arkansas Division of Services for the Blind (DSB) in Fort Smith, AR, before becoming the Assistant Director of Field Services for DSB. His final role was as an Organizational Consultant for the Regional Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program (RRCEP) of the University of Arkansas, from which he retired in 2003. He spent his remaining years concentrating on his ministry as a Catholic Deacon, including volunteering at CHI St. Vincent and at St. Mary's Parish.

Deacon Lee was predeceased by his parents, Paul E. and Faye Leckner, a brother, Lonnie Leckner, and a daughter, Lynn Katherine Leckner. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Dianna (West) Leckner; two sons, James

Leckner and Paul Leckner, both of Hot Springs; his daughter, Holly P. West, of Morrilton, AR; his sister, Sharon Archer and her husband, Craig, of Derby, KS; and two beloved grandchildren, Alexis of Harrison, AR, and Sawyer of Hot Springs. He also left behind several nieces and nephews, as well as two special brothers-in-law, Mark West of Independence, MO, and Michael West of Hot Springs.

Hot Springs Funeral Home, Hot Springs, AR is overseeing the arrangements. Visitation will be at St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church, Hot Springs from 6:00 to 8:00 pm with the Rosary beginning at 6:30 PM on Thursday, May 25, 2023. The Mass of Christian Burial will also be at St. Mary's beginning at 1:30 pm on Friday, May 26, immediately followed by interment at Calvary Cemetery in Hot Springs. Honorary Pallbearers include James Leckner, Paul Leckner, Sawyer Leckner, Robbin Blake, Mark West, and DOLR Diaconate Class of 2002. Family and friends will then gather for a reception and refreshments at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **25.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church
100 Central Ave.
Hot Springs, AR 71901

Rosary

MAY **25.** 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **26.** 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church
100 Central Ave.
Hot Springs, AR 71901

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *Jana Petty lit a candle in memory of Leland Leckner*



Jana Petty - May 29, 2023 at 02:28 PM

NB

“ *One of the greatest men i've ever known. I wish I would have been a better friend.*

neill burdett - May 29, 2023 at 01:33 PM

MH

“ *Known him since we were in Jr. High. Used to fish & bowl with him. His family ran the Pratt, Kansas bowling alley diner. Overcame a lot in his life with a smile.*

Sounds like a life well led...

Matthew Harrison - May 26, 2023 at 09:39 AM

NB

Well said Matt.

neill burdett - May 29, 2023 at 01:35 PM



I'm his daughter. Thank you for this memory.

Holly West - September 01, 2024 at 07:21 PM

PH

“ My family used to go camping with Lee and his family when we were growing up. Was so glad to reconnect with him the past several years on Facebook. Rest easy now, good and faithful servant. 🙏



Pam Hensley - May 25, 2023 at 08:58 PM

PD

“ Patrick Deborah Doherty lit a candle in memory of Leland Leckner



Patrick & Deborah Doherty - May 25, 2023 at 07:49 PM

BE

“ Becky Elderton lit a candle in memory of Leland Leckner



Becky Elderton - May 25, 2023 at 09:24 AM

TB

“ Tana Batterton lit a candle in memory of Leland Leckner



Tana Casey Batterton - May 24, 2023 at 09:31 PM

BG

“ *Bobbie Green lit a candle in memory of Leland Leckner*



Bobbie Green - May 24, 2023 at 05:50 PM

HW

“ *My sweet Dad was the kindest, most loving man I've ever known. He was a constant advocate for people who struggled and needed an open-hearted person to listen and care for them.*



Holly West - May 23, 2023 at 09:46 AM