



L. Leith

July 6, 1943 - January 17, 2011

L. ROSS LEITH, native resident of Manassas, age 67, died January 17, 2011 at his home.

Ross was born July 6, 1943 in Washington, D.C. to the late Robert and Frances (Bolding) Leith.

He graduated from University of Virginia, School of Commerce in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Finance, which led to his 30 year tenure as Chief Operating Officer with Budget Motels, Inc. He enjoyed gardening and was a music enthusiast who loved listening to a variety of music.

Ross is preceded in death by his parents; his sister Sue Leith; and his granddaughter Marie Ellen Hammond.

He is survived by his loving companion Suwana Chevitandri; his daughters: Tracey Lee and Ashley Hammond and their mother Wilkie Smith Leith; sons-in-law: Paul Lee and John Hammond; his sister Sharon Karl and her husband John and four grandchildren: Christian, Joshua and Rachel Lee and Zachary Young.

The family will receive friends Friday, January 21, 2011 from 5:00 PM to 9:00

PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. A celebration of Ross' life will take place at the funeral home Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 3:00 PM with a memorial reception to follow at The Center for the Arts, 9419 Battle Street, Manassas, Virginia.

Condolences may be expressed to the family through donations to The Halquist Memorial Inpatient Hospice Center, 4715 15th Street North, Arlington, VA 22205-2640 or Capital Hospice, Attn: Philanthropy Office, 2900 Telestar Court, Falls Church, VA 22042 in loving memory of L. Ross Leith.

Tribute Wall

GS

“ *Ross you will be greatly missed! My condolences to his family, co-workers and friends.*

Glenda Simmons - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

JL

“ *Wilkie, Tracey, and Ashley,
Remember during this difficult time that your family is surrounded by the love and prayers of friends. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.*

*God Bless,
Janine, Mark, Mark Hunter, Nicholas and Sophia Branca*

Janine Loyko/Branca - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

DR

“ *Knew of Ross through Wilkie, who always spoke highly of him, even after they parted. He is loved and missed by many.*

Dave Roberts - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

AG

“ *Tracey and Paul,
I am sure no words can express the grief you are experiencing. I know that this has been a difficult time for your entire family. Know that he is now in peace and comfort.*

With love, Alli

Alli Guleria - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

GM

“ I will always be grateful to Ross for his generosity of spirit and the calm he bestowed upon his family. His love for new (and old) music was only surpassed by his love for Suwanna and his extended family. It is a rare thing to find a man who grows in spirit as graciously as Ross grew in spirit in his later years. I know that his love for Tracey, Ashley, Paul, Wilkie, Christian, Joshua, Zachary and Rachel will always be a place of grace in their lives. I'm sure that if there's a class-room wherever he is he's found a teaching job (one of his lifelong dreams) and in the evenings is em-ceeding a jazz ban in a fine club with white table cloths and the best of Thai basil. He will be missed here on this earth.

Gary Moody - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

DK

“ I had the supreme pleasure of working with Ross in the 1980's at BMI. In a world often rushed and cut-throat, he always remained one of the most moral, caring and warm individuals I have ever known. After I departed BMI to pursue other adventures, Betty Trainor and I would occasionally meet Ross for lunch. He NEVER changed....always sweet...always a smile. He will be sorely missed!!!

Diane Keen - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

DF

“ I always enjoyed visiting Budget Motels and speaking with Ross. He was one of the finest persons that I had the privilege of working for.

Douglass Ferguson - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

JU

“ Ross-a-roo---We love you and miss you...June and Cindy...FOREVER...

june - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

VS

“ I will miss you Ross. I like thinking that we will all have a new angel watching over us from the other side. Say hi to my daddy too. It is so difficult to lose someone we love. Wilke, Tracey, & Ashley, you are in my prayers at this difficult time.

Vicki Shoemaker - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

NS

“ Suwanna, I just saw this and I'm just shocked. I will miss coming into the restaurant and sitting with him and discussing "OLD TOWN" issues and sharing memories of our neighborhood. Please know that he will be MISSED by a lot of people as he was just a very GENTLE MAN. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Nettie, Marshall, Amanda and Allyson Stevens.

Nettie Stevens - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM