



Forrest Lee Griffith III

September 3, 1947 - December 5, 2021

Forrest Lee Griffith III, 74, died peacefully and comforted by family at Tufts Medical Center on December 5th from heart failure. Lee was born on September 3, 1947; grew up in New Canaan, CT with his brother and parents Elizabeth (Betty) Lines Griffith and Forrest Lee Griffith Jr.; and eventually settled with Beth, his wife of 21 years, in the Berkshires of Massachusetts.

After graduating from Taft School (1965), Lee attended Williams College (1969) where his deep love of the Berkshire mountains grew. A natural athlete, he captained the football team at Williams, was selected to play in the premier Cape Cod Baseball League, toured Europe playing rugby, and was a member of the Berkshire Mountain Ski Patrol. Lee went on to graduate third in his class at the Boston University Law School (1972), was recruited by the firm of Day, Berry and Howard (Day Pitney), and was included in The Best Lawyers in America, Corporate Practice multiple years during his 43-year tenure.

An active life of fishing, skiing, and running, with friends and family, continued to be his passions, along with music (Dylan, Vetter...!) and the family dogs, particularly Joey. All touched by Lee will most remember his unflinching sense of humor, respect of others, expertise, love of the outdoors, and characteristically genuine kindness.

Lee is survived by his loving and devoted wife Beth Griffith; daughters Amanda, Abigail, and Summer; brother Clark; and grandchildren Murphy, Maggie and Hudson.

Lee's family wishes to particularly thank friend Julie Carlo and the Tufts Medical Center MICU staff for their extraordinary care, kindness, and expertise.

Funeral Notice:

A Celebration of Lee's life will be held in the Berkshires the Saturday before Father's Day of 2022. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lee's name to the Hinsdale Fire Department and the ASPCA.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Beth:

Was just recently thinking about Lee over the holidays, and so am deeply saddened to learn of his passing from one of our fellow Taft '65 classmates. At Taft, we were close friends, and teammates on the baseball & football teams. My memories of Lee are all positive, and I will miss his unique sense of humor. Was saddened that, for some unknown reason, many of us who tried to reach out to Lee over the years were unable to contact him. Had enjoyed our many conversations reminiscing about our respective Rugby days in college, and our love of the game.

My thoughts and prayers go out to you, his daughters, brother and the rest of your family. The world has lost a good man.

*"Peace, Peace. He is not dead, he doth not sleep
He hath awakened from the dream of life."*

WITH SYMPATHY, Carl P. Hennrich

Carl P. Hennrich - December 27, 2021 at 03:08 PM

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“ Dear Beth, Summer, and family of Lee,

We are so very sorry to hear of Lee's passing. He was and will always remain a good, kind, warm-hearted, loving man and a wonderful friend to us.

With much love,

Jennifer, Tim, Paige, Alex Belanger

Jennifer - December 21, 2021 at 06:40 PM

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Dear Beth, family and friends of Lee, Having just heard from you about Lee's passing I am without adequate words. In childhood and teenage hood we were best outrageous friends... Irrepressible, ourtageous, laugh til you hurt. Lee's fun loving yet highly intentional spirit goes w me as it always has. God bless you and be with you.

*Tony and Rosa Smith
Yonkers, N.Y.*

Tony smith - December 27, 2021 at 12:06 PM

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“*Lee (Sleeve) was my rugby teammate at Williams, and long time friend. We had lost touch over the past years but I have great memories of our times playing together, and particularly celebrating after a win or loss. Our trip to England in March 1968 will always be one of the highlights of my life. Lee always lit up the room-and the pitch. Lee also provided superb legal counsel to Orthopaedic Specialty Group, PC, my long time professional home. He was a superb lawyer. He and his firm served as our counsel for decades. Rest in peace fellow Eph. And score the winning try!*

Bob Stanton '68 - December 21, 2021 at 08:56 AM