



Lucas Leroy Downey

December 21, 1934 - November 3, 2016

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Age 81, of Braidwood, IL, passed away Thursday, November 3, 2016 at his home. Born December 21, 1934 in Wilmington, IL to the late Edward J. and Annie (nee Treadman) Downey. Luke graduated from Reed-Custer High School, Class of 1954. He was previously employed at Roper in Kankakee, IL for 20 years and at Reed-Custer School District as a custodian for 16 years. Luke was a long-time member of the Braidwood Recreation Club in Braidwood. He enjoyed fishing, drawing, dancing, building model planes, playing cards, especially euchre, cutting grass for himself and many others, and was known to be a Jack of all Trades.

Surviving are his wife, Bonnie J. (nee Stewart), whom he married September 1, 1956 in Braidwood; three children, Teri Lynn (late Roger) Jones of Custer Park, Ricky Lee Downey of Wilmington, and Dena Ann (Michael) Lamb of Braidwood; four grandchildren, Cara Vandermyde, Raime Vandermyde, Lucas Vandermyde, and Justine Jones; one great grandson, Hank; three sisters, Verna Stainback of Marion, IL, Nancy Cunning of Custer Park, IL, and Dawn (Mike) Dillon of Braidwood.

Preceding him in death was one brother, Edward Downey.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel, Friday, November 11, 2016, from 4-6 PM.

Inurnment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be directed to the Donor's Choice. For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook at R.W.

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Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ Luke would come over to our house from time to time when Joe and I were Rugrats, and we would make a day out of washing and waxing his car and ours. Luke did not do this because the cars were dirty, or because he was obsessed with clean cars. He did it because of love of family, and it was something that we could do together. I have no doubt that Joe and I got in the way more than we helped, but it didn't matter to Luke. He would joke and laugh and splash us with the hose and turn something as boring as washing a car into a wonderful family get together that made children giddy. I can see his smile and hear his laugh as if it was just yesterday. One of my many regrets in life is not staying in touch with this wonderful man, who somehow brought out the best in all of us.

James Downey - November 28, 2021 at 09:30 AM

DP

“ It was an honor to know Luke. Every time I would come to see my grandfather and he was there, he always had a warm smile. The three of us could just sit and talk for hours. He will be dearly missed.
Dave Peterson

Dave Peterson - December 06, 2016 at 10:17 AM



“ You could teach anybody to do anything. Even me. So sad to see you go.

Bill Vandermyde - November 11, 2016 at 11:32 AM

JD

“ So very sorry that this wonderful man has passed away. Luke was kind, good-natured, and always went above and beyond to help me, the kids, and the other teachers and staff.

Jeanne Durrer--Reed-Custer High School Retiree

Jeanne D - November 10, 2016 at 04:11 AM

DH

“ So sorry to hear of your passing, Luke. The fish can rest for a bit. After my Grandpa passed away he came and visited me and told me of this wonderful fishing hole in Heaven. I'm sure he will show it to you. He always liked having a friend to fish with. I'll put in a good word for you in my prayers tonight. Until we all meet again, take care, my friend.

Daniel Howell - November 08, 2016 at 01:35 PM

DH

“ Daniel Howell lit a candle in memory of Lucas Leroy Downey



Daniel Howell - November 08, 2016 at 01:30 PM

JC

“ Jimmy And Peggy Cole lit a candle in memory of Lucas Leroy Downey



Jimmy and Peggy Cole - November 06, 2016 at 04:38 PM

MK

“ Luke was a good man; take pride in knowing his was a life well lived. My sympathy to his family.

--Michael Keys, RCHS Retiree

Michael Keys - November 05, 2016 at 04:31 PM

JC

“ Jim And Peggy Cole lit a candle in memory of Lucas Leroy Downey



Jim and Peggy Cole - November 05, 2016 at 08:39 AM

RS

“ I was so sorry to learn of Luke's passing today. My heart goes out to his entire family. I will always cherish the wonderful memories made working with him at Custer Park Elementary School. Those of us that had the opportunity to know and work with him were no stranger to his jolly personality, helping hand, warm smile, and positive outlook on life. I feel so fortunate to have known Luke and only wish I could have spent more time with this awesome man. Rest in peace my friend.



Ron Steinacher - November 05, 2016 at 07:40 AM

DG

“ We loved Luke at Custer Park Elementary School. Luke always went out of his way to help teachers, and really cared about all the students. He helped me on a daily basis, whether it as helping hang up equipment, build something to make things easier, and always willing to lend a hand. Luke was a GREAT guy and will always be remembered in a loving way❤️🙏 Sending hugs to Luke's family
Debbie Gamble
Retired PE teacher

Debbie Gamble - November 04, 2016 at 10:57 PM

 Dena Lamb

“ Dad even though your not here with me "I've got you" forever in my heart. "Okay" I love you!

Dena Lamb - November 04, 2016 at 06:47 PM

BM

“ Bonnie Metzka purchased the Delicious Delights Basket for the family of Lucas Leroy Downey.



Bonnie Metzka - November 04, 2016 at 06:27 PM