



Sterling Lee Becker

June 22, 1925 - April 10, 2015

Spartanburg - Sterling "Lee" Becker passed away April 10, 2015 peacefully at Summit Hills.

Lee was born June 22, 1925 in Seven Valleys, Pennsylvania. Lee is survived by his wife Nancy, daughter and son-in-law Diana and Alan Hardin of Blacksburg, SC; son Steven Sherbert of Spartanburg; grandson and his wife Bradley and Lacey Smith; great grandsons Mason and Gavin Smith. He also had two nieces and eight nephews in Pennsylvania. He was predeceased by his parents, Edward M and Estie Mae Dubs Becker; three brothers, Earle W, Oscar L and Melvin M Becker and first wife Elizabeth "Libby" Becker.

He proudly served his country during World War II in the U.S. Navy. Lee was constantly working for charities ranging from Habitat for Humanity; Discover God's Call; the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen, The Gideon's as well as most outreach ministries at St. James. He also worked tirelessly for ARCH Ministries. Lee was a former member of Ashland United Methodist Church in Columbia, SC.

He went by Sterling to some and Lee to others, but it didn't matter which name you knew him by, he always had a friendly greeting and a big hug. He loved his Lord and lived to serve him,.

Visitation will be 10:00 a.m. with the memorial service immediately following at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at St. James United Methodist Church in Spartanburg, SC. Rev. Smoke Kanipe and Rev. Joel Jones will officiate.

Interment will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Bush River Memorial

Gardens of Columbia, SC. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to St. James United Methodist Church, 213 N. Lanford Road, Spartanburg, SC 29301.

Cemetery Details

Bush River Memorial Gardens

5400 Bush River Road
Columbia, SC 29212

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. James United Methodist Church
213 N. Lanford Rd.
Spartanburg, SC 29301

Service

APR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GM

“ *Waaay back in 1950, Lee visited the family in Elwood, IL. My earliest (and most enduring memory of him is watching him wash his cream and bronze/brown Nash in the driveway. He was using a big bucket and even larger sponge. As any five-year-old would do, I leaned over to see what was in the bucket. I found out when, without looking down, he shoved the sponge down into the bucket for a reload.*

The laugh that rang out from him, I have never, and will never, forget.

He is still laughing...

George Miller - April 19, 2015 at 06:37 PM

CA

“ *I am sorry for your loss. The Bible promises in the book of Revelation that one day death shall be no more. I hope this truth brings you comfort.*

Carlein - April 16, 2015 at 08:44 AM

DH

“ Lee joined my family 10 years ago. He was like a knight in shining armor to my mother and if you look his name up in Webster, i bet thats what it says. I told him often how thankful i was to have him be a part of our family. There are no words to describe my greif..He is missed and will be missed the rest of my days. What a true Southern Gentleman and a man of the Lord, he was. Thank you Lee for giving my mother, Nancy, the best 10 years of her life.

Lee and I hi it off from day one and we were always doing and saying silly things to each other, He was quite the jester. I ll miss my surprise gifts. i know he is spreading joy and laughter in heaven.

Blessed Be,
Diana Sherbert-Hardin

diana hardin - April 14, 2015 at 06:19 PM

No
DDA
Cuts

“ When I was a little girl, Sterling (Unc,) used to wear a retractable keychain on his belt. Besides a big hug, that was the first thing I looked for whenever we were visiting. :) My deepest sympathies and prayers, Nancy. You both have been so thoughtful and sweet sending cards through the years for all our family's celebrations. Thank you.



Rachel Miller-Buck - April 14, 2015 at 12:45 PM

KK

“ Lee always had a big smile, big laugh, big hugs, big faith who served a bigger GOD! I will miss him. Prayers to you, Nancy, during this time.

Karla Korevaar - April 14, 2015 at 05:29 AM



“ *He will be remembered as a good man.*
Walter Miles

Walter Miles - April 13, 2015 at 02:12 PM