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Robert (Bob) W. Lea, 76, died on June 16, 2018, from complications resulting from a genetic disorder in his DNA, hemochromatosis. He was born December 25, 1941, in Wilmington, DE. He graduated from St. Joseph's Academy, Titusville, PA. He earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Gannon University, Erie, PA, in 1964. While at Gannon he was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He attended the University of Buffalo, NY, for graduate coursework. He completed his ROTC military obligation with an honorable discharge as 1st Lieutenant from the U.S. Army in 1968. Bob was a Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer in 26 states and a Licensed Asbestos Consultant in the State of Florida. Throughout his engineering career he worked at various firms including Gulf Research Center 1967-1985 which brought him to the Pittsburgh area where he became a loyal Steelers fan and season ticket holder. Moving to Jacksonville, FL, in 1987, Bob became Senior Principal Engineer for Amec Foster Wheeler until his retirement in 2008. He continued to work from home as a consultant until June 8, 2018. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Sharon Forse Lea; daughters, Elizabeth (Kyle) Holsinger and Melissa (Roman) Lea; grandchildren, Morgan and Luke Holsinger. He is also survived by a sister, Mary Ann (Barry) Fitzgerald; and a brother, William G. Lea (Martha). He was predeceased by his parents, William and Mary Lea and a brother, Jack

(Donna) whom we like to think is shooting hoops with him at this moment. Bob was an avid sports enthusiast, rooting for the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Penguins, the Pirates, the Florida Gators, Orlando Magic, the Cleveland Cavaliers, and the Indians. He ran in the Jacksonville River Run for 15 years straight, played tennis in 3 different leagues, and 2 basketball leagues. Bob loved animals and leaves behind his Scottish Terrier, Beau, and two elderly cats, Pudd and Obe. A memorial service will be held in the future. Family and friends will be notified. Plans for inurnment are to be in Washington Cross National Cemetery, Newtown, PA. Memorial donations may be made in Bob's name to Mayo Clinic, 4500 San Pablo Rd. S., Jacksonville, FL 32224 (Hemochromatosis Research), or the St. Augustine Wild Reserve, staugustinewildreserve.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert W Lea*

November 16, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear this sad news. We were neighbors in titusville pa back in the 60s. I was friend of brother Bill. My older brother Dick was friends of Bob and Jack. Again, my sincere condolences.*

Mike Platt - June 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Melissa, My deepest sympathy to you and your entire family. I know that your dad will be missed. Judy Hand*

Judith Hand - June 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. Bob will be missed by many in our neighborhood as well. I loved seeing his smile. He was a great neighbor and always a true gentleman.*

sandra kenefake - June 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Out thoughts are with the Lea family in this time of remembrance and loss. Love to you all, -Londa, Jim, Zane and Maxine*

Londa Holsinger - June 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My heartfelt sympathy to such a good family, Sharon, Melissa and Liz . . . your shared memories of Bob will keep you all together . . . Wishing you much love and peace. Lorraine*

Lorraine - June 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM