



## R. Lee Damuth

July 1, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of Lee's death on July 1, 2023. Surrounded by his wife and daughters, he passed away after a brief, but valiant fight with cancer.

Born to R. Lee and Adaline Damuth on September 11, 1940, Lee was a lifelong resident of West Hartford. At a friend's party, he met his future wife Mary-Louise (Mel) and they recently celebrated their 59th anniversary. Lee was a pioneer in data management and enjoyed a long career with CG and Cigna as a data base and systems analyst. He spent his free time roaming the back roads of New England on his Harley, tending to the bird feeders, and puttering around the house with frequent trips to the local hardware store. There was always something that needed his attention! In 2010, Lee and Mel bought a camp near their daughter Karen and expanded the realm of his activities to northern New Hampshire.

Family, friends, and food were a big part of Lee and Mel's life. They thought nothing of hopping in the car to drive an hour to the shore for a seafood lunch at Bill's or planning trips around food such as crabs in Maryland or lobsters in Maine. Thursday evenings found him out with his friends at various local watering holes; the location varied as the group outlasted several establishments in the Center.

Lee played hockey for many years, including with the Eastside Athletic Club that he founded with some friends in 1982. He watched the Whalers and when they left New England, transferred his attention to the Bruins. He followed

Syracuse basketball from the days when he was paying tuition to the University. But at some point in retirement, UConn basketball captured his attention and he and Mel organized their days around the women's televised game schedule.

He is missed very much by his loving wife Mel and his daughters Kristen Damuth of Portland, Maine and Karen & Tom Parker of Dummer, NH along with grandchildren Robyn Parker and Evan Damuth.

A special thanks to Dr. Timothy Hong and the staff at the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute along with all the great providers from Hartford HealthCare at Home for all the love, care and support they provided to him and to us.

A Memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 6th at 3:00 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

Donations in Lee's honor would be much welcomed by the American Cancer Society or the American Legion as Lee served in the Air National Guard.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Ave  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of R. Lee Damuth.

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“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of R. Lee Damuth.



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“ I worked with Lee for many years at Cigna. Always a joy to work with and lots of laughs. My sincere condolences to his family and friends!

Charlotte Silkey - July 05, 2023 at 10:15 AM