



Lee Cornelius

July 22, 1953 - November 29, 2025

Lee A. Cornelius, 72, of Perryville, Missouri passed away Saturday, November 29, 2025 at his residence.

He was born July 22, 1953 in Perryville, MO to Wilfred and Marjorie (Sommer) Cornelius.

He and Janet Cato were married November 4, 1978 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville. She preceded him in death on August 12, 2023.

He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville.

Lee worked as a mechanic for Carl's Muffler and also worked as a restorative technician for Saberliner. He enjoyed attending car shows with his 1967 Chevelle, as well as fishing and WWII history.

Survivors include Daughter, Emily (William) Blyzes of Perryville, MO; Son, Matthew Cornelius of Perryville, MO; Two Brothers, Glen Cornelius of Tuscon, AZ, Dennis Cornelius of Perryville, MO; Two Sisters, Linda Foote of Ste. Genevieve, MO, Susan Worthey of Ste. Genevieve, MO; Five grandchildren, Holden, Alec, Logan, Manny, and Evelyn.

He was also preceded in death by his Parents.

Visitation will be from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville and from 8:00 am to 10:00 am Friday, December 5, 2025 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 am Friday, December 5, 2025 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville with Rev. Joseph Schlie officiating.

Burial will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Perryville.

Memorial contributions may be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church or Journey Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery Perryville

600 Washington Lane
Perryville, MO 63775

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home
110 S. West St.
Perryville, MO 63775

Visitation

DEC 5. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Perryville

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 10:00 AM.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Perryville

Tribute Wall

BC

“ Sorry to hear about Lee. It saddens me to hear this news.
I will never forget him driving me in the PHS home coming parade
my senior year along with his good nature.

I am glad I got to see and chat with him this past summer while I
was in town visiting Mom and Dad when he stopped by the house to
chat with Dad (Gerry).

Hugs to all the Family.

Brian Cornelius - December 04, 2025 at 12:05 PM

BE

“ Brenda and Ken Erhard purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Lee Cornelius.



Brenda and Ken Erhard - December 02, 2025 at 12:12 PM

SL

“ May god be with your family during this time.
Lee was one of my best friends from the
American Legion post 133, rest in peace.



Sarah R. Long - December 02, 2025 at 09:38 AM

TH

“ *Travis Huff lit a candle in memory of Lee Cornelius*



Travis Huff - December 02, 2025 at 07:26 AM

ET

“ *Growing up, Lee was the exhaust man. I always looked up to him and he taught me so much. His knowledge was extraordinary and I tried remembering everything he said. It has been a while since we crossed paths, but will never forget the times we shared. You were a great man that will never be forgotten. I know his family understands how much he helped others, but just want to express how much he guided me and I could never thank him enough. Rest easy old friend, you are in a greater place.*

Eric Tucker - December 01, 2025 at 08:05 PM



Thank you so much Eric. I know he thought the world of you. We appreciate the kind words. He will be missed

Emily Cornelius Blyzes - December 01, 2025 at 09:50 PM

PB

“ *Patricia Fuhrmann Burfiend lit a candle in memory of Lee Cornelius*



Patricia fuhrmann Burfiend - December 01, 2025 at 07:32 PM

PB

He was a good man he Care about people

Patricia fuhrmann Burfiend - December 01, 2025 at 07:33 PM



Thank you so much

Emily Cornelius Blyzes - December 01, 2025 at 09:51 PM

FA

“*Emily and Matthew, I am very sorry to learn of your dad's passing. I extend my deepest condolences to you and your families. May he rest in peace in the arms of Our Lord. Zeno and I shared many car shows with your parents. We always enjoyed sharing this time with them. Lee and Zeno shared a lot of car talk with each other. And the wonderful mufflers that he put on the cars for us.*”



Faye Amschler - December 01, 2025 at 05:26 PM



Thank you so very much Faye

Emily Cornelius Blyzes - December 01, 2025 at 09:51 PM