

Marion "Lee" Leroy Strong, a beloved member of the community, passed away on July 14, 2023, in Gillette, Wyoming. Born on June 16, 1956, in Redfield, South Dakota, Marion lived a fulfilling life full of adventure and cherished relationships. He was known for his dedicated work ethic and his endearing sense of humor. Marion's career was built upon hard work and perseverance. He began his professional journey in Leoti, Kansas, at Caprock Industries feedlot and the oil fields. Seeking new opportunities, he later moved to Wyoming and joined the coal mining industry, where he worked diligently until his retirement in 2020. Marion's dedication to his work was commendable, and his colleagues respected him for his unwavering commitment. He graduated from Wichita High School in Leoti, Kansas, in Wichita County in 1974. Marion indulged in various hobbies and interests. He had an adventurous spirit and found joy in hunting and riding horses. Football held a special place in Marion's heart, especially when it involved cheering for his favorite team, the Kansas City Chiefs. Embracing the thrill of speed, Marion enjoyed riding his motorcycle and slingshot through the Black Hills and even participated in the legendary Sturgis Motorcycle Rally whenever possible. He also found excitement in gambling at Deadwood, SD. Additionally, Marion had a refined palate for good Mexican food and took pleasure in savoring these flavors. One could often find him engaging with people while discussing his extensive collection of various items. Marion will always be remembered for his vibrant personality that brought laughter into the lives of those around him. His great sense of humor left an indelible mark on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Survived by his loving partner, Val Wintermute; Marion leaves behind a devoted circle of family and friends who will deeply miss him. Among his survivors are his sister Gloria Mendez, sister Debra Strong, nephew Travis Smith, nephews Michael Mendez and David Mendez, niece Ashley (William) Bailey, and great-nephew Tristen Bailey and cats, Maxi and Coco. Marion also had many loving cousins who shared cherished memories with him. Marion was preceded in death by his father, Marion Strong, his mother, Andra Strong, and his brother Rex Strong. Their memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who loved them. Marion "Lee" Leroy Strong may have left this world far too soon, but his legacy of hard work, humor, and love will continue to inspire us all. He will be greatly missed by those whose lives he touched with his kindness and adventurous spirit. As we gather to remember Marion and celebrate his journey through life, let us find comfort in the memories we shared and carry forward the lessons he taught us. Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Gillette Memorial Chapel 210 West 5th Street, Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences may also be expressed at www.gilletteremorialchapel.com

Forever Remembered



I'll Not have lived in vain

*If I can help one lonely soul
And bring new hope to him;
If I can reach one lofty goal
And never take the win.
If I can do one single deed
To help a friend of mine;
If I can lead in time of need
Sure, let my light so shine.
If I can ease one breaking heart
Or take away one pain,
Or cause one sorrow to depart
I'll not have lived in vain.*

Marion "Lee" Strong

June 16, 1956 - July 14, 2023



**Nikki Johnson Rita Mashak
Guy Casablanca**
Funeral Service-Monuments-
Advance Planning-Cremation-
Lending Library, Learning to say
goodbye; children's tour.



May the sun rise in front of me,
 the rain fall behind me
 and the wind follow me.

May the angels guard my travels
 for they know what is ahead of me.
 Keep me safe through rolling hills
 and swirling turns.

Let the eagle guide me to
 the mountain tops.

Let the moon's light guide me
 through the night.

Lord, thank you
 for letting me be a biker.



Graveside Service

10:00 a.m., Friday, July 21, 2023
 Mount Pisgah Cemetery
 Gillette, Wyoming

Officiant

Chaplain Gordon Harper

Casketbearers

Kim Halpert David Mendez
 Michael Mendez Russ Kramer
 Jenn Anderson William Bailey
 Clinton Harris

Honorary Casketbearers

Craig Wells John Elton

Bagpiper

Dave McElhiney

Interment

Mount Pisgah Cemetery
 Gillette, Wyoming

Everyone is invited to a luncheon and time of fellowship
 following service at Cemetery Community Room.



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