



## Leo J. Horgan

January 1, 1943 - March 22, 2012

Leo Joseph Horgan, 68, Topeka, passed away Mon., March 19, 2012 at his home. Lee battled leukemia for nine years and for the last nine months suffered with the cancer, mesothelioma. He was born Oct. 15, 1943, in Wheaton KS, the son of Martin and Teresa Bennett Horgan. He graduated from Frankfort High and went on to serve our country in the U.S. Navy for six years. He served on the USS Coral Sea and in Vietnam. On July 7, 1971, Lee was united in marriage to Joyce Rush. She preceded him in death. He retired from Goodyear Tire after 34 years on the job. He was a member of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, the American Legion, Post 400 and VFW, 1650. Lee enjoyed hunting and fishing, but his greatest enjoyment was his country music. He sang and played steel guitar in all the retirement homes and nursing homes as well as many other venues in and around Topeka as a member of the Ed Thompson Band and others. Survivors include Lee's significant other, Lois McDaniel and his faithful companion, his miniature Dachshund, Daisy; three step-sons, Sherman Herold (Nadine), Hays, Leonard Herold, Topeka, and Martin Herold (Mary), Topeka; six sisters, Mary Knight (Wayne), Topeka, Carmaleta Drum, Topeka, Bernadette Hecker, Topeka, Cheryl Randel (Eldon), Scranton, Rosie Mallon, Manhattan, and Ruby Lewis, Iola; one brother, Michael Horgan (Ruby), Celina TX; and many nieces, nephews and special family and friends. He was also preceded in death by his parents and his sister, June Knox. Family will greet friends from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thurs. at Mother Teresa Church, 2014 NW 46th St., where a parish rosary will

be prayed at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Fri. at the Church. Burial will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. (For those attending Lee's services, he requested casual or KU attire.) In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Topeka Rescue Mission and Mother Teresa of Calcutta Church, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leo J. Horgan*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

MR

“ Condolences to all the family and friends on your recent loss of Lee. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Prayers are with you in the challenging days ahead. What a great man!

Hopefully the following poem will give you strength and comfort.

*THE DASH*

*by Linda Ellis*

*I read of a man who stood to speak*

*At the funeral of a friend*

*He referred to the dates on his tombstone*

*From the beginning to the end*

*He noted that first came the date of his birth*

*And spoke the following date with tears,*

*But he said what mattered the most of all*

*Was the dash between those years*

*For the dash represents all the time*

*That he spent alive on earth.*

*And now only those who loved him*

*Know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not how much we own;*

*The cars, the house, the cash,*

*What matters most is how we live and love*

*And how we spend our dash.*

*If we could just slow down enough*

*To consider what's true and real*

*And always try to understand*

*The way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger,*

*And show appreciation more*

*And love the people in our lives*

*Like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect,  
And more often wear a smile  
Remembering that this special dash  
Might only last a while.*

*So, when your euology is being read  
With you life's actions to rehash  
Would you be proud of the things they say  
About how you spend your dash?*

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**M.J. Roush** - March 23, 2012 at 10:54 AM

SG

“ *Lee I will miss you so much. May you rest in peace now and when I hear the thunder now I will know you are playing that guitar as loud as you can so we can enjoy too..... Love you and miss you*

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**Sharon Gamblin** - March 22, 2012 at 01:04 PM

GG

“ *Our friend for fifty years,sadly we will miss you. Rest in Peace. Gary and Sandy*

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**Gary and Sandy Gibson** - March 22, 2012 at 10:15 AM

RU

“ *It was our pleasure knowing Lee and Lois and sharing our interests in Country Music, especially steel guitar. I will always cherish our conversations and remember the fun we had at the ISGC in St.Louis.*

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**Ray and Janet Uhl** - March 21, 2012 at 11:06 PM

LM

“ Thank you everyone for all the kind words, cards, food and caring thoughts, you have sent for Lee. My family sincerely appreciate them.

*He is at peace and will be in no pain, but can entertain everyone with his beautiful country voice and steel guitar.*

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**Lois McDaniel** - March 21, 2012 at 10:31 PM