



## Leon Henry "Lee" Strecker

February 27, 1953 - September 5, 2023

Leon Henry Strecker "Lee", 70, passed away on September 5th 2023. Leon is the son of the late Henry Leon and Rita Prostko Strecker, and the loving husband of 47 years to Beverly Brand Strecker.

Lee attended Central Connecticut State College where he earned a bachelor's degree in education. Afterwards, he finished his masters and sixth year at Western Connecticut State University. Lee was a teacher for 37 years in the Darien, Connecticut public school system. During his tenure, he received the "Teacher of the Year" award. Besides teaching, Lee also was well skilled in carpentry and owned his own remodeling business for 50 years. Lee loved spending time with the family dog, carpentry, wood working, fishing, and his old truck. He was a practical joker and great story teller. Lee always tried to have a stellar day and his motto was, "keep smiling, kiddo".

Lee is survived by his wife, daughters; Ashley Abreu (Chris) of Simpsonville SC, and Meghan Porter of Pendleton SC, grandchildren; Jackson Abreu, Alex Abreu, and Lyla Abreu, siblings; Janice Burriesci, Mary Ellen Ramsdell, and John Strecker.

Lee is predeceased by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, monetary donations can be made to "Be the Match"

[bethematch.org](http://bethematch.org).

A memorial service will be determined by the family at a later date.

Mountain View Funerals & Cremations — Seneca Chapel is assisting the family.

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Hi Lee,  
I find peace in knowing if there is an “up there”, you’re there.  
Pleasurable decades sharing our skills together working with the  
kids & adults in Darien.  
And answering the difficult questions around building, remodeling,  
and adolescents & their upbringing. It was a great pleasure sharing  
talents & solving/sharing unusual building, mechanical or  
adolescents’ difficulties others couldn’t solve. Piece of cake, right?  
Best to your spirit, brother.  
Michael Caro

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Michael Caro - February 14, 2025 at 05:46 PM

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“ Your Apex Companies, LLC purchased the Simply  
Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Leon  
Henry "Lee" Strecker.



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Your Apex Companies, LLC - November 03, 2023 at 09:11 AM

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“ Your Apex Companies, LLC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in  
honor of Leon Henry "Lee" Strecker.

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Your Apex Companies, LLC - November 03, 2023 at 09:11 AM

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“ Lee was an incredible carpenter, person and friend. I was honored to be his apprentice on several of my projects. We laughed as much as we worked and his personality was refreshing and generosity was unmatched. Lee taught me a great deal and I will miss him dearly. If I made a mistake he would always say, "ahhh don't worry about it kiddo, we can fix it". That was Lee. Bev and family, reach out if I can do anything for you.

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**Tony Hagen** - September 09, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ I worked with Lee for a little over 10 years and was always amazed by his compassion, work ethic and enthusiasm. He always had a kind word and a new project. He had an innate sense with how best to work with people. He also was an incredible craftsman and also did an incredible amount of work on projects for me. On the way, he taught me a few things about construction and life. Lee was the ultimate teacher, though I still can't figure out how he managed to get those 96" tall cabinets in a 98" ceiling height when they had to be angled in. I was so saddened to hear of his passing and know how much his family and others will miss him, but I do know that his heart, knowledge and kindness survive him in the 100s, if not 1000s he worked with.

**Steve Balazs**  
*Darien High School*

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**Steve Balazs** - September 08, 2023 at 07:13 PM

JS

“ *Mr. Strecker was an inspiration and a treasure to the Town of Darien. His passion and kindness pass on through every student he taught. I love seeing these memories from other students. I first took a woodworking class over a summer with Streck as a middle schooler. Even then, his reputation was known to me. I was hooked. In high school, Streck made the tech wing a special place and didn't I know it. I savored my time there. Without a doubt, when a young Mr. Nelson joined as a tech teacher as well, Streck brought the absolute best out of him too. I have so many warm memories in both of their classrooms. We were blessed to have him as a teacher.*

*I went on to study and practice civil engineering and came back to guest lecture the tech classes about my career. I'm moved thinking about the impact he had on my life and so many other students over 37 years.*

*Thank you, Streck, for your inspiration and friendship. I hope your family finds comfort in the love from your students.*

*Joe Sandor  
DHS Class of '06*

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**Joseph Sandor** - September 08, 2023 at 06:45 PM

FP

“ *Mr. Strecker was hands down one of the best teachers I ever had! He made me love coming to school and challenged each and everyone one of us to think outside of the box! I can still recall him jumping on tables to get our attention and yelling out “come on down” like the Bobs Furniture commercials! I truly hope that I can be as memorable of a teacher as he was to me* □

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**Francesca Principe** - September 08, 2023 at 06:11 PM

DF

“ *Mr. Strecker was one of the most memorable teachers I have ever had. He was kind, compassionate and energetic. His presence would light up a room and his passion for teaching was inspiring. It was his love and dedication as an educator that encouraged me to be the teacher I am today.*

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**Danielle Forte** - September 08, 2023 at 05:19 PM

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“ *My family had the privilege of living where Lee taught. Both of my children, especially my son Michael, benefitted greatly from him. I know he had a big impact on his life and helped shape the man he is today. Thank you, Lee, and family for sharing him with the world, our world. You will be missed! May your grief and feelings of loss soon be overtaken by your memories of such a great guy!!*

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**Nancy Reilly** - September 08, 2023 at 04:41 PM

DS

“ *Our families were friends when the Streckers lived in PA and we were close childhood friends. We recently reconnected through Facebook. My prayers go out to his family at this difficult time. 🙏*

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**Debra Hay Senter** - September 08, 2023 at 10:40 AM

DJ

“ Lee taught me in Systems of Tech as a freshman. As a teacher encouraged us to be curious, hold ourselves to high standards, to be honest with ourselves and others, and to show excitement whenever possible in what we do and what the people around us create. Now that I teach, I often reflect on how great he was, how rare those kind of teachers are sometimes, and how I can try to model the kind of teacher he was in my own classroom.

Thanks "Streck" for being one of the great teachers I had growing up.

*Dennis Cummings Jr.  
DHS Class of 04*

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**Dennis Cummings Jr.** - September 08, 2023 at 09:25 AM

AN

“ Sending our deepest condolences to this wonderful family.  
*Rich and Angie Gajewski*



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**Angie** - September 07, 2023 at 09:31 PM

TS

“ Trent Smith lit a candle in memory of Leon Henry "Lee" Strecker



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**Trent Smith** - September 07, 2023 at 07:59 PM