

### **Lee Allen Busch 1956-2023**

Lee A. Busch, age 67, passed away on January 9, 2023, in Bridgeton, Missouri. He was born January 9, 1956, in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, to Otto L. Busch and Wanda L. Bush (nee Hudgins) of Missouri, who preceded him in death.

He married Phyllis Christine Massa in 1995 in St. Louis, Missouri. Lee is survived by his wife, Phyllis, their dogs, and other family members.

Attentive readers will recognize that, like William Shakespeare, Lee's date of death and date of birth are the same day: January 9. Like Shakespeare, Lee enjoyed telling stories and conversing with people.

A corpsman, Lee worked in the medical field after he left military service.

Captain Busch served in the Civil Air Patrol Illinois Wing's 286th Composite Squadron, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, based in East Alton, Illinois. Founded on Dec. 1, 1941, to mobilize the nation's civilian aviation resources for national defense service, CAP has evolved into a premier public service organization that still carries out emergency service missions when needed — in the air and on the ground. Lee was proud of his service in this great organization.

Lee is a member of the Scottish/American Military society.

Lee enjoyed spending time with his wife, Phyllis, attending events like Scottish games, participating in canine obedience training, attending dog shows, and celebrating family gatherings. He was interested in exploring his Native American heritage. He was an herbalist and enjoyed science fiction and animals.

Interment will take place at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis on Friday, January 27, 2023. Attendees are asked to be at the main building's rear parking lot before 1:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association <https://diabetes.org/> or a charity of your choice.