

Lion A. Lee O'Bryan



A. Lee O'Bryan, 69, of Moneta, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 1, 2008, at his home on Smith Mountain Lake. He was born June 29, 1938, in Louisville, Ky., son of the late Amiel Ligouri O'Bryan and Nellie Fay Lanham O'Bryan.

He retired in December, 1999 as Director of Public Service Taxation with the Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission after 38 years of service. He was a communicant of Resurrection Catholic Church, Moneta, a member of **Smith Mountain Lake Lions Club, also a Melvin Jones Fellow** and an active member of Winding Waters Community Association.

Lee is survived by his wife of 47 years, Patricia Adair "Patti" O'Bryan; two sons, Tim O'Bryan and his wife, Amy and Tom O'Bryan and his wife, Penny, both of Midlothian; a daughter, Katie Pinney and her husband, Chris, of Richmond; also seven grandchildren, Mary and Ashley O'Bryan, Derek and Joey O'Bryan, and Bryan, Sean and Connor Pinney.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008, 2008 with Monsignor Joseph Lehman officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 12:30 p.m. until time of the funeral mass. A celebration of Lee's life will be held in Richmond at St. Edwards Catholic Church. Burial will be in Dale Memorial Park, Chesterfield.

Those wishing to make memorials are asked to consider the Resurrection Catholic Church Building Fund, 15353 Moneta Road, Moneta, VA 24121. To send condolences online, please visit www.tharpfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Tharp Funeral Home & Crematory, Smith Mountain Lake, 540-721-9375.

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