



## LeRoy G. "Lee" Fichtel

January 7, 1928 - March 10, 2022

LeRoy G. "Lee" Fichtel, 94, passed away Thursday, March 10, 2022 at Sunnymere Senior Living. He was born January 7, 1928 in Aurora, Illinois. He was one of the last of the greatest generation that we all learned so much from.

LeRoy was a proud U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a lifelong Aurora resident and attended Sacred Heart Grade School and Marmion Military Academy graduating in 1946. He played minor league baseball in 1950-51 for the Mount Vernon Kings in Illinois. After his return from playing baseball he worked at Thor Power Tool. He then worked in sales for many years at Aurora Pump retiring in 1991. After his retirement you could find him working in the tool section at the Lake Street Ace Hardware.

Because of his love of horse racing he would spend his free time at Aurora Downs in the 1970's, the OTB in the 1980's and then the Turf Room in later years to place his bets and hang out with his friends who enjoyed racing as much as he did. Later in his betting days, he would bring the Turf Room tellers his homemade oatmeal chocolate chip cookies.

LeRoy was a very kind man however when it came to sports he was a very passionate man. He could be heard yelling at the refs from the balcony of his sons West Aurora basketball games in the late 1970's. That passion was reborn in the 2000's when he once again bantered with the refs at his grandson's games. He was a man who taught us many loves, of faith, of sports (especially the Cubs), of children and of family.

He is survived by his three children, Dawn (Stanley) Wallace of Memphis, TN, Jeff (Margo) Fichtel of Omaha, NE, Laura (Mike) Pall of Aurora, IL; six grandchildren, Haley Fichtel, Carson Fichtel, Matthew Pall, Ryan Pall, Gabrielle Pall, Joe Pall; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of fifty years Grace (Smith) Fichtel; his parents, Fred and Mary (Hiemenz) Fichtel; four sisters, Lillian Strusz, Audrey Weingartner, Shirley Nilges, Betty Little; two brothers, Edwin "Bud" Fichtel, Herman Fichtel.

LeRoy's family would like to thank the caregivers and his close friends at Sunnymere where he lived the past two years. The love they had for him was so very comforting to the family.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 18, 2022 at 9:15 AM from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY to Blessed Sacrament Church at 10:00 AM; Fr. Max Lasrado will officiate. Interment will be private.

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 17, 2022 from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois 630-631-5500.

Please visit our website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may leave condolences for LeRoy's family.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

MAR 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary  
220 N. Lake Street  
Aurora, IL 60506  
(630) 631-5500  
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com  
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

### Morning Prayers

MAR 18. 9:15 AM (CT)

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### Funeral Mass

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Church  
801 West Oak Street  
North Aurora, IL 60542



# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of LeRoy G. "Lee" Fichtel



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**Daleiden Mortuary** - March 15, 2022 at 10:31 AM

MS

“ We send our Heartfelt Sympathies to Dawn, Jeff and Laura. I have nothing but good memories of Uncle Lee and Aunt Grace. Growing up in such a large family in the 60's and 70's it was always good times waiting for another family reunion in and around Ackley Iowa. God Bless You!!

*Mike & Ruth Smith  
Missouri*

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**Mike Smith** - March 19, 2022 at 02:36 PM

RN

“ Our condolences go out to our Fichtel cousins and their families. They were very blessed to have Uncle Lee and Aunt Grace for parents.

We always enjoyed our visits with Uncle Lee and Aunt Grace when we were in Aurora. We have wonderful memories of them at so many family gatherings. Uncle Lee was a very outgoing and friendly person. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Knowing that he is now with the Lord and Grace is very comforting. May he rest in peace.

Roy & Sharon Newby

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**Roy & Sharon Newby** - March 17, 2022 at 11:35 AM

MW

“ Mark and Margery Walters purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of LeRoy G. "Lee" Fichtel.

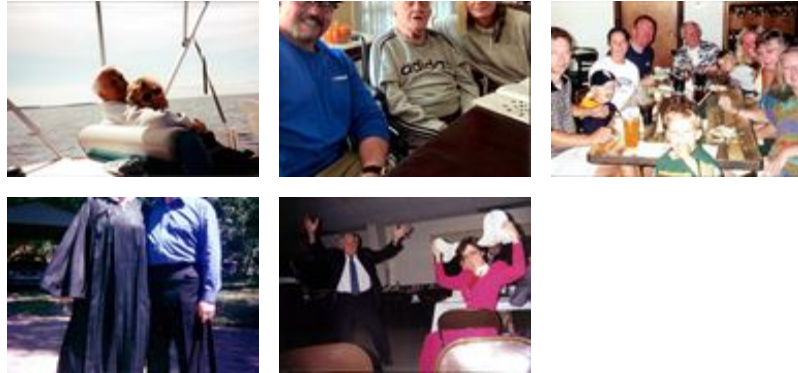


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**Mark and Margery Walters** - March 16, 2022 at 12:35 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Daleiden Mortuary - March 15, 2022 at 10:24 AM



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Daleiden Mortuary - March 14, 2022 at 05:58 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of LeRoy G. "Lee" Fichtel.



March 14, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ My mom and I always looked forward to breakfast at Harner's with Mr. Fichtel, Dawn and Stanley!  
They carried on their own conversation claiming they couldn't hear us! I shall miss them both!

Sharon Campbell - March 14, 2022 at 12:10 PM

RB

“ To Jeff, Dawn & Laura,  
Lee was a very kind, humble & honest man.  
He led a good life & is now on his journey to be with Grace. We  
have many memories of Lee & Grace  
In particular playing bridge. The four of us drove down to Gulf  
Shores for a long weekend &  
Grace & I went shopping while the guys sat on the beach soaking  
up the sun.  
Rest in peace, Lee. 🙏🙏. Ray & Bonnie

Ray & Bonnie Beach - March 13, 2022 at 03:58 PM



“ I have wonderful memories of Uncle Lee. He was such an upbeat  
and kind person. He had such love for his wife, Aunt Grace, and his  
family. I send my condolences to Dawn, Jeff, and Laura.  
Thinking of you in Iowa, Karla Severson

Karla Severson - March 12, 2022 at 05:42 AM



“ Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Bright Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of LeRoy G. "Lee" Fichtel.



March 11, 2022 at 08:15 PM