

**RESOLUTION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION UPON  
THE DEATH OF KENNETH F. LEE, ESQUIRE**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God on November 23rd, 2000, called our colleague, friend and fellow member, Kenneth F. Lee, from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, although deeply saddened by his death, we, the members of the Franklin County Bar Association now respectfully assembled to reflect upon our various recollections of Ken and to adopt this memorial Resolution upon his passing are mindful of his many contributions and attributes which shall continue to live on, and serve as positive examples in our hearts and minds, for us and others; and

**WHEREAS**, it has occurred to this Committee that, pursuant to such Resolution, a record of some of his deeds, accomplishments and character traits should first be written here; and

**BE IT KNOWN** that Ken has left a wonderful and inspirational legacy;

**AS A FAMILY MAN AND SUPPORTIVE FRIEND:** Ken was born on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1933, in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He married Betty Jane Weller Lee on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1959, and had four children, a daughter, Margaret A. Lee-Williams, as well as three sons, Kenneth W. Lee, Wallace W. Lee and James A. Lee.

Those who knew Ken well were impressed by the love he had for his family. Family came first with Ken and he took constant delight in updating friends and associates as to his children's lives and career courses.

He was also a true supportive friend to many and served as the mentor for the late Judge William H. Kaye.

**AS A MAN WHO LEFT HIS MARK:** Ken was a 1951 graduate of Wyoming Seminary, a 1955 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Colgate University, spent two years on active duty with the U.S. Air Force, then transferred to the Air Force Reserves being honorably discharged on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1977, with the rank of Major, and after graduating in 1960 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School was admitted to the local Bar in 1961.

Ken practiced with Black and Davison in Chambersburg until 1971, and thereafter formed the firm of Lee & Kaye in 1972.

A life long Democrat, he campaigned for the 1972 and 1976 nomination as state senator for the 33<sup>rd</sup> District.

Ken was a former Solicitor for the Borough of Mercersburg, Tuscarora School Board Authority, Tuscarora School Board and Warren, St. Thomas and Hamilton Townships. As Mercersburg Borough Solicitor in 1975 and 1976, he was a strong supporter of the formation of the Mercersburg Historic District, and helped draft the enabling Ordinance and ensured its enactment by Council.

He took a special interest in serving as general counsel for Beistle Co. of Shippensburg, and truly enjoyed the relationships he made and maintained during the course of his representation at Beistle.

Ken continued his practice with the late Judge Kaye until 1987. At that point, with Ken's full support, Judge Kaye took the bench and, thereafter, Ken practiced by himself until 1992, when his legal career was tragically shortened by a serious stroke which compelled his retirement from active practice.

This final period of practice is well remembered by Ken's peers and colleagues. During that period of time, notwithstanding the fact that he had already achieved a degree of financial success and could afford to pick and choose the type of work he accepted, Ken, nevertheless, ardently pursued a general practice.

Ken enjoyed criminal law and family law. He was noted for his intellectual curiosity. He was always eager to learn, was known for his ability to devise novel approaches in cases and was truly a creative and ingenious legal strategist. During his time at Black and Davison he worked closely with, and modeled himself upon, the late George Black and became an aggressive and successful trial attorney.

Ken was a person of intense passion and fervor; and when Ken cared about something deeply he gave himself over to it, hook, line and sinker.

His family, his late law partner, and his life long clients all benefitted immeasurably by reason of Ken's zeal, dedication and commitment. In preparing this Resolution this Committee learned of many examples of Ken's willingness to work without compensation for the public good and to protect his friends from injustice. While he was Mercersburg Borough Solicitor he did much of his work without charge at a time when the Borough was hard pressed financially. On another occasion a fellow attorney faced a merit less suit brought by an inmate of a State Prison. Ken took on the defense of this claim without charge; in fact, he told his client and friend that he would drop the case if there were any attempts to offer him a fee. His only compensation in this matter was the profound gratitude of the man he helped.



**AS A MAN OF VARIED AND SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS:**

He was a member of Landmark Lodge 442, F & AM of Wilkes-Barre. In 1995 he was named an honorary member of Chapel of Four Chaplains, Valley Forge. His personal interests were Civil War history, his orchard, cooking, jewelry making, bird watching and conservation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2000, in Special Meeting duly assembled, be it **RESOLVED** by the Franklin County Bar Association that we do hold the memory of Kenneth F. Lee, Esquire, in high regard for his friendship, congeniality, professional skill and service, and we do hereby express our deep sense of loss. He will be sadly missed by all of us as well as we are certain, by his family, other friends and associates.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy hereof be delivered to his widow, Betty, and to his daughter, Margaret, and to each of his sons, Kenneth W., Wallace W. and James A. Lee.

November 20, 2000

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

By Kenneth E. Hankins, Jr.  
Kenneth E. Hankins, Jr., Chairman

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William F. Kaminski, Co-Chairman

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George E. Wenger, President  
Franklin County Bar Association



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## Kenneth F. Lee

Mercersburg

Kenneth Freeman Lee, 67, of 10414 Shimpstown Road, Mercersburg, died Thursday morning, Nov. 23, 2000, in Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown, Md. Arrangements by Fries Funeral Home, Mercersburg.

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Kenneth Freeman Lee, 67, of 10414 Shimpstown Road, Mercersburg, died Thursday morning, Nov. 23, 2000, in Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown, Md.

Born Nov. 6, 1933, in Scranton, he was a stepson of Anna Naomi Berg

Lee of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and a son of the late Kenneth C. and Dorothy Freeman Lee.

He was the husband of Betty Jane Weller Lee; the Lees were married on Aug. 29, 1959.



Lee

Mr. Lee was a 1951 graduate of Wyoming Seminary of Kingston. A 1955 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., upon graduation he was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. Upon completion of his two-year enlistment, he transferred to the U.S. Air Force Reserves, from which he was honorably discharged on Feb. 11, 1977 with the rank of major.

He was a 1960 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School of Philadelphia. He was admitted to the bar in 1961 and practiced with the law firm of Black & Davison, Chambersburg, from 1961-71. Following a year as a sole practitioner he became a partner in the former Lee and Kaye law firm from 1972-87. From 1987-92 he was again a sole practitioner. He suffered a stroke in 1992 and retired from the practice of law.

During his law career Mr. Lee practiced in Fulton and Franklin counties. He was a former solicitor for the Borough of Mercersburg, Tuscarora School Board Authority, Tuscarora School Board, and Warren, St. Thomas and Hamilton townships. He also served as general counsel for Beistle Co. of Shippenburg.

An active member of the Democratic Party, he campaigned for the 1972 and 1976 nomination as state senator for the 33rd District.

Mr. Lee was a member of Landmark Lodge 442, F&AM of Wilkes-Barre. In 1995 he was named an honorary member of Chapel of Four Chaplains, Valley Forge. His personal interests were Civil War history, his orchard, cooking, jewelry making, bird watching and conservation.

Surviving in addition to his wife and stepmother are a daughter, Margaret A. Lee-Williams of Mechanicsburg; three sons, Kenneth W. of Camp Hill, Wallace W. of Dallastown, and James A. of Irvine, Calif.; four grandchildren, Samantha R. Lee of Camp Hill, Mykel W. Lee, Jennifer L. Presler and Christopher B. Presler, all of Dallastown; and a brother, Harry F. of Stroudsburg. He was preceded in death by a grandson and a brother.

There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the chapel of Wilson College, 1015 Philadelphia Ave., Chambersburg. The Rev. Milton W. Benny Jr. will officiate. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

There will be a viewing from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday in Lininger-Fries Funeral Home Inc., 47 N. Park Ave., Mercersburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tuscarora Educational Foundation, 4773 Fort Loudon Road, Mercersburg 17236.

## PUBLIC OPINION

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania  
Saturday, November 25, 2000

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FALLING SPRING  
221 N. MAIN STREET  
CHAMBERSBURG, PA 17201



CAROLYN SEIBERT-DRAGER  
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IN MEMORY OF  
Mr. Kenneth Freeman Lee

DATE OF BIRTH  
November 6, 1933

DATE OF DEATH  
November 23, 2000

THE SERVICE  
Memorial Service in the Chapel of Wilson College  
1015 Philadelphia Ave., Chambersburg, PA  
November 28, 2000 - 11:00 A.M.

OFFICIATING  
Reverend Milton W. Benny Jr.

INTERMENT  
Private burial at the convenience of the family

Arrangements By  
LININGER-FRIES  
FUNERAL HOME  
Mercersburg, PA