



## David Read Lee

David Read Lee, 84, of Williamsburg, VA, passed away with his family by his side on March 11, 2025. David was born in Richmond, VA, on June 12, 1940, the only child of Floyd Edwin and Helen Clare Lee. A graduate of John Marshall High School in Richmond, he was an active member of the Cadet Corps. David continued his education at the University of Virginia, where he earned his undergraduate degree in 1962 and later a graduate degree in business from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

David served his country during the Vietnam War in the U.S. Navy, stationed aboard the USS Intrepid. After his honorable discharge in 1968, he embarked on a 25-year career working in finance for General Electric in both New York and Massachusetts. His last job before retirement was the Director of the Department of Public Works for the Town of Reading, Massachusetts.

Dave was a long-time and active member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in North Reading, MA. He was a Past Master of North Reading Masonic Lodge and a Past District Deputy of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge.

In 2001, David and his wife, Phyllis, retired to Williamsburg, VA, where their retirement years were marked by their shared love for adventure, as they traveled extensively, both globally and to historical U.S. sites.

David was an avid bird watcher and took great joy in the natural world. His passion for service continued in Williamsburg, where he became involved in his retirement community, Windsor Meade, and Williamsburg United Methodist Church. He served on various committees, as a Stephen Minister, a Trustee, and the Chairman of the Memorial Garden Committee at WUMC. Singing in the choir and attending Sunday school brought him immense joy, and he found great fulfillment in the friendships and fellowship that were cultivated through his church community.

David is predeceased by his beloved wife, Phyllis Gary Lee, his high school sweetheart and partner of 59 years. He is survived by his daughter, Michelle Lee, of New York, NY, his son, Michael Lee, daughter-in-law Jennifer, and his cherished granddaughters, Charlotte and Audrey, of Reading, MA. David's family was his pride and joy, and he loved them deeply.

A man of faith, integrity, and service, David's legacy lives on in the many lives he touched through his dedication to family, community, and country. His kindness, generosity, and commitment to making the world a better place will be remembered by all who knew him.

Memorial donations may be made to Williamsburg United Methodist Church or to a charity of your choice. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.nelsenwilliamsburg.com](http://www.nelsenwilliamsburg.com).

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**March 16, 2025**

**Williamsburg United Methodist Church**

*Assisting with Worship:* Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton, Rev. Dave Rochford, Rev. Troy Sims

*Choir Director:* Lou-Anne Smith

*Organist:* Barbara Stahl

*Sound and Livestream:* Jimmy McCarter, Josh Clayton

Permission to stream the music in this service is granted by One License #A-737740; CCLI #3168974; CCS/WCL #12349.



Those who wait for the Lord  
shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings  
like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

A Service of Worship  
in Celebration of the Life of

**David Read Lee**  
**June 12, 1940 – March 11, 2025**

March 16, 2025 2:00 p.m.  
Williamsburg United Methodist Church

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

GATHERING

THE WORDS OF HOPE AND GRACE from John 11; Revelation 1, 22

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and I am life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I hold the keys of hell and death. Because I live, you shall live also.

GREETING

Friends, we have gathered here to praise God and to witness to our faith as we celebrate the life of David Lee. We come together in grief, acknowledging our sense of loss. May God grant us grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, in death resurrection.

\*HYMN Great Is Thy Faithfulness UMH 140 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who gave us birth, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray.  
**You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.**  
**Give us now your grace, that as we stand before the mystery of death we may see the light of eternity, and live as those who are prepared to die.**  
**Show us in these days of our loss that nothing in life or in death can separate us from your love, and give us the peace of knowing that living or dying, our life is in you. Amen.**

A TIME OF FOND REMEMBRANCE Mike Lee, Son

ANTHEM On Eagle's Wings Sanctuary Choir

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 23

HYMN The Gift of Love UMH 408 (red book)

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT 1 Corinthians 13

MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**  
**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

\*HYMN It Is Well with My Soul UMH 377 (red book)

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*Friends and family are invited to a reception in the Atrium/Fellowship Hall following the service.*