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Mr. Joseph "Malloy" Lee

Mr. Joseph "Malloy" Lee of Norwood passed away on October 13, 2017, at the age of 75.

The family will have a Memorial of his Life on Sunday, October 29, 2017, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Shady Oaks Plantation Bed & Breakfast in Ansonville. (704-826-1081)

Obituaries

Mr. Lee was born on March 21, 1942, to the late Roy Lee and Pearl Lee. His stepmother was Louise K. Lee.

Mr. Lee was predeceased by his sons, Jonathan Lee and "Little Loy" Malloy Lee, Jr.; his brothers, Harold Lee, Hubert Lee, Arthur Lee and Dean Lee; and his sisters, Nola Lee Pucket and Vergie Lee Lomax Lee.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn Boles Lee, daughters, Casey Lee, Selena Lee Parrish and Heather Boles Couick; his sister Jane Lee Kendall; and his brothers, Roy James Lee, Samuel Lee and Clifton Colon Lee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to help cover medical and other expenses to: Casey Lee, 44455 Dennis Road, Albemarle NC 28001 or Hospice of Stanly.

Know! - The End of Bullying Begins With YOU

Wondering why we hear so much about bullying? Because there's way too much of it going on and it's a huge problem for everyone involved. Students report getting bullied most often because of looks, body shape, race and sexual orientation. While every child is at risk for being the target of bullying, young people with disabilities or special education needs get bullied two to three times more often than their peers. At the same time, children with disabilities are also at an increased risk for bullying others as well.

In 2016, more than one in five students reported being bullied. According to research however, the majority of young people who are bullied do not report it. And the older a student becomes, the less likely he or she is to tell anyone - including peers - which is especially bad news because peer intervention is so important.

More than half of all bullying situations come to a halt when a peer steps in. We're not talking stepping into the middle of a school fight (in that situation you'd want to encourage your child to grab a teacher to help). We're talking about supportive actions, like befriending the person being bullied, letting them know they are not alone or helping them tell someone, like a school resource officer, teacher or school counselor.

When it comes to a bullying situation, there is typically a target, a bully and bystanders. Regardless of what position a child is in, the consequences can be detrimental. Youth who experience bullying are at increased risk for poor school performance, sleeping difficulties, low self-esteem, feelings of fear, anxiety, depression, and even suicidal thoughts. Youth who engage in bullying are also at increased risk for academic problems, in addition to a greater likelihood for substance use and violent behavior during later adolescence and adulthood.

There is typically not a lot of sympathy for a person who bullies others, but oftentimes, a child engages in such behavior due to peer pressure, fear, insecurity, a lack of positive role models and sometimes as a response to being bullied themselves. These do not excuse the behavior, but may provide a better understanding of where the behavior originates.

Youth who both engage in bullying and are the target of bullying themselves are at the highest risk for a variety of mental health and behavior problems.

Even witnesses of bullying experience negative consequences. They say they feel less safe at school and report feelings that range from anger to guilt to fear. They often want to help, but they don't know how.

As parents, we need to be specific in telling our children:

- It is never ok to hurt, harm or humiliate another person with your words or behavior
- It is never ok for anyone to do this to you either; you deserve respect, kindness and to feel safe
- If you experience bullying, please tell me or another trusted adult - we can help make it stop
- If you witness someone being bullied, do something - YOU can make a difference!

More information is available at www.pacer.org/bullying.

Sheriff Reid's Tips for a Safe Halloween

Soon our streets will be scattered with little ghosts, goblins, and witches trick-or-treating this Halloween. "Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following some common sense practices can keep events safer and more fun," said Anson County Sheriff Landric Reid.

The Sheriff reminds all Anson County residents to follow these safety tips:

- Motorists** Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
 - Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
 - At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.
- Parents** Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
- Check the sex offender registry at sexoffender.ncsbi.gov when planning your child's trick-or-treat route. You can view maps that pinpoint registered offenders' addresses in your neighborhood and sign up to get email alerts when an offender moves nearby.
 - Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
 - Make sure older kids trick-or-treat in a group.
 - Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
 - Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and never to enter a stranger's home.
 - Establish a return time.
 - Tell your youngsters not to eat any treats until they return home.
 - Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules.
 - All children need to know their home telephone number and how to call 9-1-1 in case of emergency.
 - Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address, and telephone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.

- Costume Design** Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.
- Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.
 - Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard.
 - Make sure that shoes fit well to prevent trips and falls.
 - If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of retro-reflective tape should be used to make children visible.

- Face Design** Do not use masks as they can obstruct a child's vision. Use facial make-up instead.
- When buying special Halloween makeup, check for packages containing ingredients that are labeled "Made with U.S. Approved Color Additives," "Laboratory Tested," "Meets Federal Standards for Cosmetics," or "Non-Toxic." Follow manufacturer's instruction for application.
 - If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.

- Accessories** Knives, swords, and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.
- Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with retro-reflective tape if children are allowed out after dark.
 - Carrying flashlights with fresh batteries will help children see better and be seen more clearly.

- While Trick-or-Treating** Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.
- Walk; do not run, from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
 - Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
 - Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic, if there are no sidewalks.

- Treats** Give children an early meal before going out.
- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.
 - Wash fruit and slice it into small pieces.
 - Throw away any candy that is unwrapped or partially wrapped or has a strange odor, color, or texture.

- Homeowners/Decorations** Keep candles and Jack O' Lanterns away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame.
- Remove obstacles from lawns, steps, and porches when expecting trick-or-treaters.
 - Keep candles and Jack O' Lanterns away from curtains, decorations, and other combustibles that could catch fire.
 - Do not leave your house unattended.

"Halloween is a fun time in Anson County," Sheriff Reid concluded, "but let's make it a safe time as well. The major dangers are not from witches or spirits but rather from falls and pedestrian-car crashes."

Free Groceries Available to Eligible Families Today & Saturday

Free USDA foods will be distributed today, Wednesday, October 25 and Saturday, October 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC). Neighbors will only be served once monthly with these items as long as they last.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Food Distribution Division provide these food items through the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina in Charlotte.

The US federal income guidelines will be a determining factor for individual's eligibility. The food items will only be available to Ansonians. Individuals who have not registered or received food before from the BRLC Emergency food Pantry must have financial documentation as proof of income to be served. Those families that receive food stamp assistance will automatically qualify. Parents are asked not to bring children due to limited seating space. Neighbors are asked to please park in parking lot behind center.

You can contact BRLC at 704-826-8182 for information. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.

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