



1STSGT Lee William LeGrande

April 18, 1978 - January 6, 2026

1STSGT (Ret.) Lee William LeGrande, a United States Marine Corps Retiree and Owner/CEO of Warrior Mentality Fitness, age 47, of St. Robert, MO passed away Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in his home in St. Robert.

Celebration of Life Services with Full Military Honors will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 17, 2026, in Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. until service time at 11 a.m. in Memorial Chapel.

Lee is survived by his wife, Amy LeGrande of the home in St. Robert; two children, Kaitlyn LeGrande of St. Robert, MO, and Gunner LeGrande of Camp LeJeune, NC; his parents, William and Dawn LeGrande of the State of Washington; two brothers, Chad LeGrande and Christopher (Lindsey) LeGrande, all of Washington State; his sister, Melissa LeGrande (Victor) of Washington State; niece and nephew, Emily and Gabriel LeGrande; his mother-in-law, Bonnie Bowen of the State of CA; his father-in-law, Allen Bowen (Diane) of the State of NC; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions in memory of Lee LeGrande may be made to

Semper Fi & America's Fund or Safe Horizon, and contributions may be left at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be sent at www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
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Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of 1STSGT Lee William LeGrande*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - January 17 at 11:47 AM

MB

Amy, that was beautiful. A wonderful tribute to him. So sorry for you and your families loss. Love you, M

Marissa J. Bowen - January 24 at 09:13 PM

JL

“ *I met and served with me when I was his platoon sergeant in India Company, 3/5 at San Mateo and did one pump with him and the 31st MEU. Lee was an outstanding Marine I could tell right off the bat, but even being his sergeant, he was someone that immediately earned my respect and I even would ask him his thoughts on certain matters. I was fortunate to get back in touch with him many years later via LinkedIn when I was living in Mobile, AL and he was in New Orleans. I regret I never made it happen to go and see my brother again being that short distance away. Me and all your brothers from Psycho I Co 3/5 will miss ya brother. I know you're guarding those gates and can't wait to see you again one day. Semper Fi*
Jay Lindsey
'Sgt. Bama'

Jay Lindsey - January 18 at 05:32 PM

BR

“ You have always encouraged us to lift but I’m not sure if any of us have the strength to lift our heavy hearts! Always showed up and inspired more people than you probably realized! You’ll always be a legend! The gym is not going to be the same. God Bless your family and I hope they find peace with their loss.

Lifting for Lee!



Brandy - January 17 at 11:28 AM

DP

“ I served with Lee in 3/3 and had the privilege of being under his leadership for a few impressionable and defining years. Lee was more than just a stellar marine he was a friend, a mentor, a loving father, and fiercely fair warrior. Lee always looked for the good qualities in people, didn’t mince words and lended a hand when it was needed. He was my friend and mentor and I am forever grateful for his time and patience. To Amy and family go my deepest sympathies. Lee will always be remembered as one of the best, steadfast and caring people I’ve ever met. He will be missed beyond measure.

David Parkinson - January 16 at 11:36 AM



“ 250 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - January 15 at 05:56 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall*



Tony - January 14 at 05:10 PM

CB

“ I met 1stsgt Legrande, then Sgt. Legrande when I first got to the fleet in 3/3 India Co. he served as a leader in second platoon during my first two deployments on the 31st MEU in Okinawa and then in the Kunar province in Afghanistan. Lee was an outstanding leader and all around great man. He was always solid, steadfast and fair, constantly raising the bar for those around and under his command. Even during hard times he always had a smile on his face and a calm demeanor. When I shared the news of his passing to others I served with, the reaction was the same across the board. The world lost a great man and India Co lost a legend. Fair winds and following seas warrior. Until we meet again in Valhalla.
Sgt. Burdette 3/3 India Co.

Cole Burdette - January 13 at 12:07 PM



“ 1stSgt Legrande was a great leader and mentor in the brief time I spent around him at FLW. He made sure that I was taken care of after my head injury and I'm glad to have met a man of his caliber. Rest easy Brother and my heart goes out to his family.



Matt Stauffer - January 12 at 06:44 PM

NB

“ Such a kind man and wonderful fitness coach. So sorry for his loss.

Nancy June Bernier - January 12 at 10:35 AM

JG

“ Lee LeGrande took every challenge head on. There was obvious reason why he was hand selected to lead the largest company in the Marine Detachment aboard Fort Leonard Wood. I was fortunate enough to serve along side him and I am better for it. He was fair, firm and incredibly talented. His mark is made on the thousands of Marines that serviced in the wake of his leadership. Semper Fidelis and Fair winds and Following Seas brother. You will be missed.

Jason Gillespie - January 11 at 05:59 PM

RM

“ Ruben Maldonado sent a virtual gift in memory of Lee LeGrande



Ruben Maldonado - January 11 at 06:27 AM

RM

“ Met LeGrande in Bootcamp. We were in the first all infantry recruit and drill instructors in bootcamp. All the other plts in our company would talk smack to us because we were all grunts but guess who won Co Honor PLT?! Thats right we did! Then went on to SOI, and then to 3/5, right over the hill. Although he went to India and I went to Kilo, we saw each other around the area all the time. RIP my brother.

Ruben Maldonado - January 11 at 06:23 AM



“ *First Sergeant Lee LeGrande, The calm in every storm. A leader that we would follow to the ends of the earth, provided we could keep up with his stride. He will always be remembered for his calm demeanor and great personality. Brother, you'll never be forgotten. Semper Fidelis.* ”

Alan Gashwiler, Master Sergeant (Ret.) - January 10 at 09:12 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Wall* ”



Aaron Kingstad - January 10 at 08:46 PM

EN

“ 1stSgt LeGrande was a phenomenal teacher, mentor, leader, servant, and Marine. I had the honor of serving with him at 2d Maintenance Battalion as he led Devil Dogs in both General Service and Electronic Maintenance Company. He was beloved and respected by everyone he encountered due to his caring and compassionate, but firm and unyielding, brand of leadership. He epitomized the mantra, "Mission First, Marines Always!" I relied heavily on Lee's counsel and advice on how to best serve the Marines of the Battalion with the dignity and respect that they deserved. I personally learned through his positive influence, "can do" demeanor, and his pursuit of excellence in everything that he did. But the thing that I remember most about Lee is the support that he personally provided my family when I was long gone from the Battalion. He was ALWAYS the first person to provide support for my son during his scholastic wrestling career. He didn't do it because he had to, he did it to bolster support for someone who was trying to better himself and his team. He didn't do it out of obligation nor to curry favor, he did it to support a kid who was trying to be the best version of himself and trying his best to level up. That is the type of guy that Lee was and I will always remember him not only for the quality Marine he was, but for the absolutely OUTSTANDING human being he was, and the care and concern for others along with his willingness to extend his hand to help someone else do a little bit better. I extend my sincerest condolences to all of his family and friends, and especially to his wife, Amy, and their kids, Gunner and Kaitlyn. May he forever rest in peace. Semper Fidelis.

Edwin Norris - January 10 at 08:08 PM

JK

“ Lee was a hero and a friend. Although we were close in age, he was always someone I looked up to. He was always one to inspire others to be better. Rest easy brother, Until Valhalla. Semper Fidelis Brother.

JD Keesler - January 10 at 06:41 PM

IS

“ Hated hearing about the news today. Lee is one of the best men that I have ever met. Rest easy brother, you will be missed by many. Especially all of us at TID. You touched many lives, especially all of your marines and athletes. You'll never be forgotten. Rah! - IS from TID

IS - January 10 at 05:36 PM

RM

“ Richard Moore lit a candle in memory of Lee LeGrande



Richard Moore - January 10 at 05:23 PM