



Lee Samuel Dansky

August 28, 1941 - January 5, 2025

Lee Samuel Dansky, born on August 28, 1941 in Hudson, NY, passed away on January 5, 2025 in Albany, NY. He was the son of Benjamin and Evelyn (Koslow) Dansky and grew up in Hudson alongside his two older brothers Arnold Dansky and Leonard Daniels. Lee dedicated his life to education, earning a PhD in the field and spending his career teaching elementary school in the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District. Known for his unwavering commitment to his students, he was a gifted reading teacher who left a lasting impact on generations of young lives. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Lee was cherished for his kindness toward friends, his deep love for his dogs, and his passion for gardening. He was predeceased by his parents and his brothers Arnold Dansky (Esther Carlin) and Leonard Daniels. Lee is survived by his nieces Karen Dansky Sloane (Robert) of Honeoye, NY and Carol Dansky West (Jaymes) of Mount Dora, FL. He also leaves behind great nieces and a great nephew Emily Sloane Aldridge, Benjamin Sloane and Katherine Sloane. Additionally, he is fondly remembered by his cousin Arthur Bressler (the late Cynthia Koslow) Todd Bressler (Lesley), Karen Bressler Kraut (David) and their children Sophie and Chloe Bressler and Ethan and Matthew Kraut.

Special thanks to the care staff of the Terrace at Beverwyck, Ingersoll Place, Shaker Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and the Massry Residence all of which Lee resided at in recent years.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cedar Park
Hudson, NY

Tribute Wall

“ *Eulogy for Lee Dansky*

As we all know, Lee was a humble, unassuming, self-effacing person. He also was big hearted to his friends, had a well-developed sense of humor, and on occasion was outspoken. He had many other distinguishing qualities and characteristics. But if we had to choose just one attribute that stood out above all others, it would be that he was a teacher.

In the most conventional sense of being a teacher in a classroom, he taught elementary school near here, was a reading specialist, and had a PhD in his field.

His job was to engage children, hold their attention, and inspire them to learn so they could make the intellectual and educational progress that would give them a foundation for success in life. Sounds so easy, doesn't it? But ask any of the teachers with us here today if this critical job in our society is easy and you'll surely learn how challenging and under-appreciated it can be.

Nonetheless, Lee loved teaching. And generations of children in this area benefited from being in Lee's classroom whether they knew and understood and acknowledged and appreciated Lee's special efforts to help them succeed.

He was a teacher both in the classroom and outside of the classroom, and it's his skill and qualities outside of the classroom that I would like to focus on because that's where his impact on all of us occurred.

As much as we all endeavored in various ways to support Lee as he went through his health struggles in recent years, Lee, in turn, supported all of us with his grace, humor, and kindness. He was a mentor, guide, and teacher of wisdom on life and living. Both in the thoughts he expressed and by his example, Lee calmly displayed a philosophical outlook and a stoic endurance of the pain and

discomfort caused by his many life-threatening infections and other conditions. His concern for the welfare of his friends and caregivers during his own struggles offered an inspiration to all of us. It reflected his inner strength and his sympathy and benevolence towards others. What more would we expect from such a great teacher?

For a number of years after Lee's brother Len passed away in June of 2014, Lee hosted an annual dinner for Len's friends every June to come together and join him in commemorating Len's life. These dinners kept alive the memory of Len, gave Len's friends the opportunity to be together and maintain their acquaintance, and gave Lee the pleasure of spending time with his brother's friends. They were an act of kindness by Lee.

Lee's periodic luncheons in recent years for his own friends gave him the pleasure and company of seeing his friends all together and watching them interact with one another. It also gave him the pleasure of knowing how beloved he was. Moreover, these luncheons gave Lee the chance to teach us by his example kindness and caring, love and compassion, and grace and good humor.

So, this is the legacy our teacher Lee has bestowed upon us. It's a legacy that stretches far beyond our relationship with Lee. It shows us what a profound teacher Lee has been to us. It is the measure of all he was. And it is a treasure we can all carry in our heart during the years ahead. It is a way in which Lee has taught us valuable qualities and through which we will always remember him, commemorate him, and honor him.

Thank you.

Bill Kelly - January 12, 2025 at 01:46 AM

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“ My buddy, Lee. You made me laugh like crazy. I will never forget our chats and the quirky little comments you always had for me. Rest peacefully, my friend. I'll miss ya.

Traci Loo - January 09, 2025 at 10:47 AM

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“ I can't believe he is gone. I was talking to friends TODAY about Lee having no idea he had passed away.



Lee Dansky was one of the best teachers and most memorable teachers I had in my education and formative years. The Wizard of Oz operetta c 1977 at Athens Elementary School was an unforgettable experience with help from his team teacher, Mrs. Eleanor Van Schaick. I came to Athens in the fourth grade when we moved to Potic Mountain from Jefferson Heights and Lee Dansky brought me up to speed from Catskill schools to what I needed to know at Athens during a tough year for me. He had the patience of Job. I owe the man a lot for the person I am today. May his memory be for a blessing to all of us who benefited from who he was. Mr. Dansky, you were a mensch! Thank you for all you did for me at Athens.

Steven Mann - January 08, 2025 at 12:04 AM