



# Leonard van Gaalen

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**L**eonard “Lee” van Gaalen of Cape Coral, FL passed on Monday, September 19, 2022 while receiving care at the Hope Hospice House in Cape Coral. He passed in the presence of his family. He was 70 years old.

Lee was a much beloved husband, father, and grandpa. In life, Lee worked as a truck driver and as a computer programmer analyst, having earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Montclair State University in Montclair, NJ. In his spare time, Lee enjoyed automobiles, dogs, and Formula 1 racing, but most of all Lee loved spending time with his wife of 44 years, Judy. He is survived by his wife, Judy, his son and daughter-in-law Michael and Kristie, his son and daughter-in-law Joseph and Heather, and his granddaughter, Greta.

A funeral service for Lee will be celebrated by Chaplain J. Rankin McGougan at 1:00 pm on Monday, September 26, 2022 inside the Chapel at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555. Guests are welcome to gather and offer condolences to the family for an hour preceding this ceremony beginning at Noon, also inside the funeral home chapel. Mr. van Gaalen will thereafter be laid to rest at the Mausoleum located inside the Garden of Peace at Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Entombment of his casket will take place at an undisclosed time during a private service.

After funeral services conclude, guests will be welcomed to enjoy refreshments with Judy and family at Judy's home in Cape Coral. In lieu of flowers, Lee's family requests donations to the V Foundation for Cancer Research at <https://www.v.org>.

To share a story or photo, leave a tribute or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time, please visit Lee's memorial webpage located at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com) and sign his guestbook.



# Events

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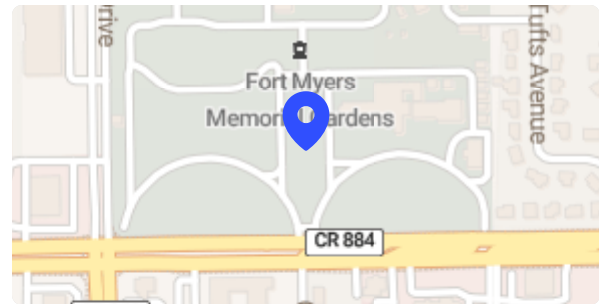
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## Committal in Cemetery

**Tuesday**, September 20, 2022

**Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery**  
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907

- Mr. van Gaalen's casket will be laid to rest at Memorial Gardens Cemetery at a Private Service held at an undisclosed time.



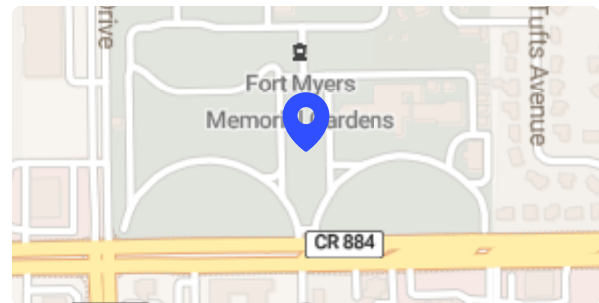
## Gathering

**Monday**, September 26, 2022

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

**Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home**  
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907

- Friends are welcome to arrive at the Funeral Home for an hour in advance of the funeral service and celebration of life.



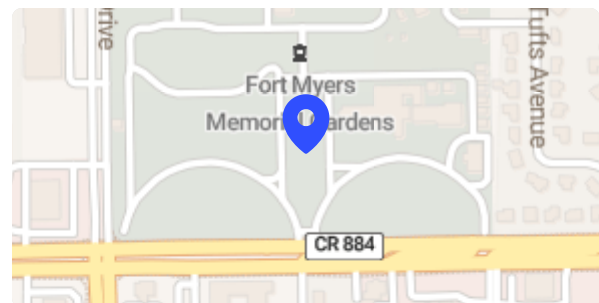
## Funeral Service

**Monday**, September 26, 2022

1:00 PM ET

**Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home**  
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907

- A Funeral Service will be celebrated by a Chaplain in the Funeral Home Chapel at 1:00 PM







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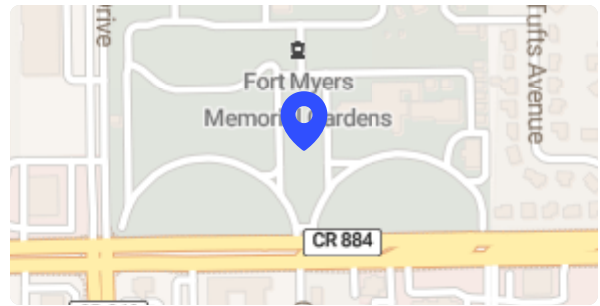
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### Cemetery Details

 **Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery**  
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907

 **(239) 243-0014**





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**Jutta Van Der Kuijp** posted:

I was so sad to come across this notice and send my condolences. I have recently discovered that your loved one is my distant cousin. He was a DNA match on Ancestry. We share his great grand father, Jan Van 't Hoff. If anyone in the family is continuing with this amazing genealogy tree that he started, I would be so happy to share information. I can be reached at [jutta@spacelifts.ca](mailto:jutta@spacelifts.ca) or through Ancestry under my name.

December 10 at 8:33 AM



**Sandy Hutchinson** posted:

Judy, please know how much we enjoyed knowing Lee over the years. He was indeed a great neighbor. Being a dog lover was a plus. Always there to help if Glenn needed anything at all. Remember, we are still right next door if YOU ever need anything at all! Glenn & Sandy Hutchinson

September 25 at 5:06 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the van Gaalen family.



September 25 at 5:15 AM



**Karen Donnelly (And Kam & Kazi)** posted:

My deepest condolences to Lee's family for the loss of a great man and wonderful neighbor. I will miss our talks about our love of animals (rescue dogs in particular), cars and the neighborhood. My dogs will miss the white Caddy pulling up beside us with the treat hanging out of the window for them! Judy, you and your family are in my prayers and I will keep the memory of him in my heart.

September 23 at 9:37 PM



**Heather Wingard** September 25 at 12:51 AM

With much sadness, I mourn the unexpected passing of my friend, Lee. The oft talked about us all meeting and spending time together in Aus is sadly not to be. When chatting on the side as we played our daily dose of WORDS I will miss so very much...perhaps mostly your dry sense of humour. I am still in shock and so very sad. WORDS WITH FRIENDS will never be the same. My sincere and heartfelt condolences to you Judy and your family. Goodbye my lovely friend. GOD Bless you and RIP...Heather ❤️



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**Lorna Mucha** posted:

I meet Lee in 1997 when my daughter, Kristie, met her now husband, Lee's son, Mike, at William Paterson College in NJ. One of the things I liked about Lee was his love of dogs. He had a special place in his heart for adopting rescue dogs. I also remember in 2011, when I was looking for a car, he told me about the Ford Focus he was test driving. I bought the Focus...Lee was right...and I still have this car! Lee was always very nice to me and will be sadly missed.

September 22 at 3:12 PM



**Gerda Dijkstra- Van Tol** posted:

Dear family, condolences on the loss of Leonard.I am thinking of Judy en jour family.Gerda Dijkstra-van Tol, daughter of Cor en Nel van Tol- de Haan.

September 22 at 9:38 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the van Gaalen family.



September 21 at 2:31 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leonard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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