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A long time resident of San Antonio, TX, Lee Unger was born in Mound City, Illinois, the youngest of 10 children. Lee attended Concordia College in Milwaukee, WI, where he was nicknamed "Ox" for his strength which he exhibited in a bear wrestling contest at the county fair. Lee joined the United States Marine Corps to serve his country in the Pacific Theater of WWII, including campaigns in Roi-Namur, Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. He continued to carry the Semper Fi philosophy into all he did. He married his childhood sweetheart, Ruth Jacobsmeyer on September 5, 1943. Lee was a devout Christian whose life as a disciple of Jesus Christ was evident to all who came in contact with him. His faithful service to the church and others was a seemingly effortless part of his life. Along with his wife of 64 years, Ruth, he spent many hours serving and caring for his family, church, and community with open arms. Lee was the living epitome of his frequent quote, "The best thing you can do for your children is to love your wife." He will always be remembered for the wonderful poetry that he wrote to express his love of family and joy in life.

Lee is survived by his wife Ruth and their nine children: Mark and Cynthia Unger, Karen and John Rayburg, Ellen and Ernie Mazurek, Susan and Gary Roberts, Lee Jr, and Debi Unger, Hank and Mary Unger, Bill and Laurie Unger, John Unger, Alice and Charles Childress, along with 24 grandchildren

and 24 great grandchildren.

Viewing is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2008 from 6PM to 9PM at Mission Park North. Burial with military honors will be conducted at Fort Sam Houston, Friday, April 25, 2008 at 11:15am. A memorial service to follow on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 10:00AM, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2507 Fredericksburg Road, San Antonio, TX, 78201.

You may sign the on-line guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) under the obituary section.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To All of Unger Family - What a wonderful man Lee was. I enjoyed every Saturday night of bowling with him & a lot of you as well in the 70's & 80's. And seeing him at Redeemer Lutheran when I visited. I will forever hold him dear in my heart and memories

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**Patti Byrom Glowka** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ To Lee, Jr. and family,  
That is a wonderful picture of your Dad in the newspaper and what a marvelous person he must have been. Unfortunately, we did not know your dad but knew you, Lee Jr., in high school oh so many years ago and what a great person you

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**Randy & Mary Louise Joseph** - April 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Dear Ruth and family,  
I remember that I shared Lee's birthday. I have fond memories of you and Lee from my years at Redeemer. What a wonderful example of Christ's love you both have been. Ruth, may you find comfort in that love now.  
Love, Sabrina

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**Sabrina Knuth** - April 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ You sure will be missed. I will never forget you!! Love you always!

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**Angee Rayburg** - April 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ You and Aunt Ruthie will always have a special place in my heart!  
You will truly be missed....

Margaret Gordon Crossland - April 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ A voice from the past. Unger family ,we will always remember you  
from our days on Cliffwood . We share your sorrow on losing Lee.  
You were good neighbors and friends. God bless you now.

Margaret & Linton Smith - April 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Mr. Unger better know to me as Grandpa Unger was one of the  
greatest men alive. He was such a role model for all. I still  
remember walking to Grandma and Grandpa Unger's house after  
school and listening to him sing to all of us. Not only was he a great

Leslie Autry-Ezell - April 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Mark and family,

So sorry to hear about your loss. My deepest sympathy.

Mary Jane Barabe Peterson - April 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Lee & Ruthie were members of my Dad's church in Olmsted, IL. He  
loaned his car to Dad to visit church members after WWII before  
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MA

“ I didnt know Mr.Unger but I worked with his son, Lee in Beeville and in Kingsville. My heart and prayers goes out to the Unger family.

Manny - April 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Daddy, I just want you to know how much you meant to me. It was a privilege to be your daughter. You taught me kindness, love, fairness and not to be judgemental. You lived your life like the true christian that you were. Don't worry about Mom, she will s

Karen Rayburg - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Lee was like having another grandfather. An amazing thought considering how many grandchildren he had of his own. He always seemed to have more love to go around. He and Ruth showed what life, love, and marriage was all about. We hope to use that example

Courtney & Jacob Somerville - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ dear aunt ruthie and my texas cousins, i can remember when i came to texas in 1985 for my graduation present from mom/, uncle lee wanted me see where every one lived at. i got to marks thats where i stayed for couple days, we always joked that mark wa

tammy harris - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Uncle Lee will certainly be missed by everyone in the family I know I will miss him. He is with Ma and all his family. Ma, is probably asking him if he brought any white chocolate. Love you Aunt Ruthie.*

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**Jackie Sue** - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *With heartfelt condolences, our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.*

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**Judy Rayburg and Denis Collins** - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Mr. Unger will be missed. He was such a sweet man, great father, and great husband. He had no equal.*

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**Diana Prichard** - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *You are the most honorable man I have ever met. My only regret is that I did not meet you earlier on, but you did teach me how to be a good husband. Thanks, Grandpa!  
We will certantly miss you!*

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**Robert Browning** - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *we will also miss your loveing touch and warm hearted ways here in Southern Illinois.  
we love you Uncle Lee, God has gained angel*

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**Bobby Killius** - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Uncle Lee was always my hero. Even tho I never saw him or Aunt Ruthie that much, they always had a special place in my heart. He will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him, but I know he is rejoicing with his Father in heaven and sharing hi

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**Peggy Unger Dunker** - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ When I think of Uncle Lee, I will always remember his big, contagious smile. He was an inspiration to me and brought our big Killius-Unger family together like no one else could. He will be missed, but I know we'll have a great reunion in Heaven. Love

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**Marilyn Hurst** - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MU

“ Pop,  
There is a black hole in my heart. I miss you so much. Mom is in good hands and will certainly be well cared for. You are the finest man I've ever known and will be in my thoughts always.

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**Mark Unger** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I will always remember the special time I spent with my Uncle Lee, He was truly a loving & giving person. I will keep him always in my heart.

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**Sheila Adams Gentile** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ I am so Thankful that I had you in my life, you and Aunt Ruth are very special people, I will always be thankful for taking me in at a time when I needed love. You gave that to me, and it will never be forgotten. My heart sings when I think about all the

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**Kathy Gordon** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My Uncle Lee was loved by all who knew him and admired by all who knew of him.

*I loved him dearly. Jim*

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**James Goin** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ You and grandma are an inspiration to any married couple. If Johnny and I can love each other half as much as you two do, we will have a wonderful life together. Thank you for showing everyone what a marriage can and should be.

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**Angie Rayburg** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ One Christmas, my dad gave each of his kids \$20.00. The money wasn't for us though. We were instructed to find someone in need and give the money to them. The gift to us of course was the feeling you got from helping someone else. Pretty much sums up his

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**Bill Unger** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Words can never express the wonder of Uncle Lee. He truly loved everyone he met and let them know. He will be missed.

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**Nancy Lee Restum** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *Uncle Lee will always be in my heart. Just thinking of him makes me smile. He is in heaven now.*

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**Jenny Viviano** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *He will be missed by a large family who loved him.*

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**Shirley Gentile** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Lee was always very upbeat and you could only smile when you were around him. He always had a poem on his lips and Love in his Heart. His love for God Shined All the time. My favorite holiday is Easter and one reason is because of Lee. Years ago when I*

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**Rex and Paula Somerville** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *It was an honor and pleasure to know and work with Lee. The visits to my office to sit and chat were especially enjoyable. The poem written for Fleurette's retirement from teaching is a treasured memory. There is rejoicing in heaven as they greet this new*

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**Bob & Fleurette House** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ *UNCLE LEE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED BY ME AS A PERSON YOU COULD TELL ANYTHING TO. HIS LOVE FOR OUR FAMILY WAS ABUNDENT AND EVERLASTING. WE WILL MISS HIM DEARLY.*

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**ANGIE OTTEN** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ You have been an inspiration to all you have known. It has been an honor to have been your friend. Our family send their sincere sympathy to your family.

*John & Sylvia Weigel  
Oceanside CA*

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**John & Sylvia Weigel** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ What a truly amazing man! He will be missed by many but we all know he is sitting right beside the Lord smiling at the wonderful legacy he leaves behind. My childhood is filled with wonderful memories at the Unger house. God Bless you all during this time.

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**Veronica Villarreal Garza** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ To the best Grandpa ever.  
Grandma, Remember that we are here for you.

*Love Johnny Lee*

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**Johnny Rayburg** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM