



## Reverend E. Lee Anglin

April 29, 1934 - February 15, 2025

Reverend E. Lee Anglin, 90, passed away peacefully on February 15, 2025 at Abe's Garden Community in Nashville, TN. Lee, who lived a long full life with grace, kindness and a purposeful commitment to making the world (and himself) a little bit better every day, spent his last days surrounded by family and friends and love.

Lee grew up in the post-Depression, pre-war era in North Carolina's Piedmont region, surrounded by the forests and rivers that shaped his early years. Son of loving parents, Lee was profoundly influenced by his mom's living faithfulness – although he wasn't much "into church." He was too busy with scouts, sports, fishing, hiking and camping – usually with his dad.

As a student at Wake Forest College, Lee was third baseman when the school won the NCAA championship in 1955. At the time, he had dreams of becoming a professional baseball player, but his life changed direction when he was invited to become a student pastor at a small Christian congregation in North Carolina. From that point on, Lee devoted his life to a ministry of growing and seeding churches, building communities, working for social justice, and just plain loving people.

Especially Carol Anglin – his wife, the love of his life.

In 47 years of ministry, Rev. Anglin served churches in North Carolina, New York, Texas, Colorado, Ohio, Indiana and England. As a pastor, Lee marched with Martin Luther King Junior in Selma, AL. He actively fought for migrant worker rights in upstate New York. Working with hospice, he helped families

face death with grace and compassion. And as a police department chaplain, he encouraged law enforcement officers and their families to live and work with faith and hope.

And then, when the work was done, Lee fished. In retirement, Lee and Carol created a new home and community in Montana, where he became a professional fly-fishing guide on the Yellowstone River and, later, a wildlife guide in Yellowstone National Park. The fish and wildlife of the area still talk about him with awe and respect.

So do the people.

The last chapter of Lee's life was spent in Nashville, TN, where Lee and Carol devoted themselves to loving, accepting and encouraging people of all races, genders, sexual orientations, and religions. Every year, he marched in the city's Pride Parade and Events – even when Lee had difficulty walking without the help of a walker – offering hugs freely and calling out love and support.

At the time of his death, Lee was an active and beloved member of GracePointe Church. Lee will be laid to rest in a private ceremony at Larkspur Conservation. A celebration of Lee's life will be held on March 9, 2025 at 1 p.m. at GracePointe Church which meets at Carter-Lawrence Elementary School, 1118 12th Ave S, Nashville.

Everyone is invited.

Lee is preceded in death by his parents, Ernest Lee Anglin, Sr. and Ethel Geneva Gilbert Anglin; sister, Geneva Lawson; son, Stephen Bruce Anglin. He is survived by his spouse, Carol Walker Anglin; daughters, Brenda Huff (Ronn) and Karen Swingly; sons, Brian (Lisa) Anglin and Christopher (Connie) Anglin; nephew, Tom (Megan) Lawson. Lee is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, who are a living legacy of their grandfather's unique and generous love.

Donations in Rev. E. Lee Anglin's memory can be made to GracePointe Church or Abe's Garden Community,

<https://www.gracepointe.net/give>

<https://abesgarden.org/givenow>



# Cemetery Details

## Larkspur Conservation

155 Bear Carr Road  
Westmoreland, TN 37186  
<https://larkspurconservation.org>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

GracePointe Church/Carter-Lawrence Elementary School  
1118 12th Avenue South  
Nashville, TN

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Carol, for a couple years I've tried to call and email Lee but was never able to reach him. Periodically I'd search for an obituary but never found one until I located this online today.

*I am so sorry to find that the world has lost such a great, loving man as Lee and that you have lost the love of your life. I've lost one of my great fishing buddies too. Wake Forest has lost a great Demon Deacon. You may not have heard, but Phil Goodson and Bill Wotring both died in the last few years also. I have sent Lee's obit to Sam Lentz. The five of us had some great times fishing and telling tales.*

*I will post one of my favorite photos of Lee and Sam sitting on a riverbank in Montana on the photo page.*

*Peace and God's blessings be with you and your family.*

*Joel Miller  
Hickory, NC*



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**Joel Miller** - April 14, 2025 at 07:19 AM

PM

“ Carol and family, we were saddened to hear of Lee’s passing and pray for your comfort and peace as you remember his good life. We have had great respect for Lee and the commitment he pursued to love God and his neighbors no matter who they were. We remember a delightful trip we took to Yellowstone and the generous ways you both took some time to show us some sights and do a little fishing. May God grant you strength and joy even as you grieve. Paul and Sue Mitchell

Paul Mitchell - March 18, 2025 at 08:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Reverend E. Lee Anglin.

February 28, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reverend E. Lee Anglin.



February 27, 2025 at 11:37 AM

RB

“ Meeting Lee and Carol changed my life. I never thought I could go into the ministry but here it is, over 20 years now. Lee's encouragement had a profound influence on my life. He will always be remembered in my heart.

Rev. Kathy Brumbaugh - February 27, 2025 at 10:56 AM

AL

“ *♫ Precious memories, how they linger,  
How they ever flood my soul ♪♪*

*Lee was an Angel when living,  
Now he's earned his wings  
He will be missed  
But he's ever still with us.*

*From across the miles  
Sending the most sincerest condolences and love your way dear  
Carol!  
Love always xxxx*

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**Alexia** - February 26, 2025 at 10:01 PM

LW

“ *Oh Carol, I'm tearful as I think of his passing now, but yet at the same time, I'm so happy to know he is finally face to face with Christ. I would love to have seen it when they got to embrace for the first time. I love you both and am so, so grateful for our time together in Gardiner. You both invested in me and my family greatly and I'm incredibly thankful. Siri and I and the kids send our love from Montana. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Lincoln Wilmoth** - February 26, 2025 at 03:34 PM

LR

*Carol I have fond memories of you and Lee leading the young adults group in Gardiner. It was at a time when I was new to the faith and as I look back I remember the care and love you showed to me and to the group.*

**Larry Reitbauer** - February 26, 2025 at 09:07 PM

LS

*“ Very sorry to hear about this...the Anglins were our pastoral family in Henrietta NY at West Henrietta Baptist Church. My daughters were friends with Brian in the gospel choir, youth group and Sunday School Lee's sermons were great and we especially liked his expertise in the Parable of Luke. He preached about them and taught an adult Sunday School class about them too. Much love to all the family.*

**Lynne Stewart** - February 23, 2025 at 06:25 PM

MK

*“ Very sorry to hear of Lee's passing, and praying that the Anglin family is comforted and encouraged at this difficult time.*

*The Krumal Family*

**Matt Krumal** - February 22, 2025 at 12:00 PM

LX

*“ Love, Nadia, JJ and Cousins xoxo purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Reverend E. Lee Anglin.*



**Love, Nadia, JJ and Cousins xoxo** - February 21, 2025 at 05:33 PM

LX

“ Love, Nadia, JJ and Cousins xoxo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Reverend E. Lee Anglin.

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**Love, Nadia, JJ and Cousins xoxo** - February 21, 2025 at 05:33 PM

KF

“ Lee was one of the gentlest and caring person I have ever met. His universal and unconditional love has been an ongoing inspiration to me since I first met him as friend, mentor and fishing buddy. My heart goes out to Carol and his loving family and friends. Love to you all. We have been blessed to have him in our lives.  
Kurt and Ivana Frantz

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**Kurt and Ivana Frantz** - February 21, 2025 at 02:08 PM