



## Lee Polakoff

August 19, 1961 - February 27, 2025

Lee Adam Polakoff, 63, of Morton Grove, passed away February 27, 2025.

Born in Chicago, Lee was adopted as an infant and raised in Skokie. He graduated from Evanston Township High School and worked as a clerk on the floor of the mercantile exchange and then as a carpenter. Lee was primary caregiver when his son was young. He was incredibly proud of his son, Jason, who shares his sharp mind and logical thinking. The two traveled to the Smoky Mountains, Virginia Civil War battlefields, and visited family in Texas.

Lee was a genius with numbers and played poker, chess, and Go. A one-of-a-kind guy, people either loved him or hated him. He always spoke his mind, without hesitation, and didn't sugarcoat. Lee taught others how to be better poker players and would never let them forget it. Lee was funny -- a natural storyteller with an impeccable sense of timing. He loved South Park, old movies, 1960s tv, Fleetwood Mac (the original lineup with Peter Green), and believed that music after 1971 was crap. Lee's memory was a steel trap and he was deeply compassionate toward animals, the homeless, and the future of humanity.

Devoted father of Jason Eric Polakoff of Evanston, uncle of Erikka and Elissa "Ella" Stoffel, former spouse of Jennifer Novar Polakoff, and dear friend of Joel (Donna) Engelhardt of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Preceded in death by sister Deena Stoffel and parents Richard Alvin Polakoff and Rosalyn Miller Polakoff.

The family has chosen green cremation.

Friends and family are gathering on Wednesday, March 26, 4-8pm (eulogies 6pm) at 9043 Mansfield Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 7737-318-1305 or [www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com](http://www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com).

# Previous Events

## Gathering

MAR **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

9043 Mansfield Ave.  
Morton Grove, IL 60053

*Eulogies begin 6pm*

# Tribute Wall



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

March 25, 2025 at 07:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lee Polakoff.



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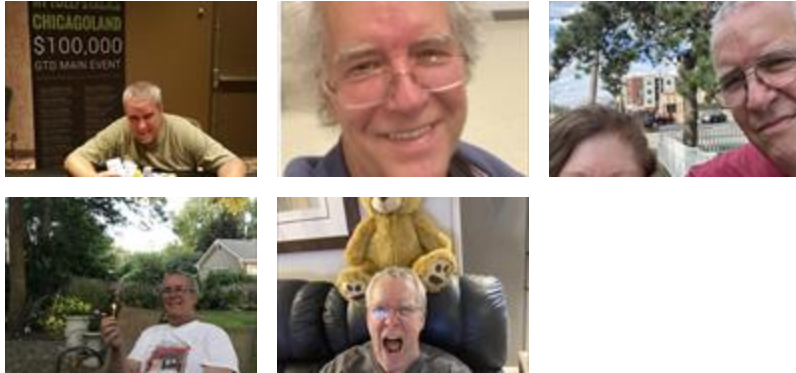
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Joel Engelhardt - March 03, 2025 at 01:44 PM

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“ 20 files added to the album Various Lee



Caryn Percifield - March 03, 2025 at 01:21 PM

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*Gonna miss this guy. He was one of a kind.*

Caryn Percifield - March 03, 2025 at 01:31 PM

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“ *Thinking of you both during this difficult time.  
May his memory be a blessing. Jason and Jennifer sending love.*

Kimberly Tompkins - March 02, 2025 at 05:36 PM