

## In Loving Memory



### *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work and play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I found that place at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void.  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss;  
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savoured much;  
Good friends, good time, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all to brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now,  
He set me free*



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Graveside Service

Thursday, January 6, 2022, 1:30 P.M.

Willamette National Cemetery

Portland, Oregon

Officiant

Chaplain Larry Hanson

Full Military Honors

United States Navy

The family suggests that remembrances may be contributions to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Charities in his memory.

To send the family condolences or to sign the online guestbook visit [www.tualatinvalleyfa.com](http://www.tualatinvalleyfa.com)

LEE HOWARD SHELDON was born January 19, 1939 in Los Angeles, California, the son of the late Frank Edson Sheldon and Elsie (Howard) Sheldon. He was raised and received his education in the community, having been a graduate of John Burroughs High School Class of 1957. Following his high school graduation, Lee attended the Coast Guard Academy for two years. He then enrolled in ROTC at the University of California, Los Angeles where he attained a Bachelor of Science in General Engineering in 1963. He furthered his education at California State College at Los Angeles, attaining a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1969.

He was a Veteran of the Vietnam era, having joined the United States Navy June 7, 1963 in Los Angeles, California. Lee served for nearly two years, until he received his honorable discharge on May 25, 1965 at the rank of Lieutenant JG. This was followed by 24 years in the reserves finally retiring at the rank of Commander.

Lee was united in marriage to Jo Ann Newman on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2003 in Avon Lake, Ohio. They celebrated their 18th Wedding Anniversary this past May. Following their marriage they made their home in the community of The Woodlands, Texas until 2005, when they moved to the Beaverton community, where they have resided since.

He had worked as a Mechanical engineer in the Hydropower industry for various companies for over fifty-five years and was viewed as one of the leading experts in his field. In addition, he taught Hydropower at Oregon Institute of Technology and authored over 30 technical papers and co-authored the only Hydropower textbook. He was still contributing to the industry at the time of his death.

Lee was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Among his special interests, he enjoyed playing and teaching bridge, telling jokes and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Elsie Sheldon.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Ann Sheldon, of the family home in Beaverton, Oregon; his daughter Lorraine Sheldon (Alfredo Iglesias); son Karl Sheldon (Heather); his brother Larry Sheldon (Alaina) and his niece Theresa Sheldon (Kristi Faehnle).