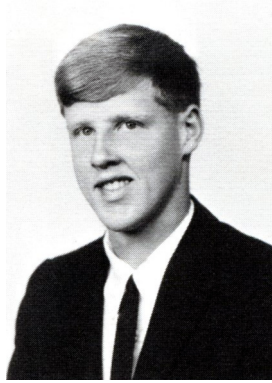


Luther James Dempsey Jr.



Sadly Lu Dempsey our 1967 GWHS Classmate has passed away – My friend since Elementary school -
Tom Walker

Hi Tom,

Sorry for the delayed response to your e-mail but I have been out of town. I remember you and always remember Lu talking about you. Lu had a stroke on April 20, 2014 and never came home after that. He was in a rehab center, nursing home and then assisted living until December 19, 2014 when he died. My daughters were also with him when he died but the three of us miss him terribly.

I appreciate your e-mail and yes it would be nice to pass on the information to his classmates. We went to the reunion several years ago and had the best time and Lu loved seeing everyone.

Thank you again for getting in touch with me.

Fondly,
Shirley Dempsey

Below is the announcement from the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Luther James Dempsey Jr. passed away Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, with his wife Shirley, and daughters Elysba and Rebecca by his side.

Lu was born Sept. 3, 1949, in Charleston. He was predeceased by his mother, Minnie Arbuckle Dempsey; father, Luther James Dempsey; and sister, Mary Withers Abbot.

Lu is survived by his wife, Shirley Dempsey; daughter Rebecca Dempsey and daughter Elysha Dempsey King and husband, Dave King; grandson Connor King and granddaughter Caitlin King. He is also survived by his sister Catherine Frank and her husband, Ben Frank.

Luther attended George Washington High School in Charleston and, upon graduation, went to Virginia Tech. From there, he transferred to WVU, where he graduated with bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering.

Lu was the owner of Dempsey Engineering Co. for more than 30 years and was a licensed surveyor. Lu was awarded the Young Engineer Award, in 1985, from the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. He was a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers (president, 1988-'89), American Society of Civil Engineers, Society of Mining Engineers, American Institute of Architects and Cheat Lake Rotary (president, 1992-'93). Lu was on the Fairmont State College School of Engineering Technology Industrial Advisory Committee, Monongalia County Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee and Mountain Line Bus System Citizens Advisory Committee. Lu also served on the board of directors for the Salvation Army and the West Virginia Miracle Sports Complex, and was on the Monongalia County Planning Commission.

Visitation will be held at McCulla Funeral Home, in Westover, from 2-5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Luther's memory to the Cheat Lake Rotary Club, P.O. Box 18081, Morgantown, WV 26507.