



Lance Reconnu

March 28, 1948 - February 2, 2014

Lance Reconnu, 65, of Bristol, WI, passed away peacefully at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee on Sunday, February 2, 2014.

He was born in Pittsburgh on March 28, 1948, the son of Betty and the late Albert Reconnu. He married his wife Ginger on February 20, 1982. He was a graduate of St. John's Military Academy and Robert Morris College, and he served two tours of duty during the Vietnam Conflict with the United States Army. Lance was also a passionate horseman and barrel racer. He was a member of the NBHA and the AQHA, both horsemen's associations.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years Ginger Reconnu, mother Betty, brothers Don Reconnu of South Dakota and David Reconnu of Florida, and many other friends and family members.

A celebration of Lance's life will begin with a remembrance service beginning promptly at noon on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at VFW Post 1865, 6618 39th Ave. Kenosha, WI 53142. A reception will follow the service and will last until 2 p.m. at the VFW. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Lance's memory to VFW Post 1865.

Let me tell you folks...

Let me tell you folks, who have gathered here today
That I'm a proud and thankful cowboy
Who has just passed away.
I know it's hard, But, please don't cry,
for I'm now riding God's trails High up in the sky.
The horses I'm riding now don't spook, buck or kick,
for God stables perfect horses and now I have my pick.
Lord, please forgive me all my sins
for I haven't been perfect,
but I know that he who believes in You forever wins!
I have lived a good life, a cowboy's dream come true.
Thank you Lord, for I'm now ready to ride into eternity
Me, my horse and You.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

VFW Post 1865
6618 39th Ave
Kenosha, WI 53142

Memorial Visitation

FEB 8. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

VFW Post 1865
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Kenosha, WI 53142

Burial

MAY 19. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lance Reconnu*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Lance Reconnu*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *My sad heart goes out to Lance's family. I went to school with Lance. Class of 66' Lake Forest High School, I believe. I had a crush on him. My Mom would drive me by his house in Lake Forest. He was a dashing young man. After all these years, his name popped into my mind, and I looked him up. So sad he is gone. My brother died at fifty nine years this past January. I feel awful that Lance is gone. He had a handsome smile and a playful personality. I hug you in your grief.*



Lucia Horne Stumreiter

Lucia Horne Stumreiter - December 14, 2014 at 06:07 AM

GR

“ 6 files added to the album *A Cowboy Prayer*



Ginger Reconnu - September 28, 2014 at 07:56 AM

MA

“ See you on the other side my friend!



Maggie - May 18, 2014 at 10:48 AM

AT

“ I thought of you on your Birthday last Friday, Lance. I will always miss your sparkling blue eyes and your warm smile.

I think of you and Ginger everyday.



Ann Turpin Thayer - March 31, 2014 at 06:21 PM

GR

“ *March 28th Your Birthday will always be with you on this day. I celebrate that you were born. I miss you and Love you,*

Love, Ginger

Ginger Reconnu - March 28, 2014 at 09:52 PM

GR

“ *Ginger Reconnu sent a virtual gift in memory of Lance Reconnu*



Ginger Reconnu - March 28, 2014 at 09:50 PM

GR

March 28th - Lance's Birthday

Ginger Reconnu - March 28, 2014 at 09:53 PM

GR

“ *1 file added to the album A Cowboy Prayer*



Ginger Reconnu - March 08, 2014 at 08:35 AM

RB

Sorry to hear about Lance, we used to work together and talked alot about the military, untill we meet again

Randy Barron - March 08, 2014 at 05:20 PM

BB

“ *Im so sorry and saddened to hear about lance. Lance and i worked side by side for 17 years He was always the first one there and last to leave we had a lot of good times working together*

He was truly a GREAT PERSON (wish there were more people like him) Just wish we stayed in touch Your going to be Missed

Bruce Brugioni



Bruce Brugioni - March 07, 2014 at 01:26 PM

BB

“ *Bruce Brugioni lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu*



Bruce Brugioni - March 07, 2014 at 01:01 PM

GR

“ *Ginger Reconnu lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu*



Ginger Reconnu - February 23, 2014 at 10:47 AM

GR

Lance, on February 20th Our Anniversary I will Love you always

Ginger Reconnu - February 23, 2014 at 10:49 AM

TC

“ Tony Carani lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu



Tony Carani - February 16, 2014 at 04:28 PM

AT

“ Ann Turpin Thayer lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu



Ann Turpin Thayer - February 14, 2014 at 11:33 PM

MN

“ Marge Nowakowski lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu



Marge Nowakowski - February 11, 2014 at 02:49 PM

TR

“ Very sorry to have heard of Lance’s passing. Though we are many miles apart, I had the pleasure to speak with cousin Lance after my mother’s passing. Aunt Betty Lou always had wonderful things to say about Lance when we talk and we are both very saddened by his passing. God Bless his/our family in their time of need.

Todd and Betty Lou Reconnu - Pittsburgh

Todd Reconnu - February 10, 2014 at 09:10 AM

AT

“ *Ann Turpin Thayer lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu*



Ann Turpin Thayer - February 09, 2014 at 03:30 PM

VL

“ *I am so saddened to hear about Lance's passing. He was such a doll! We had many fun times double dating in High School when he was attending St Johns. He dated one of my good friends Sheri for a few years and when we all graduated and went our separate ways I often thought of him and what he was up to. Leave it to Facebook to reconnect us and it was a pleasure just knowing he was happily married and living his dream. Has anyone ever seen such beautiful blue eyes! And those long eye lashes!!! He lives on in all our wonderful memories of a lovely man.*

vicki lucia - February 09, 2014 at 12:00 PM

RR

“ We will never forget Lance.I have known him since we were kids living in Lake Forest,Illinois.He always had that cool hand Luke smile and never had a mean bone in his body.My wife Linda and I used to go to the horse shows where Lance and Ginger used to barrel race.It was very exciting,I never saw anyone get so close to the ground going around a barrel so fast.Both he and Ginger were very talented people.I had the honer to take the photos of their wedding,and they made a wonderful couple.We went to a restaurant after the reception for dinner.Lance was having so much fun and had a few to many drinks.As we all watched quietly,Lance started to butter a soggy paper napkin.He took a bite and then stated that was the worst dinner roll he ever had! We laughed so hard almost fell off the chairs! Every year I call him on his birthday and tell him he was a week older than I was.When we moved to California in 1982 we left two dear friends,Lance and Ginger who were in our thoughts every day.Lance was a good man,it is a great loss to go before your time,but he is at peace in heaven which is a good thing.Ginger,keep your faith and know that you will be together again in heaven someday. All our love for you Ginger. Linda & Robert Renz

Robert Renz - February 09, 2014 at 08:03 AM

GI

“ George W. Kennedy III lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu



George W. Kennedy III - February 07, 2014 at 06:11 PM

Stacy
Beleck

“ So hard to say goodbye to such a great man. I will cherish all of the memories I have with Lance from painting the barn, to giving me advice on how to fix my pattern, and letting me ride Nikki. I remember taking Nikki through the pattern and Lance telling me to drive her to the second...yep almost fell off, that horse has one wicked turn! Lance was such a great role model and I looked up to him and still do. You will be greatly missed Lance. We will be running for you this summer! <3

Stacy Beleck - February 07, 2014 at 03:35 PM

AK

“ Amy Kelly lit a candle in memory of Lance
Reconnu



Amy Kelly - February 07, 2014 at 02:57 PM

AK

Love you Uncle Lance. You will be missed greatly.

Amy Kelly - February 07, 2014 at 03:00 PM

MO

“ Marcia O'Day lit a candle in memory of Lance
Reconnu



Marcia O'Day - February 07, 2014 at 09:36 AM

MO

Ginger, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of our wonderful friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this tough time. I have so many wonderful memories - I will never forget the fun times we shared. Take care of yourself and always remember that he is still here in our hearts.

Marcia O'Day - February 07, 2014 at 09:38 AM

GR

“ 1 file added to the album *A Cowboy Prayer*



Ginger Reconnu - February 07, 2014 at 08:04 AM

GR

Max - Lance's best friend and boy, he loves you Lance~

Ginger Reconnu - February 25, 2014 at 10:03 AM

VL

“ *Ginger, I am so very sorry to hear about your loss and the loss of such a wonderful, kind man who always seemed to know the right things to say when we all needed a "pick me up" if our run was bad or just having a bad day with our horse. I will never forget the words of encouragement he gave to me when Que and I were struggling to find each other. What a great guy, gentle man and surely one of my "Cowboy Heroes". Please know he will be deeply missed and my thoughts are with you and my heart is breaking for you. Vicki Lorenz*

Vicki Lorenz - February 07, 2014 at 01:29 AM

BH

“ I remember Lance when he lived down the street in Lake Forest..the guys would get together and always found a good time...!!

Barbara Harte



Barbara Harte - February 06, 2014 at 09:03 PM

MA

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maggie - February 06, 2014 at 07:30 PM

BB

“ Lance is a cool hand! Our prayers go out to the family and friends who knew Lance best

Bret Brown - February 06, 2014 at 02:29 PM

TB

“ Tim Burke lit a candle in memory of Lance
Reconnu



Tim Burke - February 06, 2014 at 09:29 AM

PD

“ Pat DiFiore lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu



Pat DiFiore - February 05, 2014 at 04:54 PM

SP

“ Ginger, my thoughts are with you and I wish you all the best during this difficult time.

Sue Perkinson

Sue Perkinson - February 05, 2014 at 02:29 PM

JR

“ JoAnn Reconnu lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu

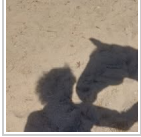


JoAnn Reconnu - February 05, 2014 at 01:18 PM

JR

Ginger, I'm almost always available for lunch, help, whatever.

JoAnn Reconnu - February 05, 2014 at 01:20 PM



“ *My Deepest sympathies to Ginger and family. I never forgot the kindness and help that Lance offered to me when I was just a kid at the local horse shows. He was truly a class act, and the horses of heaven have a new friend to watch over them now.*

Tricia Mack - February 05, 2014 at 09:39 AM



“ *Maryanne Fallman lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu*



Maryanne Fallman - February 05, 2014 at 09:11 AM

KK

“ *It's all like a really bad dream and I'm hoping to wake up, drive down Hwy 45, make the turn by the Little Red School House and Lance will be there....like always.*

I'm lucky and blessed to have known Lance to receive his friendship, kindness, support, and help along the way. Ginger, I'm so sorry. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Katie Kennedy - February 05, 2014 at 08:25 AM

KK

“ *Katie Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu*



Katie Kennedy - February 05, 2014 at 08:21 AM

VE

“ So thankful to have known Lance. His twinkling eyes and quick smile always put a smile on my face. His kindness to my family, his willingness to help, his easy hand with a horse, all things we can learn from. Much love to you Ginger, my heart is heavy for your loss.

Vickie Ellis - February 05, 2014 at 07:09 AM

VO

“ Ginger our prayers r with you Lance will be missed. He's at peace now.

vickie olsen - February 05, 2014 at 05:15 AM

PR

“ Lance was a great guy, always had a mischievous smile on his face and would give you the shirt off his back. We have many great memories of Lance and Ginger at barrel races all over the place. He always had a concern for the horses well being and a helpful hint for any rider willing to listen. Thank you Lance for your friendship. Ginger and family, you are in our prayers for God's comfort while you morn the loss of a husband, son and brother. He is in God's hands.

Preston Rea - February 04, 2014 at 10:18 PM

 Mary Cross

“ Ginger my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family, Lance will be greatly missed!



Mary Cross - February 04, 2014 at 08:28 PM

TS

“ *Theresa Schultz lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu*



Theresa Schultz - February 04, 2014 at 07:53 PM

JA

“ *Always enjoyed visiting with Lance and picking his brain. I'm sure he had forgotten more about horses than I will ever know. My heart is heavy. RIP, my friend. Praying for Ginger in this most difficult time.*

Jennifer Archbold - February 04, 2014 at 07:30 PM

DR

“ *Debbie Ramer lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu*



Debbie Ramer - February 04, 2014 at 07:23 PM

BK

“ *Bob Kaplan lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu*



bob kaplan - February 04, 2014 at 07:15 PM

MT

“ We have a lot of good memories of Lance glad he's a part of our family he will be missed

mike and leslie topp - February 04, 2014 at 07:06 PM

GS

“ Gary Shepherdson lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu



Gary Shepherdson - February 04, 2014 at 06:49 PM

DR

“ We will remember Lance with his smile, laughter, kindness & his passion for his horses. We are so sorry for your loss Ginger, you are in our prayers.

Preston & Denise Rea

Denise Rea - February 04, 2014 at 06:48 PM

LC

“ Lonnie Cole lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu



Lonnie Cole - February 04, 2014 at 06:47 PM

GR

“ *Ginger Reconnu lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu*



Ginger Reconnu - February 04, 2014 at 06:08 PM

GR

My Love, my best friend I thank God for you, and I'll meet you on the other side when my life is through. God Bless you and keep you. I Love you forever. Thanks you for the best years of my life, Ginger

Ginger Reconnu - February 04, 2014 at 06:17 PM

LW

Ginger, I have been down this road, as you know, I learned time will help you heal, but not forget... not a day will pass that you wont think of him, as it should be, Love you girl...Lyn

Linda Wilson - February 04, 2014 at 10:22 PM



Ginger, As I have to learn, time will help heal the pain but you will never forget Lance and the memories you two shared. There will not be a day that goes by for the rest of your life that you will not think of him, as it should be. I know it is difficult, but you will survive, as Lance would want. Know that I am here for you and that the "deal" Lance and Cody made this winter will happen. Love you girl, Lyn

Linda Wilson - February 05, 2014 at 01:30 AM

JP

He is with you and always will be

Joe Parratore - February 05, 2014 at 07:41 AM

LO

“ *Lance was such an incredible man, always brought a smile to your face. He will be greatly missed.*

lori - February 04, 2014 at 06:04 PM

 Sue Collier

“ *Lance and Ginger became very special friends after purchasing Ginger's engagement ring "Wranglers Mack" & later on "King Chex Cody" from me. Lance was a great horseman, a loving husband & a true friend. It was a gift to have known him. You are in my heart & thoughts Ginger. Condolences to you & your family.*

Sue Collier - February 04, 2014 at 06:03 PM

VE

Those two horses put many on smile on their faces, was a run I always went to the fence to watch.

Vickie Ellis - February 06, 2014 at 07:31 AM

 Sue Collier

Yes special horses for "special" people !!! Thank you for sharing that !!

Sue Collier - February 08, 2014 at 05:25 PM

 Robin Schmidt

“ *Robin Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu*



Robin Schmidt - February 04, 2014 at 05:58 PM

PB

“ *My thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Lance was a very kind and generous individual. I am glad I was given the opportunity to know him and his wife Ginger. Ginger - I am so very sorry for your loss.*

Penny Bound

Penny Bound - February 04, 2014 at 05:19 PM



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Ringa Funeral Home and Cremation Service - February 04, 2014 at 05:03 PM

LC

“ *Linda And Cody lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu*



Linda and Cody - February 04, 2014 at 04:37 PM

LW

Ginger, We are very proud that Lance thought so much of Cody, now that he has grown to manhood. Lance could always read people as well as horses. We are glad that we were able to spend time with Lance in the past few months, and it means the world to Cody. I know every time he throws a leg over that saddle, he will think of Lance. For sure, the deal they made this winter will happen. We love you both and you both are in our prayers.

Linda Wilson - February 04, 2014 at 10:12 PM



Cody and I are so grateful for the time we spent with Lance this fall and winter. I am so very happy and proud that Lance felt Cody has grown up to be a caring, kind and considerate young man. In our last conversation, he told me how proud of Cody he really was, especially of his "little boy dream" of vet school, now becoming a reality. Lance was a great judge of horses and saw potential when others didn't, but he also was a great judge of people. We will both always remember the piece of advise Lance gave Cody about life and women. He has taken that to heart Cody told me today, that every time he sits in Lances saddle, he will remember him with a smile, and is grateful to have a bit of Lance. Lance is in our prayers, and we will miss him. God just got Him a Great Cowboy.

Linda Wilson - February 05, 2014 at 01:53 AM

MA

“ *Maggie And Hunter Van Alstyne lit a candle in memory of Lance Reconnu*



Maggie and Hunter Van Alstyne - February 04, 2014 at 02:57 PM

JP

*What can one say except now friend your out of the cold into the light .
aAplace you will find unreal and be with other friends and family . I
know you rest in peace . May the light shine on you . Watch over
Ginger as i know you will Have fun you were born for this time to find
peace GOD BE WITH YOU*

Joe Parratore - February 05, 2014 at 07:40 AM