

REMEMBERING LEE



“I’m so grateful to have been a member of CHC for the last half century. All that remains to say is 'I love you!' “
Lee Shinker

(This quote is from an interview with Kay Ball in the June 2007 Newsteps,
which is posted in full on our website)



“Lee was one of a kind...not too many people around like her...she always built you up when she talked to you over the phone or sitting next to her at the soup suppers..which I sure miss.”
Dee Kennedy



“Several years ago, I believe it was at one of the 90th year anniversary events of the Metroparks, Vern Hartenberg (at that time director of the Metroparks) introduced Lee as being older than the Metroparks by one year.”
Mary Bartos



“Lee (always the generous and gracious hostess) shared her "Old Grand Dad" with my 90 year old dad after a CHC Thanksgiving breakfast. This event brought much joy and laughter to all. Thanks Lee for the memories.”
Carol Jarosz



"I remember our dear Lee,,, probably in the late 1980's..we would be walking together and she would say to me...'now if I fall...don't look at my license'!!! meaning she did not want anybody knowing how old she was. She had a sweet laugh and to get your attention to 'listen' she called you 'sweetheart'. Somehow, I can still hear her voice saying 'sweetheart' "

Dee Kennedy



"Many years ago on a 40 mile hike, I stopped at one of the support stations to get something to drink. Lee Shinker greeted me with a big smile and a glass of wine. I was 2 miles from camp and very tired, but after drinking the wine, I felt Good! I finished the hike, thanks to a Great Lady! Love you, Lee."

Pat Spoth



Lee at the club's 90th anniversary party

“Lee and I were roommates for several overnight or longer CHC trips in the '90's, when she was still actively hiking. She was a delight! Always upbeat and flirting with the men. She was a perfect roommate; nothing upset her and she always had a beautiful attitude for just about everything. I feel very fortunate to have known her. She will be missed.”

Pat Haker



“I'll always remember when I was a new member back in the late 80's, polkaing with Lee on the deck of the Nautica during the Club's lunch cruise on a HOT summer day. “

Linda Heiden



“Whenever I'd see Lee at Camp, she always enjoyed my doing Reflexology for her on her hands. She'd ask me to 'rub her hands.’

John Heidenreich



Lee describes her very first hike with the club
(from the interview in Newsteps):

“A group of people were there when I arrived, chatting and laughing and arranging shuttles to the Burton hike site. Their clothes looked sort of shabby, but they were friendly and welcomed me warmly, so I felt somewhat comfortable. Soon we were on our way, me still a little nervous about what to expect.

Mud was part of it. I struggled through mud so deep on some sections of the trail that it threatened to suck my shoes off. Suddenly the woman in front of me slipped. She grabbed onto her husband's pants and they came right down! Soon his dignity was restored, the woman was righted and there were shouts and cheers of general good will.

It was then I knew this was for me. I wanted to be a part of this group, to hike with them, to spend a lot of time with those happy people! And I knew I would love them!”



More photos of Lee were posted on the club website by Peter Carlsson
Go to the www.clevelandhikingclub.org and click on
“Photos” on the upper Menu bar.