



## John Lese

December 11, 1953 - February 14, 2012

Pawleys Island

John E. Lese, 58, of Pawley's Island, South Carolina, native of Pottstown, Pennsylvania passed away February 14, 2012.

He was born December 11, 1953, in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, the son of George and Stella Lese. He was one of 4 siblings.

He graduated from Saint Pious X high school, Pottstown, Pennsylvania in 1971. He married Dianne Player Lese on September 12, 1981, in Columbia, South Carolina, who survives.

He served in the U.S. Air Force as an engineering and maintenance specialist in the early 1980s. After his honorable discharge, he worked as a project manager for a food service equipment dealership. Most recently, he was a partner with the manufacturer's agent firm of Duskie, Utsey & Associates.

In addition to his parents and wife, John is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Caroline and Evan Patton of Pawley's Island, SC; son Michael Lese of Atlanta, GA; his expected grandson; brothers: Michael and wife Rita of PA, Joseph of FL and sister Kathy Parker of PA.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 18th, at 3:00 PM, St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Pawley's Island, South Carolina.

Memorials may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, [www.themmr.org](http://www.themmr.org), or blood donations to the American Red Cross.

Sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield-Pawleys chapel is handling the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter Lutheran Church  
PO Box 1380  
Pawleys Island, SC 29585-1380

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ Joe Novak sent a virtual gift in memory of John Lese



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**Joe Novak** - February 25, 2012 at 08:25 AM

AS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family.”  
A. Lane Cribb, Sheriff

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**A. Lane Cribb, Sheriff** - February 21, 2012 at 03:51 PM

TN

“ Diane and Family,  
I did not know John well. I worked with him on 2 occasions over the past year. He was outgoing, funny, extremely knowledgeable, and filled with life and optimism. We are so sorry for your tragic loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and you family at this time.  
Temmey Novit General Manager @ FRS Charleston

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**Temmey Novit** - February 21, 2012 at 07:04 AM

OM

“ Diane,

*I just do not even know where to start. I have known John for 54 of our 58 years of life.*

*He was my oldest and dearest friends. I just want you to know how I felt about John, he always had a smile for anyone he met. I cherish the times I had with him and look back at the times we had growing up together with a smile in my heart. I wish I could have spent more time with him over the years and talked to him more often. I remember the times we were all together at Disney World and you and Vicki allowing 2 grown men to act like kids again and letting us to be kids again.*

*I just want you and the kids to know how I did feel and that my prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time and always. I pray for you all and just want you to know that Vicki and I are thinking about you.*

*He was my friend and always will be my friend and will always be in my heart.*

*Love to you all,*

*Ozzie*

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**Ozzie Mest** - February 18, 2012 at 12:56 PM

KW

“ Dear George, Stella, and family. I don't know if you remember me but I am the granddaughter of Ann Birard, Karen Cimino Wagner. First of all I would like to say how sorry I am for your loss. John was a wonerderful person full of love and life. I remember him playing in the backyard when we were children. I recently had the honor of seeing him at our 25th Class Reunion, and also our 40th. John was the life of the party, with his trivia questions, and wonderful smile. He lit up the room. I will keep all of all of you in my prayers.

Sincerely,

*Karen Cimino Wagner*

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**Karen Cimino Wager** - February 18, 2012 at 12:50 PM

OM

“ Ozzie Mest lit a candle in memory of John Lese



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**Ozzie Mest** - February 18, 2012 at 12:44 PM

RS

“ Dear Dianne:  
The Stowe Hockey Club will miss John, he was a great friend and classmate. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Jeff Lesik and Bob Stauffer from Stowe  
1971 Pius classmates

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**Robert Stauffer** - February 18, 2012 at 11:36 AM



“ Diane & children,

*I thought the world of John. He and I got to know each other when he joined Duskie, Utsey & Assoc and was assigned the Asheville territory. He quickly became one of our favorite people, because of his work ethic, his integrity and his zeal for life and love of his family...yes while he may not have shared stories about us with you, he certainly shared each of you with us!*

*I can remember John in tears when he came into my office and told me about his cancer. He smiled through the tears and his worries were that he did not want his illness to affect the choices of his children, as you were at pivotal points in your lives. He was worried about you Diane, and then he expressed a concern about being able to keep up his work load and take care of his customers. As you can tell John's concerns were about everyone else in his life and not about himself. He was such a trooper, coming into our office during the midst of his illness with his hip and leg in such bad shape, he had to lift it and set it outside the car and then stand up. We begged him to stay at home and take care of himself and yet he said he was taking care of himself by taking care of his customers.*

*John loved life and was a sheer joy to be around. He could talk about the zaniest things and have the whole room cracking up. He was so positive and was determined to live life and share his view of the world and yes John Lese must have owned the world's thickest "rose colored glasses", because he could find the good in everything ! I will miss his shade of HOT PINK... John's rose went all the way to Hot Pink... as I will not view the world the same without him.*

*I loved John and I am so grateful that my staff and I were able to enjoy him as our sales rep, even though it was for far too short a time. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you and I wanted to let you know that he was loved and respected by all of the Staff at FRS Asheville. Diane, he cherished you, his eyes sparkled each*

*time he spoke of you, and your children, I am so sorry for your loss.  
May God Bless and Comfort You.*

*Sheila T. Bivins*

*Manager FRS Asheville*

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**Sheila** - February 17, 2012 at 09:01 PM

DD

“ *My name is Debbie Dickman and I work for The Delfield Co. I spoke with John here and there because Duskie, Utsey & Associates is one of my reps. Everyime I spoke with him he put a smile on my face.I also had the pleasure of meeting him twice. Once here is Mt. Pleasant, MI at our factory and in Las Vegas at the Golden Corral convention. He was such a warm individual and so funny!  
May the memories keep John close to you in spirit and thought and always in your heart, today and forever.*

*Debbie Dickman*

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**Debbie Dickman** - February 16, 2012 at 01:52 PM

SM

“ *Dianne, We send our sincere sympathies to you and your family. John battled cancer for so long and now has no more pain. Our hearts go out to you and pray for the Lord to bring you strength and hope to face each new day. With Love, Susan(DuBose)and Calvin Marshall*

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**Susan Marshall** - February 16, 2012 at 01:46 PM

ML

“ Dear Dianne,

*My heart breaks for you. My first thoughts of you and John are how much you enjoyed and loved each other. It was evident every time I ever had the pleasure of being around both of you that you shared a real love that was real life and shared it well with the rest of us.*

*You are in my thoughts, and prayers.*

*May God's comfort and peace cover you and hold you and your family close.*

*With love and tears,*

*Murray (Walpole) Lathrop*

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**Murray Lathrop** - February 16, 2012 at 12:14 PM