

## Lee Megee Dresser

Birth: May 22, 1941  
District of Columbia  
District Of Columbia, USA  
Death: Apr. 24, 2014  
Kansas, USA

Lee Dresser was born on May 22, 1941, in Washington, D.C., where his Dad was a government lawyer, and his Mom a professional ballerina. After the death of his parents in the early fifties, Lee went to live with his maternal grandparents in Moberly. Lee bought his first guitar when he was fourteen, and taught himself how to play in open tuning, learned how to sing about eight songs, and the next thing he knew, the Krazy Kats were born with his friends Willie Craig and Fred Fletcher. They were together for 57 years (the same 3 guys).

He attended Moberly Junior College, and then Missouri University, where the Kats continued to play to packed houses. When his buddy, Willie, was drafted in 1965, Lee was not far behind. He got his call in 1966, and was promptly sent to Viet Nam, where he connected up with Willie once again. Small world, indeed! Although they didn't perform together there, Lee did a solo act for the remainder of his tour, including some USO work.

After his discharge, Lee moved to Los Angeles, where he began a recording and performing career, working with Danny Thomas, Dolly Parton, Merle Haggard, The Oak Ridge Boys, and many others. Signed to Capitol, he had several chart records, and toured many countries, including Australia and Japan, where he represented the United States in the 1972 World Popular Song Festival, held in Tokyo. He sang the soundtrack of the 1975 hit movie, "The Adventures of the Wilderness Family", and supplied some of the "Country Bear Jamboree" voices, still heard in the Disney parks. Lee's songs have been recorded and performed by Pat Boone, Bobby Sherman, The Osmonds, Trini Lopez, Ray Price, and many others, winning him a 1982 American Song Festival award.

In 1980, Lee contacted his old band mates, and the Kats were back in business, with Lee flying in for performances. By 1985, the demand was so strong for the band, that Lee moved back to the Midwest, and has been going strong ever since.



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Lee loved to perform, and nothing made him prouder than the fact that the Kats were "Still Rockin' After All These Years!"

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Lee M. Dresser, 72, Olathe, KS, passed away April 24, 2014. Visitation from 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 2, Mt. Moriah & Freeman Chapel, 10507 Holmes Rd. (Full obit to follow)

#### FUNERAL HOME OBITUARY

Lee Megee Dresser, 72, of Olathe, KS passed away April 24, 2014 with his family at his side. Lee was born on May 22, 1941 in Washington, DC. At the age of 6, Lee went to live with his maternal grandparents to attend school in Moberly, MO.

Lee's gift for singing was discovered when he was a young man in his teens where on Valentine's Day 1957 the legendary band The Krazy Kats were formed and would go on to perform together for the next 57 years. In 1967, Lee became a member of the United States Army, where he was assigned to the 510th Engineering Company, in Cam Rahn Bay, Viet Nam. He was honorably discharged in 1969.

Lee is preceded in death by his parents, Ira Richard Dresser and Marjorie Mae (Megee) Dresser. He is survived by his beloved wife Kelly Louise (Roscoe) Dresser, son Jason Dresser (Natasha) and granddaughter, Charlyie Mae Dresser.

The visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Friday, May 2, at the Mt. Moriah & Freeman Funeral Home, 10507 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Mid-America Society, 6811 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Ste 202, Cloverleaf Building 1, Shawnee Mission, KS 66702.

Arrangements under the direction of Mount Moriah & Freeman Funeral Home, Kansas City, MO.

#### Family links:

##### Parents:

[Ira Richard Dresser \(1904 - 1952\)](#)

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