



## Louis J. Lepes

March 28, 1940 - May 29, 2026

Sussex - Louis J. Lepes, 86, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, May 29, 2026. Born in Franklin to the late Louis and Mary (Moncayo) Lepes, Lou grew up in Hamburg. After he graduated from Hamburg High School, he enlisted in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He served three years in Germany with the 79th Combat and Engineering Company. When Lou returned home from the service, he worked as a land surveyor. He had earned a Bachelor degree in Political Science and a degree in Criminal Justice from Montclair University. In 1965, he entered the New Jersey State Police, serving 21 years. During his time with the State Police, he was named the Trooper of the Year in 1969 and was highly decorated. Lou was a member of the Helicopter Rappel Team and was a firearms instructor. Among his many duties as traffic Sergeant, Lou served on the Garden State Parkway Detective Bureau. After his retirement from the State Police, he went on to serve as a field engineer for Carbro Construction until he retired so he could spend time with family and friends. Lou was also a black belt in Taekwondo. He enjoyed taking trips to Canada; especially hunting trips and making maple syrup. Lou was deeply committed to serving his community and was a dedicated public servant who took great pride in serving his community, including his years on the Sussex Borough Council as Council President and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Mary "Betty" Decker on May 27, 2026. Lou is survived by his wife of 64 years, Pamela "Niki"

(Couse); his sons, Keith Lepas and his wife Jenny of Jacksonville, Florida, Michael Lepas and his wife Diana of Glen Spey, New York, and Steven Lepas and his wife Jessica of Lafayette; his brother, Richard Lepas and his wife Denise of Frankford; his sisters, Nancy Edsall of Sparta and Joan Lepas of Hamburg; six grandchildren; and one great granddaughter.

Graveside services will be held in the near future at Beemerville Cemetery.

Please check the funeral home website for updated service information.

Private cremation services have been entrusted to Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23) in Sussex. Online condolences may be offered to the family on [www.PinkelFuneralHome.com](http://www.PinkelFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Beemerville Cemetery**

Route 519  
Wantage, NJ 07461

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Condolence to the Lepes family for the loss of Joe. Stephen Finigan.*

Stephen Finigan - June 05 at 06:45 AM

DH

“ *Rich, so sorry to hear. My Deepest sympathy.*

dave hegner - June 04 at 02:50 PM

NL

“ *I'm deeply sorry for the loss of a great guy. I remember him as being a real nice man. May he rest in peace and my condolences to the family*

Naomi Lepes - June 02 at 06:38 PM



“ *Dear Lepis Family, I am saddened to hear of Louis's passing. I have great memories of the fishing trips to Canada with both Louis and his dad, and it is an awesome honor to have known all the guys on these fishing trips. Rest in eternal Peace Louis.*

Michael Hemsworth - June 02 at 03:58 PM

EM

“ *So sorry for the families loss. Our deepest condolences. Jim and Ellen Metterle*

Ellen M. - June 02 at 11:48 AM