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Sarasota, Fla. – John Leland Seely passed away Feb. 27, 2006.

Lee was born in Brigham City, Utah, on Feb. 2, 1932, to F. Leland Seely and Grace Emily Thompson, as the third of seven children. Upon graduation from Box Elder High School he received a scholarship to the University of Utah. After serving four years in the Navy he attended the University of California at Berkeley before returning to Utah to continue his education at the University of Utah. Lee received a doctorate degree in physics. He married Muriel Martell Aug. 10, 1956. They had one son, Richard Leland Seely, born April 17, 1966. Muriel and Lee later divorced. Lee then married Deon Smith but they also divorced. Richard died of cancer April 2, 1992.

Lee was very successful in his profession and received many awards. He was widely published in several professional magazines. He served as vice president, president, and on the boards of several large corporations. His journeys took him around the world and he spent significant time living in California and New York. He had homes in Salt Lake City and a castle in Austria.

While running a company in Austria he met Annenarie Elisabeth Katharina Felser, known as Anneliese. After returning to the United States Anneliese and Lee were married Feb. 24, 1995. In 2001 Lee underwent open-heart bypass surgery and during his recovery suffered several strokes. Anneliese took special care of Lee in their Sarasota home. Lee was diagnosed with liver cancer in early February 2006 and died three days after their eleventh wedding anniversary.

Lee is survived by his wife, Anneliese; three brothers: Glen McLain Seely (Nita), Salt Lake City, Utah; James Edward Seely (Ellie), Mountain Green, Utah; and Richard Kent Seely (Mary), Brigham City, Utah; and two sisters: Gwen Seely Goates (Kenneth), Spanish Fork, Utah; and Karen Seely Galloway, Longmont, Colo. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Kathryn Joyce Seely (Lynn) Richman, and his son, Richard.

No funeral services will be held in the Brigham City area. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to a favorite charity.