



Mr. W. Stephen Lewis

August 7, 1941 - February 17, 2018

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

W. Stephen Lewis (Steve), 76, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family, in Oxford, MS, on Saturday, February 17, 2018. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 24, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (113 South 9th Street, Oxford) with Rev. Jody Burnett officiating. Visitation will be immediately preceding the service at the church, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Burial to follow at Oxford Memorial Cemetery. Coleman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Steve was born on August 7, 1941, in Moultrie, GA, to the late Jonathan W. Lewis and Collie Vinson Lewis. He was a graduate of Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA. He served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1966, spending two and a half years in Germany. Steve began his career as law enforcement officer with the Thomasville, GA, Police Department. Steve was a Special Investigator for almost 25 years with the U.S. Treasury Department, with The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), stationed in Oxford.

Steve was fortunate to retire early, and had many years to enjoy doing all the things he loved, many of which involved being outdoors. – riding his bike, kayaking, running, riding horses, and playing his guitar. He enjoyed traveling all over the U.S. and abroad, with his wife, Patricia (whom he affectionately

called "PJ"). His love of family was shown every day. To Steve, the four most important things in life were love, family and friends, music, and humor. Those who knew him well, know this to be true. He lived his life to the fullest.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Patricia Rogers Lewis of Oxford; sons, Bishop Lewis (Nicole and granddaughter Margaret – "Maggie Mae" to Steve) and Mason Lewis of Oxford; step daughters, Rachel Rogers Namorato (Mike) and Jennifer Rogers Brown (Larry) both of Oxford; sister, Nan Coan (Laurice) of Villa Rica, GA; brother, Vinson Lewis (Lisa) of Thomasville, GA; and many special nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Carol Bailey and Billi Fae Bius.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Steve's honor to Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church (6221 Main Street, Houston, TX 77030 Att: Jessica Evans. Checks should be made payable to Palmer Church; Memo Line: Steve Lewis/Palmer Place Ministry). Palmer Place Ministry of Palmer Church in Houston, TX, provides fully furnished, affordable apartments for Texas Medical Center patients and their families who must remain in Houston for extended treatment. This includes MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Online condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Memorial Cemetery

Oxford, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
113 South 9th Street
Oxford, MS 38655

Memorial Service

FEB 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ Steve's absence here on earth will be greatly felt. My family cherished his harmonica playing as he willingly shared that gift at St. Andrews and at my brother's funeral. He and his sons always reached out to my mother making her feel loved and special. So grateful that Steve willingly shared his talents and allowed God to use him in many ways. My prayers are for the family in the days ahead. God bless. Cathy Stewart

Cathy Stewart - February 24, 2018 at 12:34 PM

JH

“ Bishop and Mason - Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your Dad and our hearts are sad. We are sorry that we can be there today. What an incredible man he was!!! We loved him and are thankful that we had the opportunity to know him. Love you both - Jolee and Chuck Hussey

Jolee Hussey - February 24, 2018 at 10:27 AM

LL

“ Dear Patsy, Maston and I send our most sincere condolences in the passing of Steve. Prayers of peace are being prayed for you and the family. Maston and Linda Lyons

Linda Lyons - February 22, 2018 at 09:10 PM

LM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Lewis's passing. My deepest sympathy to Bishop and Mason, and to the rest of the family.

Lynne Murchison

Lynne Murchison - February 22, 2018 at 05:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. W. Stephen Lewis.*



February 22, 2018 at 12:37 PM



“ *So sorry Patsy g or your loss. You and yours are in my prayers. Live and prayers. Bridgett Aycock Farner*

Bridgett Farner - February 22, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ *Love to you Pat. Your sisters who have been on this part of the journey wrap you in our loving arms. Steve is joining an incredible group of Windows husbands. Love, love, love Jane*

Jane - February 21, 2018 at 08:37 AM



“ *Betsy Roy lit a candle in memory of Mr. W. Stephen Lewis*



Betsy Roy - February 21, 2018 at 06:29 AM



So sorry Our thoughts and prayers are with you Betsy, Mike and Uncle Bill

Betsy Roy - February 21, 2018 at 06:31 AM

RN

*Pat, Bishop and Mason: The post on Facebook regarding Steve's death hit hard this morning. Thank you for sharing his obituary. A flood of childhood, youth and adult family memories has come across my mind. Eileen and I will be praying for God's presence and comfort to be very real to each of you and other family members during this time of loss and grief. Love and Prayers,
Ron Nalls
Philippians 4:19*

Ron Nalls - February 21, 2018 at 10:43 AM

DD

It is with utmost sadness that I write these thoughts regarding my dear friend, Steve. The many, wonderful hours that we spent together on our kayaking trips meant so much to me. Steve was such a great teacher to me. I learned so much from his character, his skills, his intellect, his bravery, and his practicality. He taught me how to appreciate and experience nature. Steve is such a caring person and used his talents to comfort and show his love for people and his God. Steve in so many ways was what I call a "total package." He taught us all how to use our skills, our abilities, our intellect to deal with issues in life and to be successful in them. I cannot say enough about this person who is a caring and devoted friend. I truly miss and love him. He always had a smile and a way to accomplish whatever was ahead of us. My heart hurts for his absence with us, but is so warmed by thoughts about him. Steve left a high water mark for us. --Danny Dabbs

Danny Dabbs - February 24, 2018 at 06:57 AM

KE

“ Steve was such a kind man. He was our guide and escort riding horses in the forest when my daughter was first learning and I needed an extra adult along. I know he will be greatly missed by his family. I'll always remember his welcoming smile and cheerful attitude.

Kevie - February 21, 2018 at 06:03 AM

EF

“ To Pat and your beautiful family, we were so sad to read today's paper. Steve was a wonderful man. We are sending our love and prayers to all of you. Jan and Eric Freimark

Eric Freimark - February 20, 2018 at 04:23 PM

MN

“ Steve was truly a good man, always there to help anybody at anytime. He was truly one of a kind and always put a smile on my face. You will be missed by all!

Michael John Namorato - February 20, 2018 at 01:55 PM

LH

“ Lisa Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. W. Stephen Lewis



Lisa Harrison - February 20, 2018 at 10:08 AM

LH

“ We were so very sorry to hear about Steve's death. May God be with you and your family, Patricia. If you need anything, you know where we live. Lisa & Earnie Harrison

Lisa Harrison - February 20, 2018 at 10:07 AM

SD

“ I am so sorry to read about Steve's death. My prayers and thought are with you and your family. May God wrap his loving arms around each of you and comfort you in this time of sadness. Susan Dempsey

Susan Dempsey - February 20, 2018 at 09:51 AM

JT

Steve had a contagious personality and a keen sense of humor. I worked at ATF with Steve when I was stationed in Birmingham, Alabama. He loved his job and it showed. Steve will be missed but he will live on in our hearts. My condolences to his wonderful family. IN HIS SERVICE

Jerry Turpen - February 22, 2018 at 11:27 PM

RC

To the entire Lewis family: We're praying for you during this time. We are blessed to have known this kind, generous and most unique man ! My dad worked with Steve at ATF in Oxford during the 70's and 80's moonshining days, and I have fond memories of growing up knowing Steve and his association with my dad and his knowledge of South Georgia where we lived when I was a child. I later was privileged to have worked with Steve's son Bishop. I treasure this and know you have much to treasure also Pat, Bishop, Mason, Nicole, and Maggie.

Randy Corban - February 23, 2018 at 09:17 AM