



Mr. David Robert Lewis

August 30, 1940 - May 20, 2023

David Robert Lewis, 82, husband of Joan Lewis, of Seneca, passed away Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Oconee Memorial Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

A native of Rhode Island, Mr. Lewis was the son of the late Edwin J. and Myrtle Butler Lewis. Raised on a farm in Warwick, he attended Roger Williams College prior to enlisting in the U.S. Army where he served in Tripoli, Libya as a topographic surveyor. Following the completion of his military service in 1966, he embarked on a lengthy career at Norden Systems, a United Technologies company, as a manager working on the J-STARS and other defense systems until his retirement after 35 years.

A longtime resident of Bethel, Connecticut, Dave shared his love of baseball as a Little League coach for more than 15 years, passing on his passion to not only his own children but also hundreds of other children in the community over the years. A life-long Boston sports fan, he was quick to lend his support to the Clemson Tigers upon retiring with Joan to the South Carolina

Upstate. Dave enjoyed all things outdoors whether golfing, boating, or working in the yard but never slowed down – devoting 18 years to the Pendleton Historic Foundation, working on an array of projects with his team in the preservation of Woodburn and Ashtabula plantations. They recently received the Miles-Watson Preservation Award for their efforts.

Over the past two decades, Dave shared his time and many talents with the community where he was a beloved member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Walhalla, SC. He contributed in leadership roles on the church council, as well as the property and Biggerstaff committees. Dave expanded his reach through various mission trips including hurricane relief following Katrina, but he held a particular passion for serving locally in the surrounding area, which he did on a regular basis.

Dave's greatest passion was spending time with his family. He enjoyed beach vacations on Cape Cod, Outer Banks, and Myrtle Beach. Later in life he shared several European journeys with his wife and close friends. He will be remembered for his devotion to family, how deeply he loved, and his kind and generous nature to everyone he met.

In addition to his wife of 39 years, Mr. Lewis is survived by his sons: Scott Lewis (Cheryl) of Trumbull, CT, Scott (Joi) Prud'homme of Woodbridge, CT, Glenn (Jessica) Prud'homme of Johns Creek, GA

and David (Kimberly) Prud'homme of Newtown, CT; daughters: Susan Ward (Nicholas) of Danbury, CT and Kristin Lewis (Cesar) of Ashburn, VA; brother: James Lewis; grandchildren: Ashley (Richard) Abercrombie, Meghan Ward, Emily (Orlando) Smith, Sam Ward, Justin Lewis, Sophia and Owenn Prud'homme, Claire Prud'homme, Misha (Kylee) Prud'homme, Noah, Josh, Ellie, and Lucy Prud'homme; great-grandchildren: Mila, Khali, and Wynter Prud'homme, Clark Abercrombie, Lando and Olivia Smith; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church on Friday, June 30, 2023, at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 301 West Main Street, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church
301 W Main St
Walhalla, SC 29691

Tribute Wall

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“ *Bobbie Duncan lit a candle in memory of David Lewis*



Bobbie Duncan - July 01, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. David Robert Lewis.*



June 23, 2023 at 01:19 PM

MP

“ *As his first wife of 20 years and mother to his 3 children, Susan Ward, Kristin Lewis Smith and Scott D Lewis , grandmother to his 5 grandchildren and great grandmother to his 3 great grandchildren, I and my husband Orlando Piedra , send our prayers , love and condolences to our children , grandchildren and wish comfort to Dave's present wife , Joan, and her 3 sons and grandchildren.*
Sincerely,
Barbara Jung and Orlando Piedra



Mrs Barbara Jung and Mr Orlando Piedra - June 08, 2023 at 09:52 PM

BC

“ Dear Man. We will miss you sorely. What a truly wonderful man you were. Always a kind word for everyone. Our neighborhood won't be the same without you. Our hearts go out to the family.

Bess Ciupak

Bess Ciupak - May 26, 2023 at 11:41 AM

PB

“ The world has lost such a beautiful soul who epitomized what “making a difference” means. I loved him dearly. My heart goes out to his family who I know feel blessed to have shared him with the world. “We'll meet again”, dear friend. ❤️❤️🙏🦋✌️

Patti Bisbano - May 25, 2023 at 07:17 AM

JS

“ What an amazing life - and such a kindhearted, generous, giving person. I will always remember Dave and his friendly, easy-going manner - he was truly the nicest guy you'd ever meet! Sending love and prayers to his beautiful wife Joan, as well as their family and friends. ~Jessica Sochor

Jessica Sochor - May 24, 2023 at 09:53 PM

FC

“ If you had a problem with Dave, you were the problem.
He was the most kindest gentleman I have ever met. Will miss my buddy 😞.



Frieda Sloan Cobb - May 24, 2023 at 03:09 PM

PP

“ *When we first met Dave, we loved his smile and his zest for life. We loved his positivity and his care for others. We appreciated so much the care that he took in "caring for the house". He took great pride in making sure the yard was groomed and things were "fixed" to its highest standard. He truly was talented in many ways. We will miss his smile. Praying for Joan and the family.*

Paula Poole - May 24, 2023 at 02:38 PM