

Don Richard Charles Lewis

September 28, 1932 - February 24, 2023

Don Richard Charles Lewis, 90, of Bloomington passed away suddenly on Friday, February 24, 2023 at Gentry Park. Dad was the rock of our family and extremely devoted to our mother.

He was born on September 28, 1932 in Polk, Nebraska, the son of Ray Charles and Lilac Fern (Rystrom) Lewis. Don grew up in Nebraska where he attended Kearney College before entering the Air Force in 1953. Early in his Air Force career, a fellow airman, Carlton Lowe introduced Don to his sister, June. He married June (Lowe) Lewis in 1958 and they were happily married for sixty-five years. While stationed in Michigan, he attended the University of Michigan. Don retired from the Air Force in 1973 after twenty years of service as a meteorologist, then went on to Indiana University to study computer science. He then began his data processing career in 1977 at Monroe County Community School Corporation and retired again in 1997. After retirement, he volunteered once a week at the Community Kitchen.

Don was a member of the University Baptist Church in Bloomington where he served faithfully for over fifty years, and a large portion of that time as Treasurer. He enjoyed playing tennis, watching IU Basketball, sending gif's, texts, and emojis to family, and traveling with his wife. He loved his family and was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great-great grandfather. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Don is survived by his wife June (Lowe) Lewis of Bloomington; his children, Steve (Mary Ann) Lewis of Shelbyville, KY; Debbie Sweat of Bloomington; Tim

(Valerie) Lewis of Bloomington; Mike (Sherri) Lewis of Brandon, FL; his sister, Leone Sommerfeld; sister and brother-in-law Addie and Al Lybarger; nine grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Lilac Lewis; his brother and sister-in-law, Dwaine (Ev) Lewis; sister and brother-in-law, Glee (Marion) Remboldt; brother-in-law Paul Sommerfeld and, son-in-law, Dennis Sweat.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at the University Baptist Church 3740 E, 3rd St Bloomington, with Rev. Annette Briggs officiating. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Visitation will be held from 4:00pm to 8:00pm Friday, March 3, 2023 at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old St Rd 37 Bloomington. and from 10:00am to service time Saturday at the church.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

University Baptist Church
3740 E. 3rd St
Bloomington, IN 47401

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

University Baptist Church
3740 E. 3rd St
Bloomington, IN 47401

Tribute Wall

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“ My one-time neighbor, Don, was a true gentle-man, in the truest sense of the word. Since he and June moved from their Smithville Road home, I have missed seeing Don on occasion as he walked the long lane between his home and mine. His broad smile and warm greeting are etched into my memory. He was a wonderful human being, and he and his family are in my thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace. Sincerely, Bill Hays 368 E. Smithville Road.

William Hays - March 04, 2023 at 09:45 AM

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“ June, we were sorry to see that Don had died. You and your family are in our prayers for comfort and peace. I enjoyed our years together at Drs. McClary and LaFollette's office. Pat and Joe Null

Patricia Null - March 04, 2023 at 09:36 AM

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“ I started working with Don when I joined the counseling staff at Bloomington High School South in 1988. He was such a kind and patient man as I learned the scheduling process. So many of us counted on him and he always rose to the challenge when one of us would say, "Don, I need.. ". Whatever it was he would help us in his gentle way. I am so sorry for your loss. May peace be with you and your family.

Sarah Franklin - March 03, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don Richard Charles Lewis.*



March 03, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Don and I crossed paths in the Air Force in the early 1970s. He was the commander of our weather unit and I was a young officer. He was a great mentor to me, both in my professional life and in my personal life, and he still is today. I am very sorry for your loss.*
Ken Mielke

Ken Mielke - March 01, 2023 at 02:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don Richard Charles Lewis.*



March 01, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Don Richard Charles Lewis.*



March 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM

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“ *The Liesmann Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Don Richard Charles Lewis.*



The Liesmann Family - February 28, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Don Richard Charles Lewis.*



February 28, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don Richard Charles Lewis.*



February 28, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don Richard Charles Lewis.*



February 27, 2023 at 10:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Don Richard Charles Lewis.



February 27, 2023 at 05:09 PM



“ Don the best and most faithful friend my husband Paul ever had. Always positive, humorous and devoted to June and his family. Don stayed in touch with Paul from Kearney State Teacher’s College through his Alzheimer’s diagnosis, when few others did.

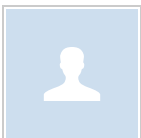
Karen Wagner - February 27, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ Etta Sweat and Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Don Richard Charles Lewis.



Etta Sweat and Family - February 27, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Don Richard Charles Lewis.



February 27, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don Richard Charles Lewis.*



February 27, 2023 at 02:24 PM