



Mr. Christopher R. Lewis

August 16, 1940 - March 6, 2007

Chris was born to Mary Bette and George M. Lewis in Lebanon Indiana. The family later moved to Bluffton Indiana. He was schooled in Bluffton graduating from Lancaster High School in 1958. He went on to attend Miami University studying geology and later switched to civil engineering at Purdue.

After graduation he joined the U.S. Navy and became a surveyor in the Sea Bees (CB). After his tours in Vietnam he returned home to Bluffton working as a surveyor with Ralph Higman. Chris took over the business after Ralph's passing. Chris had started to have health problems from toxic agents he was exposed to overseas. He was soon diagnosed with MS. He handled the diagnosis with courage and without complaint.

Chris was proud to serve. He was proud of Bluffton and Wells county. He was active with the Scouts as much as possible, liked to stop in the Elks to see what was up and was Commander of the Bluffton American Legion until his health made so much impossible. He will be greatly missed by those who were fortunate enough to know and love him.

He is survived by his brother Stephen (Kay) two nephews and nine grand nieces and nephews.

Graveside services and inurnment will be held Friday August 8 at 2:00 pm at Garden of the Chimes at Elm Grove Cemetery with Rev. Laura Sherwood officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the United State Navy Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Christopher R. Lewis*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Like Chris, I was a member of the Class of 1958 [Lancaster Central High School]. My memories include him being a polite and thoughtful person as well as a person of integrity. I am sadden by his death in 2007, but am somewhat confused as to the obituary and service occurring in 2014.*

*Patrick Mann
Morgantown, West Virginia*

Patrick Mann - August 05, 2014 at 08:52 AM



“ *Many years ago I was privileged to interview Christopher about his life experiences. I will never forget his strength and help with my project. I will never forget him.*

*Brenda graves wiles
Oshkosh Wisconsin*

Brenda Wiles - August 01, 2014 at 12:48 PM



“ *When I was growing up next door to Chris and his family I can always remember Chris going hunting back in the cornfield behind our houses on State Road 1... I always hated to see those dead animals he brought home..but he loved it !!! Chris was such a strong person to endure the MS ...still had a sense of humor. Pam Schwartz Hudson*

Pamella Schwartz Hudson - August 01, 2014 at 10:14 AM



“ *Steve Bradtmiller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher R. Lewis*



Steve Bradtmiller - July 29, 2014 at 05:18 PM