



## Sterling Lewis

December 24, 1959 - March 24, 2007

STERLING LEWIS, 47, of Bluffton, died Saturday, March 24, 2007, 5:51 a.m., as a result of an auto accident. Born Dec. 24, 1959, in Bluffton, he was the son of Delphur F. Lewis and Gae (White) Lewis. He married Kelly (Bailey) Lewis on June 7, 1980, in Hollywood, Fla.; she survives in Bluffton. He graduated from Norwell High School, in 1978. He then studied and obtained a degree in Youth Ministry from Baptist Bible College, in Missouri. He also attended South West Missouri State University, where he studied mathematics. He worked at Wayne Metal for 14 years, Summit Manufacturing, Fort Wayne for three years and most recently was the Technical Representative for Ottenweller, Fort Wayne, where he had worked for the last two years. For the last 10+ years he coached the Wells County Girls Summer League Softball. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church, where he served as a Trustee and used his talents in song many times. Also surviving are his mother, Gae Lewis of Bluffton; son, Brian Sterling Lewis of Fort Wayne; daughter, Kristen Renee Lewis of Bluffton; sister, Wendy (Ivan) Beeks of Bluffton; and brothers, Mike Lewis and Steve (companion, Kim Archbold) Lewis, both of Bluffton. He was preceded in death by his father, Delphur Lewis on Dec. 31, 2006; and a son, Andrew Paul Lewis, in 1990. Funeral service is 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Grace Baptist Church, Bluffton, with calling two hours prior. Pastor Doug McClure of Grace Baptist Church, Bluffton, officiating. Calling also from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton. Burial in Six Mile Cemetery. Preferred memorials to

the family through the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-3850  
info@thomarich.com

## Visitation

MAR 28. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Friends Cemetery  
4261 W 100 North  
Bluffton, IN

## Service

MAR 28. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ Sterling Lewis

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Kelly,

*So sad to hear about Sterling. He truly loved you and I remember when you two were dating in Springfield, MO. It was fun being your roommate in college and seeing you two together-always. Glad you could share these memories with us. May God comfort you and wrap His loving arms around you and your family. We are praying for you.*

*Sharleen Oetting##imported-begin##Sharleen (Meyer)  
Oetting##imported-end##*

April 07, 2007 at 03:06 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I just found out and I wanted to send you my sympathies. I only knew Sterling for a short time, but I knew he was a wonderful person.##imported-begin##Patsy Duff##imported-end##

April 05, 2007 at 04:55 PM



“ Kelly, Brian, Kristen, & family -  
We are sorry for your loss. Sterling was a great man of God and touched many lives. We are blessed to have known him and have many fond memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.  
Adam & Charla (McClure) Alma##imported-begin##Charla (McClure) Alma##imported-end##

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March 27, 2007 at 11:55 PM



“ Dearest Kelly, Brian, Kristen, and extended family,  
Words can't begin to express my sorrow and sympathy for your tremendous loss. Sterling was and will remain a lasting testimony for the Lord. You were truly blessed to have had the Lord loan him to you for the years you had him! What a comfort to know that we will see him again one day. My love, thoughts, and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Cathy Goldston##imported-end##

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March 27, 2007 at 05:20 PM



“ Kelly, I don't know if you remember me, I'm one of the Van De Wal twins from FBC and BBC. I am so sorry to hear about Sterling. I remember you both and what a cute couple you made. God be with you during this time and you will be in our prayers each day.  
Love, Phil and Terri Von Ehrenkrook##imported-begin##Terri "Van De Wal" Von Ehrenkrook##imported-end##

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March 27, 2007 at 02:08 PM



“ Gary,

*Please accept our condolences on behalf of Catepillar in regards to the passing of Sterling Lewis this weekened. We are all shocked and saddened by the suddenness of the news. Please pass on our regrets to his family and everyone at OCI.*

*Regards,*

*Jason###imported-begin##Gary Ottenweller##imported-end##*

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March 27, 2007 at 11:28 AM



“ Kelly, Brian, and Kristen,

*I had the privilege of working with Sterling over the past 2 years. Recently, we had the opportunity to travel together for a trip to one of our customers. Usually, those trips are boring and monotonous. However, this particular trip was so fascinating because it gave me a chance to listen to Sterling and know him better. I was so impressed with his deep faith, and the commitment he had to his family. We talked about his journey down to Bible College, how he wondered what he was doing there without the true calling of becoming a minister. How he realized that God brought him to that place to meet his future wife Kelly. He talked about Brian and his bands, Kristen and her "cannon" of an arm on as the catcher on the softball team, her upcoming wedding, his singing.*

*Although I was just beginning to really know him, he left such a positive mark on me and our company. Michael, Nancy, and I will miss him greatly, and extend our deepest sympathy to you. We will keep you in our prayers.###imported-begin##Gary Ottenweller##imported-end##*

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March 27, 2007 at 11:24 AM



“ Kelly & family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Sterling was such a kind and loving person. He had a smile that lit up a room and drew you to him. He always made us feel like he had been waiting to see us. We know he is with God, his Dad, and Andrew. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. God grant you His peace and give you strength.

Our Love to you all,

David, Debra & Ben##imported-begin##David, Debra & Ben  
Lakis##imported-end##

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March 27, 2007 at 10:55 AM



“ Brian, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. I know that a tragic event such as this can be tough but if you need anything of Katie or I don't hesitate to ask. I appoligize for not being able to make it up to see you during your time of grief but know that there are plenty of people around you and your family willing to do anything that is required of them no matter what the situation. See you soon.

John S.##imported-begin##John Sampson##imported-end##

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March 26, 2007 at 10:14 PM



“ Words come hard when trying to describe my deepest gratitude for having been blessed to call Sterling my friend. It's hard to remember exactly when I met him at work but before I knew him very well my initial overwhelming memory is of that great big, wonderful smile. It didn't take long to realize that we shared the same first love, that of our Savior Jesus Christ. He was always a source of encouragement, not just to me but his office was frequently the place others went when they needed someone to share with. Anyone who knew him even vaguely would never be confused about what his priorities were. First and foremost, it was his God. And then without a doubt - his family.

I can tell you what cemented our friendship was when I was going through a very difficult time and I had asked him ahead of time if he could commit to praying for me every day for the next 3-months. He never hesitated and he never asked the reason, he just faithfully prayed. He said it was "his pleasure". His passing feels like a tremendous void but my life is so much richer for having known him and my walk with Jesus is deeper.

Kelly, Kristen, and Brian - my heart aches for your sorrow but because they care, many others share your sorrow along with you. I pray that is a comfort to you. You are so very blessed to call this man husband and father. I make the same commitment to him that he made to me, to pray - I will faithfully lift all of you up in prayer daily as God brings healing. (I can't help thinking about how he loved to sing so, so much - and that now he is singing a new song before his King along with all the angels in glory. And I look forward to the day when we will all get to see him again.)###imported-begin###Kathy Neith###imported-end###

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March 26, 2007 at 07:04 PM



“ Gae:

*I am so heartbroken for you. I understand that you just lost your husband approximately three months ago. There are no words that I can say to ease your sorrow.*

*Please know that you are on my mind and in my prayers. God be with you at this time.*

*Linda L Nicholson Russ##imported-begin##Linda L Russ##imported-end##*

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March 26, 2007 at 05:57 PM



“ *My prayers and thoughts are with Sterling's family. I worked with Sterling and he was a special man and I looked up to him in the way he lived his faith. He was so well liked by so many at work and he will be missed greatly. I know I am a better man because I knew Sterling Lewis.*

*Brad Jacobson##imported-begin##Bradley Jacobson##imported-end##*

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March 26, 2007 at 02:09 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Sterlings family.##imported-begin##Mark & Jo Coratti##imported-end##*

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March 26, 2007 at 02:07 PM



“ I worked with Sterling at Ottenweller. He was one of the finest men that I have known. He lived his faith and spoke highly of all of you. He will be missed in this world but we can look forward to seeing him again. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you and strengthen you during this time.  
Dean & Evelyn Witte###imported-begin###Dean Witte###imported-end##

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March 26, 2007 at 01:37 PM



“ Dear family,  
I met Sterling in January on my trip from NC, we immediately became friends and realized our kindred spirit. Sterling left a tremendous legacy of faith in Christ, dedication to family friends, church and work and he was and still is a tremendous blessing to those seeking help in life. He is Home! Deborah and I extend our promise of keeping all of you close in heart and in precious prayer. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. You will see him again!

Yours in Christ,  
Steve and Deborah McCreary  
Mount Airy, NC  
336-789-2365###imported-begin###Steve McCreary###imported-end##

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March 26, 2007 at 11:46 AM



“ *I worked with Sterling at Wayne Metal Products. What a great guy! I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

*God Bless!!!imported-begin##Sam (Poff) Rudice!##imported-end##*

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March 26, 2007 at 11:32 AM



“ *Kristen,*

*We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Your dad was a wonderful man to make such a great daughter. We cry with you.*

*The Flesch's!!!imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. David Flesch & Family##imported-end##*

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March 26, 2007 at 11:29 AM



“ Kelly, Brain and Kristen,

*We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our ways are not God's ways and it is so hard for us to understand this type of tragedy.*

*We can be comforted to know that Sterling is home rejoicing with our Lord and Savior. What an inspiration that Sterling was to Georgene and I as our Sunday School teacher and fellow servant in The Lord. We thank God for the opportunity he gave us to serve with him at Grace Baptist Church.*

*We pray that God will comfort you during this extremely difficult time.*

*Lester & Georgene Lambright*

*Pensacola, Florida##imported-begin##Lester & Georgene  
Lambright##imported-end##*

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March 25, 2007 at 03:28 PM