



Ben Dean Lewis

November 5, 1932 - January 7, 2014

Ben Dean Lewis, age 81, passed away Tuesday, Jan 7, 2014 after a lengthy illness. He was born in Advance, Missouri, in the family's log cabin home to Dean Edward Lewis & Opal Ree Richmond Lewis on November 5, 1932. He was preceded in death by a one-week old daughter, Sherry Lynn, in May 1963.

Ben was married to his sweetheart Peggy Jo Powers Lewis for nearly 56 years. He was the loving father to son Danny G. Lewis and his wife Vickie Mayberry Lewis, and to daughter Vicki J. Lewis Jenkins and her husband Andy Jenkins. He was a devoted grandfather to his five grandchildren-- Kevin, Casey & Summer Lewis and Tara & Dex Jenkins. Ben was also the loving caretaker of numerous kitties.

Ben served in the U.S. Army in post-World War II Germany during the Korean War era. He was also a 50 year member of the Free Masons of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Ben worked for Tyler Pipe Industries for more than 25 years and he was an avid table tennis player, having competed and medaled in the World Senior Games in St. George, Utah.

Visitation will be held at the Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale, Texas, from 4 to 6 pm on Saturday, January 11, 2014 with the funeral to follow on Sunday, January 12, 2014, at 2 pm. There will be a private family service at the graveside afterwards.

Honorary pallbearers will be Ben's fellow members of the Tyler Table Tennis club: Bill Baird, Drew Boring, Robert Payne, Shun Auyoung, Larry Green,

Darren Pryor, Chris Chang, Tom Clay, Jerome Branton, Herb Epstein, Tom Lamb, and Al Whitmer.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, Tx 75701 or to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-3141
jeff@crdfh.com

Chapel Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
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Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Ben Dean Lewis*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - January 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ben Dean Lewis*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Ben Dean Lewis*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *Over the years Don has shared many memories of his time with Ben in the Army. Since our marriage 50 years ago, you and Ben became friends via long distance. We have fond memories of our visit to your home. Peggy, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Please stay in touch. Our love and prayers from Don and Judy Littleton*

Don and Judy Littleton - January 16, 2014 at 10:25 PM

RF

“ Peggy, Thank you so much for sending us this beautiful tribute to Ben. Ben and I were working together at Tyler Pipe, Ben in Texas & me in Pennsylvania. We had a great working relationship, and I was so glad when I would go to Texas and share some good times with Ben. Most of all I remember when Ben came here and the one time I took him to Doe Mountain Ski Lodge he had such a playful time, I could tell by the boyish look on his face. But I must admit I had the same look also, as we enjoyed the Snow covered area. He was like a brother to me, he would help me in anyway he could, I will miss him so much. Peggy I am sure you and your family deeply miss Ben, he is with Our Lord now, in Peace and no pain. But he will always be by your side, he loved you so much.

God Bless Ben and You Peggy,
Dick, Joan & Chris Fazakas

Richard Fazakas - January 16, 2014 at 02:26 PM

RP

“ Peggy,

That was a really nice collection of photos in Ben's celebration of life video. I enjoyed that almost as much as I enjoyed hanging out with Ben at the Tyler Table Tennis Club and at the tournaments we participated in...well that's a slight exaggeration, but you get the picture! It makes me happy to have been mentioned as a honorary pallbearer with the other members of the TTTC. Ben would have wholeheartedly approved of that touch, I think. We all loved to hang out together, and we had some great times playing table tennis. I'm sorry I wasn't able to make it to the funeral or visitation, but I'm glad we got to see y'all there at the hospice for a little while.

Peace, comfort, and best wishes,
Robert Payne

Robert Payne - January 14, 2014 at 04:57 PM

SJ

“ Peggy I'm so sorry for your loss...Just now saw where Ben had passed away & visitation was yesterday....Funeral today at 2p.m.....here it is 4:30 p.m. and just now read it...the Tyler paper had it really messed up so went online....Please know you & your family are in my thoughts & prayers..If I can do anything, please let me know...Love you & I totally understand what you are going thru..Sue Johnson

Sue Johnson - January 12, 2014 at 04:32 PM



“ With Sympathy - Elements Angel was purchased for the family of Ben Dean Lewis.



January 09, 2014 at 11:33 AM

NW

“ I remembering him as a sweet and loving man to is family and others who meet along the way like me long time friend of the family you will be miss
nancy

nancy west - January 09, 2014 at 09:18 AM

AB

“ Praying for your family. Mr. Lewis was such a sweet man!

alisha brown - January 07, 2014 at 09:46 PM

BD

Bill and Rita Ashcraft Dunton are praying for your whole family. We have viewed the video of Ben's and your life. It was full of family and activity a full life. We just visited at the Advance High Reunions with you and Ben Dean and remember when you began missing the Reunions due to family commitments. Seeing your video I now fully understand that family comes first. Never was Ben Dean anything but upbeat and cheerful even during his treatment that was real painful. A real man.

Bill and Rita Dunton - January 14, 2014 at 01:25 PM

PH

yes Benny will be missed by all that knew him he and I was 19950 grad of 1950 senior class

PAUL Harris - January 16, 2014 at 10:30 AM

PH

A very humble man

PAUL Harris - January 16, 2014 at 10:34 AM

PH

Benny and I were classmates at Advance, Mo though I had gone to the army and came back and he was in my class, sure will miss Benny and he and his wife came to visit us in our home here in Advance all here will miss him and his family are welcome to drop by and chat with us if you happen to be in town.

Paul Harris - January 18, 2014 at 11:58 AM