



Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis

March 24, 2012

LEWIS, William Thomas "Coach", age 61, of Lithia, Florida, entered into eternal rest on March 24th, 2012. He enjoyed his "Poppy's Pond", his tractor, and coaching Turkey Creek little league football, and he loved his family. He is survived by his wife of 39 years Vickie Lewis; his sons LT Daniel C. Lewis (Carrie), USN, of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Kenneth G. Lewis of Lithia; siblings LaVerne Porter and Samuel "Jerry" Lewis (Diane); grandchildren Hunter, Dustin, Danielle, Kenneth, and Sarah; and many loving nieces, nephews, family and friends. He was preceded in death by parents Cecil and Glennis Lewis; siblings Francis Evelyn Lewis and Cecil Allen Lewis; and niece Christina Lewis. A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, March 28th at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org. Expressions of condolence at www.hopewellfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis



Hopewell Funeral Home - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Michele L lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis



Michele L - April 25, 2012 at 07:45 PM

ML

I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Lewis and getting to know him over the past 8 months or so. I just found out about his passing, I am so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful man. I am deeply saddened that he is no longer with us. He always had a way to make people laugh, and I loved all of his stories and the pictures that he shared with me. One thing I learned about him is how much he loved his family, know that he is always with you all. May he rest in peace.

Michele L - April 25, 2012 at 07:50 PM

BM

“ *Butch, Patti, Mark, Shane & Matty sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis*



Butch, Patti, Mark, Shane & Matty - March 30, 2012 at 09:34 PM

PD

“ *Peggy Damron lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis*



Peggy Damron - March 30, 2012 at 08:05 AM

SC

“ *Sam & Carol Conrad lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis*



Sam & Carol Conrad - March 29, 2012 at 02:17 PM

SC

*Dear Vickie, LT Daniel, Carrie, Kenny, LaVerne, Jerry & Family, So sorry for your loss. Hope it helps to know that others care & share your Grief. Praying for your courage, strength & a peace from God that surpasses all understanding as only HE can provide! May your memories help to bring great comfort in the days, weeks, months & years to come. Much love, hugs, prayers & Blessing are with each one!
Love, Sam & Carol*

Sam & Carol Conrad - March 29, 2012 at 02:22 PM

LD

“ Vickie we will be keeping you and all of the family in our thoughts and prayers. Dexter, Lori & Jason Davis

lori davis - March 28, 2012 at 10:28 PM

MV

“ Vicki,

We are very sorry for your loss and know that he is in a better place in the hands of God. May our thoughts and prayers be with you during this time of sorrow.

Mike & Vicky Visca

Mike Visca - March 28, 2012 at 07:39 AM

MH

“ We are very sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Love Michele and Ray

Michele Haupt - March 27, 2012 at 10:51 AM

SJ

“ "Heaven got another angel today..... heaven got a little better today". Of course, there was always a little devil in Tommy too - and that was what made him special. He was one of a kind and a special person left this earth for a better peaceful place. I will always remember our discussions about life, religion, politics, etc., etc., etc. and how we would always end up agreeing to disagree.

Vickie, you and Tommy and your family have meant so much to us over the years. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Just remember, we will all see him again - over there!

Sandy Jackson - March 27, 2012 at 10:42 AM

MS

“ Marion And Jay Scarboro lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis



Marion and Jay Scarboro - March 27, 2012 at 07:23 AM

MS

Vicki, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I will always remember the good times we all had at Lake Rosalee. He was definately a special man. Jay and I will always consider ourselves lucky to have known you.

Marion and Jay Scarboro - March 27, 2012 at 07:36 AM

PG

“ Patti Goodson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis



Patti Goodson - March 27, 2012 at 12:29 AM

MF

“ Mandy Fears lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis



Mandy Fears - March 26, 2012 at 07:57 PM

MF

“ I met you Tommy when I was 10 years old. Thank you for taking care of my nephews and showing them the love of a dad, and thank you for taking care of my great nephews and nieces and showing them the love of a " poppy " One thing I will always remember is, when working with you I had better pack a lunch; it's sunup to sundown. By the Grace of God you were my brother-in-law for 39 years. It's fishing time, catch us a big one. I do love you Tommy.

Mandy Fears

Mandy Fears - March 26, 2012 at 07:50 PM

CM

“ Cindy Mullis lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis



Cindy Mullis - March 26, 2012 at 07:37 PM

KL

“ Kristie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis



Kristie Lewis - March 26, 2012 at 04:14 PM

KL

“ Tommy, we will miss you so very much! I will never forget you. You were a joker & loved teasing me. I still remember when you told me " Kristie, you don't want to get involve with James" and here I am still with him after 13years. Tommy, I miss you and Cypress will always remember you. You are a great man. You will be watching over everyone and I know you will.

Kristie Lewis - March 26, 2012 at 04:13 PM

WO

“ *A tribute to a Great Man and Special Friend*

Tommy Lewis was a great man. I have know Tommy for over 40 years and in all that time, I never met another man with more passion for life and more integrity. He never did anything expecting something in return. The most important contribution Tommy gave me was his friendship. He was a true friend.

When he first became sick, he was in the hospital and was having difficulty remembering things. The Doctor's were asking him all kinds of silly questions and they often thought that something was wrong when he answered. When they asked him what time it was he said, "I don't know, never wore a watch. If it's daylight, it is time to work, and if it's dark it is time for bed." I know they thought he was joking, but that was Tommy. One of the things I remember most was when the Doctors were trying to check his memory by asking who people were in the room. They asked who I was and how I was related? Tommy replied: "This is Mr. O'Brien. He is not realsted, he is a very good friend." I was honored to be classified as a very good friend. He has always been my true friend and I will miss him dearly. Although he often referred to himself as a "Dumb Country Boy", Tommy was one of the most intelligent people I have ever met. We could talk for hours and I would never bore of the discussion. He once went with me to one of the power plants that I manage and within a day, he was able to advise me with amazing accurateness about conditions and people at the plant. He was near genius and I always valued his advice. I will miss his "get right to the point" advisement. He taught me a lot.

THANK YOU Tommy for a lifetime of memories, for some great advisement, for your true friendship. Your smile was the medicine to cure almost anything. I will truly miss my best friend. Although you were a great man, you were never ashamed to tell me "I Love You" I Love you too!

William O'Brien - March 26, 2012 at 03:34 PM

GO

“ To The Lewis Family, we send our condolence and Love
"The Best Things In Life Are Free"

*This has always been one of my favorite saying's. Tommy the past year you taught me how true this really is. Laugh often, appreciate the little things in life and enjoy them. A bird in flight, an old tree, simply watching a gator, visiting the special people you are blessed to know, a \$50.00 bill that isn't real, stopping to pick an orange, the simplisty of a True Friend! Some of the best things really are free! Tommy Wednesday will always be special to me because of you. THANK YOU FOR THE MOMORIES! Billy and I are Blessed!!! I Love You Tommy, Glenda
"Faith makes things possiable" Not Easy!*

Glenda O'Brien - March 26, 2012 at 03:03 PM

LH

“ Linda Darlene Hurley lit a candle in memory
of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis



Linda Darlene Hurley - March 26, 2012 at 02:35 PM

LH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Vicki .. He was a wonderful
man a dear friend and will be truly missed ... My love to you, the
boys and the grandchildren... Love Darlene Hurley

Linda Darlene Hurley - March 26, 2012 at 02:34 PM

SH

“ When I think of Tommy I have to smile, the one thing I could always count on was a remark about how much I ate when I would visit. And of course this was as I was getting seconds. I think I will miss those get togethers. I will miss you always Tommy, thank you for allowing me to be a part of your life.

Sue Haase - March 26, 2012 at 01:55 PM

SH

“ Sue Haase lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis



Sue Haase - March 26, 2012 at 01:46 PM

JL

“ Jason Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis



Jason Lewis - March 26, 2012 at 01:01 PM

JO

“ Jeanette Ogburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis



Jeanette Ogburn - March 26, 2012 at 12:26 PM

JP

“ *My thoughts and prayer's are with Vicki and family.*
Jeannie Penney



Jeannie Penney - March 26, 2012 at 11:34 AM

PL

“ *Peggy And Theresa Lamotte lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis*



Peggy and Theresa Lamotte - March 26, 2012 at 11:17 AM

AW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to Dan, Carrie and all of Dan's family*

Anne Whiting - March 26, 2012 at 08:43 AM



“ *Tommy,*

You had a big impact on my life when I was a kid. Great memories of the lake, football etc. You leave behind a great family and I'm sure you will be watching over them. God bless.

Troy Walker

Troy Walker - March 26, 2012 at 08:23 AM

SM

“ Deepest sympathy to the Lewis Family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you during this difficult time.

Ron & Sherri Mutch

Sherri Mutch - March 25, 2012 at 11:48 PM

RC

“ Tommy you filled our lives with many smiles and so much joy, and now God has a special Angel You were loved by all and will be truly missed. Many thoughts and prayer's for the entire Lewis family.

Rick & Tina Cumbie - March 25, 2012 at 01:59 PM

KG

“ Kimberly L. Gilmore lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis



Kimberly L. Gilmore - March 25, 2012 at 01:50 PM

CM

“ VICKIE, DANNY , KENNY, CARRIE, DANIELLE, KENNETH, HUNTER, DUSTIN, SARAH, WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOU LOSS, OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO YOU!!! POPPY IS NOW WITH GRAND DAD LOOKING DOWN ON ALL OF YOU!!!

CINDY AND RAYMOND

CYNTHIA MULLIS - March 25, 2012 at 11:50 AM

CM

“ TOMMY--- YOU WILL ALWAYS LIVE ON IN OUR HEARTS! YOU HAVE LEFT US WITH GREAT MEMORIES. YOU ALWAYS LIVED YOUR LIFE TO THE FULLEST, JUST THE WAY YOU WANTED- NOT LETTING ANYTHING LIMIT YOU!

WE LOVE YOU, WE WILL MISS YOU SO MUCH, AND WE ADMIRE YOU FOR THE BATTLE YOU FOUGHT " JUST YOUR WAY"!!!

LOVE,
RAYMOND, CINDY, AND MISTY

CYNTHIA MULLIS - March 25, 2012 at 11:34 AM

DW

“ Deborah Morris Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Thomas "Coach" Lewis



Deborah Morris Walker - March 25, 2012 at 08:38 AM

BG

In memory of Tommy, for making all our lives richer.

Butch,Patti,Shane,Mark,Matty Goodson - March 25, 2012 at 11:23 AM