



Michael Barry Lewis, Sr.

February 23, 1941 - April 25, 2024

Michael Barry Lewis, Sr., 83, of Mooresville, passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at home.

Known affectionately as MB, he was born on February 23, 1941 in Gaston County, NC, to the late Robert Harrison Lewis, Sr., and Evelyn Gilbert Lewis.

Mike was an active member of the community, serving as a Mason at Eastgate Lodge #692 and as a Shriner. His commitment to helping others was evident when the organization assisted his niece Tracy's son, Chance, via The Shriner's Children's Hospital when he suffered a severe injury. Additionally, he took pride in being part of the Oasis Temple Patrol Color Guard for many years.

As a lifelong entrepreneur, he founded the MB Lewis Construction Company in Charlotte, starting with little more than his tools and work truck. His company went on to build countless mall stores across the Southeast. In the early 1990s, MB, along with Joyce, Barry, Mark, and Joanna, established Lew's Fine Foods, which quickly became popular in the Mooresville community-a period he often described as one of the greatest times of his life.

He was an ardent supporter of the UNC Tarheels, sharing this passion with his alumni sons, Barry, and Mark. During the 1980s, weekends were spent with

family on Lake Norman, boating and visiting friends. He also enjoyed golfing with the "Lew's Lewsers" at Mallard Head Country Club.

His most cherished title was "Granddaddy Mike," and his two grandsons, Joseph, and Zachary, brought immense joy to his life. The love he had for family defined his existence, and that legacy will endure in the hearts of the Lewis family for generations to come.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Lewis was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Ann Mundy Lewis, his son, Michael Barry Lewis, Jr., and his brother, Bob Lewis.

He leaves behind his son, Mark Lewis, and wife, Joanna, as well as grandsons Joseph Lewis and Zachary Lewis. His niece, Tracy Lewis Moore, and husband, Ken, along with nephew Bobby Lewis and wife, Kathy, also survive him.

"I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from my fears...For the angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him."
-Psalm 34:4, 7

The family will receive friends on Saturday, May 4 from 4:00-6:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, c/o Oasis Shriners, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262 or VIA Health Partners, PO Box 470408, Charlotte, NC 28226.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Lewis family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

MC

“ I met MB once at SIHS at an event with Barry and Mark. Mark I offer you my deepest condolence to you. He was a good man who appeared to proud of the men his boys became. May you find peace.

Sincerely, Charlie Mills, Class of 84.

Mills Charlie - May 08, 2024 at 07:27 PM



“ I came to know MB after becoming friends with Barry at Chapel Hill. Probably should have known them in earlier days as they were just around the cove from us.

But after returning home from Carolina we all became fast friends. I have been fortunate enough to have “extra parents “ and MB was definitely one of them. He always cared for people and he lead by example. He will be greatly missed and the people he touched have benefited from his presence.

Michael Beeker - May 03, 2024 at 07:24 PM

JB

“ Many of my fondest memories spent with MB,Mark and Barry. A real truly great person and family.The Lew’s crew days were the best golfing meeting with friends at Lew’s Fine Food. MB built bar for me in my garage bar. Will truly miss MB. We shared crown or 2 a few times x a few times.

Joe Bumgarner - May 02, 2024 at 05:40 AM



We have known MB and the Lewis family since our boys Kyle and Joseph were 16 months old and now they are 27!! MB has been such a positive influence to many in our lives. He was always fun, polite, friendly and lived his family and all who were in his presence. MB had such a caring nature and generous spirit and truly engaged with people of all ages. He connected well with children and his love radiated from his presence. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. May MB's soul rest in peace with our Lord. We will never forget the fond memories of bringing our kids and family into his restaurant Lews Fine Foods. It was the best restaurant food and he was the backbone of it. We will miss his dearly. Love, the Penner Family Lynn, Brian, Kyle and Desiray

Lynn Tona- Penner - May 04, 2024 at 11:51 AM

ML

“ *We are saddened to learn of MB's death and send our love and prayers to all of his family. What beautiful memories we have of golf outings and Lake Norman cookouts with MB. He was a wonderful guy and we appreciated his love and friendship. Mike & Theresa Leatherwood*

Mike & Theresa Leatherwood - May 01, 2024 at 10:55 PM

CA

“ *My sincere condolences to Mark, Joanna, and the family!! Have many happy memories of MB and Rooney and all the fun times at Lew's and Big Daddy's!! Godspeed 💙*

Carolyn Alexander - May 01, 2024 at 05:45 PM

HH

“ *Beautiful, beautiful soul! I remember working for him at Lew's and he became a lifelong friend. He will be missed and I am proud to have known him. God bless his sweet family!
Heather Higgins Templeton*

Heather Higgins - April 30, 2024 at 07:58 PM

KL

“ Kari Rinn & Chad Leatherwood purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Michael Barry Lewis, Sr..



Kari Rinn & Chad Leatherwood - April 29, 2024 at 11:23 PM

KL

“ Kari Rinn & Chad Leatherwood planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Barry Lewis, Sr..

Kari Rinn & Chad Leatherwood - April 29, 2024 at 11:23 PM