



James Olin Lewis Sr.

September 9, 1946 - May 14, 2023

James O. Lewis, Sr., 76, of Queenstown, MD, died on May 14, 2023.

Born on September 9, 1946, in Grasonville, MD, he was the son of the late Howard Lewis, Sr., and Jean Ruth Lewis. He attended Stevensville High School. On August 14, 1965, he married Diane Cannon. He was drafted into the Army in 1966 and served in Germany.

Jim worked for 32 years in the U.S. Postal Service, and then worked for Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home for 20 years. Jim was a Life Member of the Queenstown Volunteer Fire Department, to which he belonged for 50 years; a member of Calvary United Methodist Church; and an Associate Member of the Queenstown Lions Club. He loved dancing, bowling, playing softball, and anything involving his children and grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Diane; sons, Jamie (Michelle) and Jeff (Meredith); grandchildren, J.T. (Virginia), Jared (Grace), Samantha and Josh; nephews, Buddy (Ann), Shannon (Michaela), and Mike (Becca); a niece, Sherri (David); brother in-law, Charlie Cannon; and sisters in-law, Ann Lewis and Kathy Rodgers. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Butch Lewis.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 19 at the Fellows,

Helpfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 408 S. Liberty St., Centreville, MD, where friends and family may visit on Thursday, May 18, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Burial will follow the funeral at Chesterfield Cemetery in Centreville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary United Methodist Church, PO Box 7, Queenstown, MD 21658; the Queenstown Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 118, Queenstown, MD 21658; or to Compass Hospice, 160 Coursevall Dr., Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
408 S. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Visitation

MAY 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
408 S. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Funeral Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
408 S. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 19, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 16, 2023 at 11:35 AM

JF

*Diane, I just happened upon seeing of Jimmy's passing. Jim and I are very saddened. Remembering Jimmy for probably 30 years already....don't know where time goes. You and your family were blessed having such a loving dear man in your lives. We will always remember him with respect and many thanks for supporting our family business. We will also remember him and smile. Love and condolences to you and your family.
Jim & Janine Fitzpatrick*

Janine Fitzpatrick - June 06, 2023 at 09:33 PM



“ James Olin Lewis Sr.

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Lynn Harris lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Lynn Harris - June 23, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ John And Jaye Clough lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



John and Jaye Clough - May 19, 2023 at 08:43 AM



“ Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Centreville Methodist Women - May 18, 2023 at 10:31 PM

DC

“ *Donnie And Sara Clark lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Donnie and Sara Clark - May 18, 2023 at 08:22 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 18, 2023 at 05:56 PM

GP

Diane and family: We are saddened to hear of Jimmy's passing. He was loved by so many people and will be missed in the Community. Our prayers and blessings are with you at this time. Hold onto the wonderful memories and that will make the road a little easier. He is at peace and resting with the Lord. God Bless and many blessings to you and your family. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 18, 2023 at 05:59 PM

KA

“ *Kristal Abrams lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Kristal Abrams - May 18, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Olin Lewis Sr..*



May 18, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *Bobby And Genevieve Norris sent a virtual gift in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Bobby and Genevieve Norris - May 18, 2023 at 10:04 AM



Queenstown has lost one of its "Favorite Sons". He will be missed.

Bob and Genevieve Norris - May 18, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *Ruth Ann Smith lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Ruth Ann Smith - May 18, 2023 at 10:02 AM



Diane and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Jim was such a wonderful person. Working with him was a real joy, he was always a ray of sunshine, no matter what he was asked to do. Rest in Peace, my friend.

Ruth Ann Smith - May 18, 2023 at 10:05 AM

KR

“ I enjoyed working with Jimmy at the funeral home for many years. I always enjoyed our conversations and he was such a gentleman. He will definitely be missed. Sending prayers and lots of love to his family during this difficult time. Kim Ruth

Kim Ruth - May 17, 2023 at 10:18 PM

DK

“ Deborah Kiel lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Deborah Kiel - May 17, 2023 at 02:33 PM

FP

“ Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Frank and Tish Palmatary - May 17, 2023 at 01:46 PM

TB

“ Tim And Esther Blackiston lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Tim and Esther Blackiston - May 17, 2023 at 01:41 PM

TB

To the family: Jimmy surely will be missed and his smile will always be remembered in the Crab Cake booth at the fair. He loved his family and friends. Keeping you in our prayers and thoughts at this time. God Bless. Tim and Esther Blackiston, Sudlersville.

Tim and Esther Blackiston - May 17, 2023 at 01:46 PM

LH

“ *Lyn Higdon lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Lyn Higdon - May 17, 2023 at 12:53 PM

GD

“ *Gail And Dale Dadds lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Gail and Dale Dadds - May 17, 2023 at 10:40 AM

TF

“ *The Nastus Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Olin Lewis Sr..*



The Nastus Family - May 17, 2023 at 10:39 AM

TF

“ The Nastus Family purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of James Olin Lewis Sr..

The Nastus Family - May 17, 2023 at 10:39 AM

DC

“ Our love and prayers are with Diane and the family. Jim was such a gentleman and so much fun to be around. He was always upbeat and nothing was too much for him to do. We shared great memories and enjoyed working together at the oyster suppers. He will be greatly missed. Heaven is a brighter place when this Angel entered the pearly gates.

Donnie and Lynn Conley.

Don and Lynn Conley - May 17, 2023 at 07:14 AM

ML

“ Mary Lewis purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of James Olin Lewis Sr..



Mary Lewis - May 16, 2023 at 09:11 PM

ML

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Mary Lewis - May 16, 2023 at 09:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Olin Lewis Sr..



May 16, 2023 at 08:36 PM



“ *Dave And Kathy Poet lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Dave and Kathy Poet - May 16, 2023 at 08:14 PM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of James Olin Lewis Sr..



May 16, 2023 at 07:04 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of James Olin Lewis Sr..

May 16, 2023 at 07:04 PM

MH

“ Mike & Angel Huffman lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Mike & Angel Huffman - May 16, 2023 at 06:40 PM

LS

“ Laura Sadowski lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Laura Sadowski - May 16, 2023 at 06:15 PM

JM

“ Jeff Morris lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Jeff Morris - May 16, 2023 at 05:26 PM

GC

“ I've lost not only a great co-worker but a good friend as well, but I take comfort in knowing where he is.

Gary Connolly - May 16, 2023 at 02:00 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



June Clark - May 16, 2023 at 01:48 PM

JC

Dear Lewis Family,
There are not enough words to tell you all how sorry I was to hear of Jim's passing. I enjoyed working with him over the years at FHN we had many conversations on Queenstown how it use to be. He was a pillar of the community and he will be missed. RIP dear friend June

June Clark - May 16, 2023 at 01:55 PM

JJ

“ Janeen Jewell lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Janeen Jewell - May 16, 2023 at 11:12 AM

BW

“ Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Bob & Sheila Willis - May 16, 2023 at 09:49 AM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Doug Pierson - May 16, 2023 at 09:35 AM

JE

“ *James F Ewing lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



James F Ewing - May 16, 2023 at 08:52 AM

JK

Jim has always been a pleasure to work with, A true Gentlemen. God Bless

john kirby - May 16, 2023 at 09:05 AM

CT

“ Jimmy impacted our lives immensely with his kindness, wit, charm and humor. He truly cared about everyone! He loved his wife, sons and grandchildren deeply and shared often how proud they made him. He lived life to the fullest and showed us all a great work ethic. He was a mentor and taught us so much about community and helping others. May we know that he impacted so many lives and leaves behind wonderful memories and a great legacy. We know you are in no more pain and are now resting eternally in Our Saviors' Arms. Love and prayers of strength,
Colleen & Buddy Thomas



Colleen Thomas - May 16, 2023 at 08:30 AM

DK

“ My deepest sympathies for the Lewis family.



Dawn Kniceley - May 16, 2023 at 07:38 AM

MO

“ Mark & Karen O'Neal lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Mark & Karen O'Neal - May 16, 2023 at 07:15 AM

BT

“ Bruce & Patti Tarr lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Bruce & Patti Tarr - May 16, 2023 at 06:59 AM

DW

“ David & Kathy Wenck lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



David & kathy Wenck - May 16, 2023 at 05:47 AM

DT

“ Great man. Great human. Compassion and desire to assist others even at his own, and sometimes his family's, sacrifice(s). Godspeed.

David Tuttle - May 16, 2023 at 02:54 AM

DL

“ Doug And Michelle Leatherman lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Doug and Michelle Leatherman - May 15, 2023 at 11:16 PM

JS

“ My dear friend, the sun is much dimmer without you around. I've loved you since I was a kid and you'd let some of us girls play ball with your little league team. We couldn't be on the team because it wasn't allowed back then. But somehow you made us feel like part of the team. We road many ambulance calls together, your skills and empathy was unmatched. We had many many laughs together and I don't think I've ever seen you really angry. You adored Diane and those handsome young strong men you raised. Your grandkids were so lucky to have you in their life and I know they owned a special place in your heart. My life has been enriched to have had you as a friend. Enjoy paradise and save a place for me (you may to negotiate lol). Until we meet again my dear sweet friend ❤️🕊️❤️🙏❤️



Josie Simons - May 15, 2023 at 11:03 PM

ST

“ I am so sorry to see that this wonderful man has left this world. I met him with the fire & emergency medicine service and on the private ambulance service. He was a very kind gentleman to everyone. My sincere condolences to his family and fire Service brothers!

Sharon Truitt - May 15, 2023 at 10:34 PM

NH

“ Nancie LEWIS Hall lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Nancie LEWIS Hall - May 15, 2023 at 09:17 PM

NH

The memories, Grasonville Elementary and Stevensville High. Those Grasonville Kids met the Kent Island Kids in 7th grade. Who knew that Diane Cannon would become not only my best friend but marry my cousin. He was such a wonderful loving husband and friend. And, he shared that love and caring ways not only to his family, his church families, but all the communities that needed the "oyster cooking man". Diane, you and your wonderful family are in our thoughts and prayers. Bryan's last visit with Jim and you, "Mom, he is so funny, just love visiting them, you and Miss Diane just talking and talking and Mr. Jim winking at me and saying "those women can sure talk".. God Bless, Nancie Lewis Hall, Bill Hall and Bryan Hall

Nancie LEWIS Hall - May 15, 2023 at 09:37 PM

BC

“ *Bob And Lori Collier lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Bob and Lori Collier - May 15, 2023 at 09:12 PM

RF

“ *Even though Jimmy didn't like to be the center of attention, he had an undeniable impact on the community through the Queenstown Volunteer Fire Department, the Queenstown Lions Club, and those he came in contact with in our community on a daily basis. If he was here with us today, he wouldn't want us to share grief and sorrow. Instead, his desire would be to focus on the happy memories and joyful experiences shared with us over the years.*

Jimmy was a man who set a lasting impression on everyone he met. His infectious smile and pleasant mannerisms blessed us all and our world is a lesser place without him here among us.

Ridgley Family - May 15, 2023 at 08:38 PM

KB

“ To my classmate Jamie, you and your family are in my prayers.



Kay Brown - May 15, 2023 at 08:10 PM

Joe Douglas

“ I always enjoyed speaking with Jimmy and He was a man I respected deeply. I am so sorry to hear of his passing and I will keep the family in my thoughts and prayers



Joe Douglas - May 15, 2023 at 07:18 PM

TK

“ Tom Knox lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Tom Knox - May 15, 2023 at 07:14 PM

TS

“ Mr jimmy was a great man and loved by all. Mrs Diane and the family are in my prayers.



Tammy Scott - May 15, 2023 at 07:07 PM

JP

“ John Payne lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



John Payne - May 15, 2023 at 05:35 PM

JA

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. He was a well loved man that served his community with no conditions attached. May his family be comforted by good memories.

Jane Anthony - May 15, 2023 at 05:28 PM

PJ

“ Mr. Jimmy was truly God's image of what a Gentleman is! He will surely be missed.

Paul Jones - May 15, 2023 at 04:51 PM

DR

“ So sorry to hear Mr Jimmy has passed,May He RIP. His family are in our thoughts and prayers.



Dean Rhodes - May 15, 2023 at 04:45 PM

LS

“ So sorry for your loss he was a kind man !
One of Queenstown great families may God
give you the strength to get through this 🙏



Linda Wenck Stair - May 15, 2023 at 04:42 PM

CD

Butch and Bev Dadds

So sorry for you and your family's loss.

Clayton Dadds and Bev Dadds - May 15, 2023 at 05:30 PM

NA

“ *It was an Honor to know Jim, he was one of a kind. Prayers to Di &
the family.*

Nancy Athoff - May 15, 2023 at 04:25 PM

DG

“ *David And Annie Gardner lit a candle in
memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



David and Annie Gardner - May 15, 2023 at 04:22 PM

JT

“ *So sorry for your loss prayers and hugs for
the family he was such a wonderful man*



Judy & JT Thompson - May 15, 2023 at 04:18 PM

DR

Our thoughts and prayers to Diane Jamie and Jeff and families. We have wonderful memories growing up with Jimmy and of course family memories. He was always the same that little smile of his and always warm and kind greetings. Jimmy was so proud of his two sons and their families. Rest In Peace dear friend. We Love You. Jeff and Diane Ruth

Diane & Jeff Ruth - May 15, 2023 at 08:25 PM

BC

“ *Oh my Ms Diane I am so very sorry to hear this my heart felt prayers for you and the family Sending love to you Bonnie and Ronnie.*



Bonnie Coleman - May 15, 2023 at 04:10 PM

GC

“ *Jim was such a great guy and a joy to be around. We will miss him. Prayers for Diane and the family.*

Gary & Connie Connolly - May 15, 2023 at 03:47 PM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



JoAnn & Royden Powell - May 15, 2023 at 03:35 PM

WH

“ A kinder man you will never meet. He will be forever missed especially by his family & also by people like me who loved him dearly. Diane, you & your family are in my thoughts & prayers.



Wendy Hampton - May 15, 2023 at 03:29 PM

ML

“ Melissa Lenzi lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Melissa Lenzi - May 15, 2023 at 03:22 PM

LM

“ Loren & Tina Mayr lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Loren & Tina Mayr - May 15, 2023 at 03:17 PM

CJ

“ Claudia Jewell lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.



Claudia Jewell - May 15, 2023 at 03:11 PM

ST

“ *Susan Trapp-Hogan lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*

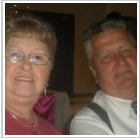


Susan Trapp-Hogan - May 15, 2023 at 02:51 PM

JM

“ *So sorry for your loss. He had such a kind, wonderful soul. He will missed. Prayers to you all.*

Jennifer MacGlashan - May 15, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *Peggy Comegys lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Peggy Comegys - May 15, 2023 at 02:19 PM

KM

“ *Keith Morris lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Keith Morris - May 15, 2023 at 02:16 PM

LW

“ *Larry And Lynne Wilkins sent a virtual gift in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Larry and Lynne Wilkins - May 15, 2023 at 01:51 PM

LP

“ *Sincere condolences to all the family.*



Lisa Plummer - May 15, 2023 at 01:25 PM

MC

“ *Melissa (Young) Cummins lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Melissa (Young) Cummins - May 15, 2023 at 01:21 PM

KL

“ *Diane and family, we are so sorry for your loss. I truly cherish the visits I had with Jimmy while working together. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Kerry Legg - May 15, 2023 at 01:17 PM

BK

“ *Diane, so sorry for your loss. Jimmy was a kind man and loving soul since he was a kid. It was a pleasure going to school with him and always seeing the two of you together all those years. So glad I got to see him one last time at Toddy’s memorial. Find comfort in knowing others care.*
Bea O’Donnell Kelley

Bea O’Donnell Kelley - May 15, 2023 at 01:11 PM

AS

“ *Ashley lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Ashley - May 15, 2023 at 01:09 PM

RJ

“ *Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell - May 15, 2023 at 12:42 PM

CC

“ *Chris & Billy Clough lit a candle in memory of James Olin Lewis Sr.*



Chris & Billy Clough - May 15, 2023 at 12:32 PM

TB

“ *Mr. Diane, Jamie, Jeff and families, I am so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Jimmy was such a wonderful man. He will truly be missed! I also know Uncle Bobby, Meemee and Poppop were Happy to see him. Hugs, love and prayers to you all.*

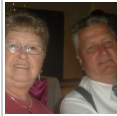


Tiffany Perry Brown - May 15, 2023 at 12:27 PM

ET

Diane Jamie & Jeff so very sorry for your loss .. I was thinking back when Jimmy was my little league coach with the Grasonville Tigers when we played at Cabin Creek field great memories

Eddie Thomas - May 15, 2023 at 01:42 PM



So sorry for your families loss. Thoughts and prayers to the Lewis family

Peggy Comegys - May 15, 2023 at 02:18 PM