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Robert David Lewis, 59, of Bartlett, passed away on Wednesday, December 11, 2019. He was born in Mount Pleasant, MI. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Lewis, stepfather, William Thayer, a daughter, Danielle Lewis and a brother, Charles Lewis. He is survived by his mother, Sharon Thayer, stepmother, Denise Lewis, wife, Sandra Lewis, three children, Nicole Lewis, Krystina Blay (Nick) and Trae Everett (Randa), three grandchildren, Julian Lewis, Paityn Blay and Nicholas Blay, three siblings, Cheryl Black, Sandra Fisher (Marc) and James Lewis, two nephews, Matt Black and Bryan Wood and a niece, Cali Fisher. Robert (aka; Lew, Dave) enlisted in the Navy in May, 1981 deciding to make it his career. He was a proud veteran of the Gulf War having served in both Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was the recipient of many commendations and medals. He was a member of The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and The American Legion. He retired with the rank of Chief Petty Officer, PNC (Air Warfare/Surface Warfare) on September 30, 1997. As a civilian returning to the work force, he was the Director of Navy Retirements/Disabilities for the Department of Defense from which he retired in May, 2017. Robert energized any gathering with his presence. Being very witty, laughter always followed behind him. A big man, he was very gentle and kind. At some point in their life each person that knew Robert needed his help in some fashion. He never wavered. Whatever the task he always came through. He very easily developed many long-lasting friendships. He loved fishing, bowling, woodworking and meeting with his buddies every Friday. Family was of the utmost importance to him (beloved husband, caring son, loving father, dear brother and doting grandfather/uncle). Joined in marriage on September 21, 1996, Robert and Sandra shared a wonderful life together for over 23 years. Although the odds were against him, Robert was a fighter and never gave up. He always kept a positive outlook and had no complaints. He was a very unique individual with a heart of



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gold. He is loved dearly and will be forever missed by his family and friends. May God embrace his beautiful soul. The family will receive relatives and friends on Tuesday, December 17 from five o'clock in the afternoon until seven o'clock in the evening at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Avenue in Memphis. The funeral will be held on Wednesday, December 18 at one o'clock in the afternoon also at the funeral home. The committal service will immediately follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.



Tribute Wall

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SA

Sandra posted:

I remember you on Memorial Day for your service to this country and your courage for all adversaries you had to face in this life. You did so with such dignity and unwavering determination to prevail in everything that was presented before you. With all you had to endure you never lost your humor. You were a kind, loving, gentle man. It's been 3 1/2 years since you left me. It feels like yesterday. I love you. I miss you. I need you. I will forever mourn your loss. I am honored you chose me to be your wife.

May 29 at 4:32 AM

SK

Susi Kennedy posted:

And I forgot you were also the grandfather to Julian. I never got the chance to let you know I got married. You will forever be in my heart brother Dave

February 2 at 4:04 PM

SM

Susi Kennedy "Mueller" posted:

Hi my name is Susi I know him as David is the father of my nieces and he has always been a brother to me. I can't imagine life without him. And to his wife Sandra I am sorry for your loss it is such a great loss for all of us. Rest in peace my forever brother I'm sure you saw Dad already and he's probably got you out on the golf course up there even if it's just teach you the rules of the game. All my love to you and your family. I'm at a total loss. I will forever cherish the picture of you and I at Tina and Nick's wedding.

February 2 at 3:59 PM

TB

Ted Beasley posted:

Robert, or as everyone called you Lou, you were a truly great friend that would help anyone when they needed it. I was blessed to have know you and bowling will never be the same. We had some great times and they will be missed but cherished. I loved you like a brother and will see you again one day.

December 17 at 6:59 AM



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Diane Carver posted:

Dave, my brother-in-law, will be missed so much. He did always keep us laughing when we got together and it is so true that he was always there to help you when you needed him. He came to my rescue so many times! He was lucky in that he was so loved by all of his family and my heart breaks for all of them.

December 15 at 2:55 PM



Roland Bonham posted:

Robert was such an easy person to make friends with. I only knew him less than two years before he passed away, but felt like I had known him all my life. I considered him a dear friend. I will truly miss him and always was a pleasure to see him at the coffee shop on Friday's, that is when he felt like coming. Farewell My Friend, may you rest in peace!

December 14 at 10:26 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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