



Teddy Michael Lewis

March 1, 1951 - March 1, 2024

Teddy Michael Lewis passed away unexpectedly on February 23, 2024 due to medical complications at University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata, Maryland.

Teddy was born on March 1, 1951 in West Virginia to the late Ruth and Robert Lewis. He was the youngest of 6 children, 4 of whom preceded him in death (Samuel Lewis, Mildred Jameson, Larry Lewis and Marvin Lewis) and is survived by his sister, Ruth Wyvil. His beloved wife, Debbie Lewis, nephews Bob and Bill Hicks, Brian Hicks and great niece and nephew Mercy and Sam McCawley preceded him in death.

Teddy spent the majority of his youth in Maryland with some time in Arizona, graduating from Surrattsville High School in Clinton, Maryland. Following graduation, he served a short time in the US Navy and landed in Arizona after being honorably discharged. It was there he met the love of his life, Debbie, and in 1976 they were married and began their life together.

After a stint in the restaurant business, then caddying for Debbie in her golf career, Ted began pursuing construction full time. Soon, work took them to Southern California. When Debbie's father passed suddenly, the couple dropped everything and moved to Wisconsin to run his in-laws family business. That was Ted and Deb's M.O. Always willing to help. Always showing up in any way they could.

After Wisconsin, they found Teddy's roots in a Maryland home for a bit. It was there that they welcomed their first child, Casey Michael. Soon after, they

again found themselves in Southern California. They stayed for over 30 years, welcoming daughter, Rebecca Diane and together, made California home.

Teddy worked in construction most of his life, with just a high school diploma he rose to superintendent, managing multi million dollar builds all over California. His favorite build was a tie between a design works center for BMW or the mailbox that he built with his daughter that was an exact replica of their home. He always had a knack for creating and loved the challenge of taking an idea on paper then making it functionally strong and practical.

The crash of 2008 hit Teddy's profession hard but the loss of his job never stopped him. In order to provide for his family, he pivoted after a career of 30 years in construction to life on the road as a long haul trucker for two years. Soon after this, with kids grown and out of the house, an even bigger life change would be in the works as Teddy and his wife left Ontario, California for good. They settled in Colonial Beach, Virginia hopeful for a slice of retirement life near family in a small town on the water.

The slice was smaller than hoped as it was in Virginia that Teddy ushered his wife of over 40 years to the gates of heaven, never leaving her side as she battled Breast Cancer. When she passed in 2017 a part of Teddy went too. Teddy's greatest joy and reasons for living were always his family. His daughter Rebecca, son-in-law Kyle and especially his grandkids, Molly Elizabeth and Samuel Joseph were the apple of his eye. The love between them all was tried, true and deep. He gave everything for his family to thrive, and his son was no exception. Teddy never stopped praying that Casey would find joy in the Lord and a full life.

Teddy would want everyone to know that he is laughing with Jesus, tell you to have more kids than makes sense, insist that no topic should be left with out debate and remind you that anything worth doing is worth doing well.

A memorial service will be held in June. Details can be obtained through his daughter, Rebecca Matson.

Tribute Wall

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“ Love, The Doverspike Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teddy Michael Lewis.

Love, The Doverspike Family - March 03, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ We loved your Dad and his love of Christ. We send hugs and prayers to your family.

John Doverspike - March 03, 2024 at 11:28 AM

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“ Rebecca and family, I am so sorry for your devastating loss! Teddy was a very sweet friend! It was my pleasure getting to know Teddy! I enjoyed our conversations to and from doctor appointments. Teddy is definitely missed!!
Kathy Leighty



Kathleen S Leighty - March 02, 2024 at 11:05 PM

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“ Samantha W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teddy Michael Lewis.

Samantha W. - March 01, 2024 at 02:57 PM

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“ So many memories to count . His laugh and hugs will live in my heart forever . Him and aunt Deb taking me to see E T so many years ago . I believe it was my first movie theatre movie ! He and aunt Deb helping me with the girls as I struggled as a single working mom .
His off handed jokes . His undying love for Aunt Deb . Feeling like my dad was still present just hearing his voice .

Samantha Warden - March 01, 2024 at 02:56 PM