



D. Wayne Lewis

November 19, 1932 - February 5, 2025

D. Wayne Lewis, 92, a longtime Wenatchee resident, died Wednesday, February 5, 2025 peacefully at his home.

The following obituary was written by Wayne :

What a wonderful adventure earth-life has been. From my birth on November 19, 1932 at Ariel, WA until the time allotted me.

My life was unremarkable, but the multitude of little experiences have made it fulfilling. The family I was born to move often, mostly in Washington State, with one move to Moscow, ID where I completed high school.

My father was born and raised on a homestead in Nebraska and my mother, was raised on a homestead in the Okanogan Highlands. I was the middle child of 5. An older brother and sister, and a younger brother and sister making me the proverbial "middle child".

During the Korean War period, I served in the US Air Force as a dental technician. I was stationed at Fairchild AFB as well as Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire, England.

Following my honorable discharge, I returned home and found the love of my life, Mary Kraus in Richland, WA. We married on August 4, 1956 and soon

moved to Seattle where I attended the University of Washington. I graduated in the first class of Physical Therapists in 1960. We then moved to Wenatchee where I had 25 wonderful years of employment and nurturing by the physicians and staff of Wenatchee Valley Clinic. The last 10 years, before retirement, I opened my private practice, Associate in Physical Therapy.

Mary and I were given six children who have added joy and happiness to our lives. Mark and Doug came to us during our college years in Seattle; then, Tom, Scott, Karen, and Bryan were born in Wenatchee.

I was preceded in death by my parents, 2 brothers, Kenneth and Stephen, and 2 sisters, Iris and Rae. Also, one grandson, Eric Lewis, and 2 great-grandchildren, Katherine Rehberg and Nyjah Lewis.

Staying actively involved in Church and the Boy Scout Program has been fulfilling and has helped me to stay the course during my lifetime. Had it not been for these important parts of my life, along with the steadiness of my wife, Mary, and our children, I fear my life would have been much different.

I served wherever and however I was asked, including serving as a bishop in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The doctrine I have lived has brought me closer to our Savior and to our Eternal Father in Heaven. The Great Plan of Salvation has given me purpose and peace.

I am survived by my wife, Mary; and my children, Mark (Kathy), Doug (Lora), Tom (Liz), Scott (Andrea), Karen (Malley), and Bryan (Jo). Also 21 Grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

I have lived long enough to fulfill three important goals as stated in a simple rhyme: "There are three things each man must do before his days are done; he must plant a tree, write a book and give the world a son".

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at the LDS Stake Center, 667- 10th NE, East Wenatchee at 12 pm. Private interment will precede the service at the Wenatchee City Cemetery. Visitation will be at Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, on Monday, February 10, 2025, from 1 pm until 6pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Jude's Research Hospital or the Shriner's Hospital for Children.(donate.lovetothe rescue.org)

Arrangements are by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **10**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Valley
378 Eastmont Ave.
East Wenatchee, WA 98802
(509) 884-3561
info@chapelofthevalleyncw.com

Memorial

FEB **11**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
667 10th St NE
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Tribute Wall



“ I served as a missionary for the LDS church in Wenatchee and had the privilege of living in Wayne and Mary's home for a few months while I was there. Although my time there was brief, Wayne left an impression on me that I'll never forget. I haven't met a kinder, more selfless, more thoughtful, or more humble person--the embodiment of "charity." He had a fantastic mind and a great sense of humor. The world is a better place because of Wayne. I'm so grateful I had the honor of crossing paths with him.



Paige Nelson - June 07, 2025 at 05:20 PM

SO

“ Kindness, faith and honest devotion to our Savior's children on this earth, as well as a warm and engaging personality... These are the things I remember about this gentle and powerful man. An angel returned to heaven when he passed. Our love and prayers remember his good family. May we all be as true as this humble, influential man. We will miss his goodness and compassionate influence. ~ Sunny Oaks

SUNNY OAKS - February 13, 2025 at 01:12 AM



“ Wayne wrote that his life was unremarkable. I beg to differ! He was indeed amazing to me: always kind, thoughtful, and so loving and sincere. He helped hundreds, likely thousands, of people just in his PT career alone. He helped me: Even in 1970 getting in to PT school was tough and Wayne interviewed me and wrote a report that allowed me to get accepted. We had our fun names for each other: He was “Dr. Lewis” and I was “Nurse Matthews”. Only Wayne was allowed to call me that, and only I was allowed to call him Dr. Lewis. Forever in my heart and well loved by multitudes, my REMARKABLE friend, rest well from all your labors.
Loraine Orach

Loraine Orach - February 11, 2025 at 09:29 AM

SH

“ Wayne and his family were in a different ward than my family when I was growing up, so I never had any interactions with him but I did know who he was.

When I was 15, I was in a car accident, as a passenger. I went to the ER with the people I was with. I called my mom at the church, but she had already left. Wayne must have caught wind of my situation from whoever I talked to on the phone that day. He came to the ER shortly thereafter. He walked over to me, and I don't remember the words that were exchanged between us, but he handed me his perfectly clean, white, ironed, and neatly folded handkerchief from his suitcoat pocket, as my face was bleeding. That really left an impression on me. He was so kind. He was an angel.

I never saw him again until a year and a half ago. He, of course, had forgotten that small but incredible kindness that he had shown to me, so I reminded him. I'm so glad I had that chance. That was 46 years ago and I have never forgotten.

Sharon Hoffman - February 10, 2025 at 06:20 PM

CA

“ You are invited to a Zoom webinar!

When: Feb 11, 2025 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Casey - February 10, 2025 at 03:27 PM

CF

“ Dearst Mark, Cindy flowers here. I remember my Gramma Erskine talking about your Dad. She was a member of LDS. I also have very fond memories of your Dad. He helped me back in the seventies. Such a kind kind person. The apple did not fall far from the tree. I seen your Dad the other day and i wish i would have said hello. I believe he was in a chair going down the hall. I love that he wrote his own story. May he rest now.

cindy flowers - February 09, 2025 at 12:17 AM

TP

“ Wayne was an amazing example to me as a young man. I loved his sense of humor and the great spirit that surrounded him. He would brighten a room when he walked in. Once, he caught us Aaronic Priesthood boys making popcorn in the Church kitchen during Fast & Testimony meeting. The smell carried into the chapel and he came to find out what we were doing. He just looked at us, asked us what we thought we were doing and shook his head with a smile, telling us to go sit down with our families and come back and clean up our mess. We did.

A family friend, Ted Phillips

Ted Phillipa - February 08, 2025 at 10:42 AM