



Leon Lewis

October 29, 1945 - April 8, 2025

Leon Lewis passed from this life to his eternal life in heaven on April 8, 2025. He leaves behind a kaleidoscope of memories for his family and all those who were privileged to know and serve with him. Leon was born on October 29, 1945 in the rural community of Blue Branch, in the middle of no where to Henry and Rubessia Lewis (who preceded him in death) in Byars, Oklahoma; four sisters, Thelma Lewis, Melva Lewis, Hazel Moore, and Mary Fletcher; two brothers, Joe Lewis and Edward Lewis.

At an early age he was baptized at Red Rock Baptist Church in the Blue Branch Community. He was an avid football, basketball, and track member of the Wayne High School Bulldogs where he graduated in 1964.

After graduation from high school, the world of a small-town boy from Byars, Oklahoma changed forever when he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for the rest of his 30-year military career. Leon's Military career kept the family busy with his travels and adventures across the globe. He received orders to serve in Vietnam (2 tours of duty) a tour in Granada, and a tour in Panama as Sergeant First Class. He received the Army Service ribbon, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3), Good conduct medal (7th award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon (7), Army Commendation Medal (1st OLC), Driver Mechanic Badge, SEE 18, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, National Defense Service Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. Leon completed his military service

in July 1992, retiring from the U.S. Army with a great sense of accomplishment and pride.

He was an avid fisherman and hunter. Later in his life he returned to live in the Blue Branch community and was adamant to ensure that the church grounds and cemetery remain presentable.

He leaves to cherish his memory, two sons Michael Lewis and Maurice Lewis of Colorado Springs, CO, three sisters Ora Berry (Carl) of Spencer, OK, Chrislene Fletcher (Charles) of Del City, OK, and Betty Green (Steve) of Purcell. Two Brothers June McDonald Lewis and Elroy Lewis of Oklahoma City, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00am Friday April 18, 2025 at Little's Chapel, Wilson-Little Purcell, with burial to follow at Blue Branch Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Blue Branch

Byars, OK

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Little's Chapel
127 S. Canadian
Purcell, OK 73080
<http://www.wilsonlittle.com>

Tribute Wall

CH

“ Thank You for your service!! Leon Lewis.

Connie Hill - June 01, 2025 at 06:06 AM

CH

“ My condolences to the family of Leon. He was a really good friend of my father Jeddie Cox and myself, Connie Hill. I had no idea that Leon had passed. I just happened to search obituaries because I had not heard from Leon in awhile, he will truly be missed.

Connie Hill - June 01, 2025 at 06:04 AM

DT

“ Thank you for your service to our country
I was friends with your sweet sister, Mary, in high school. Your entire family were gracious and caring folks. I am proud that you took pride in your community later in life. You will be missed by friends and family.

Dian Sharp Taylor - April 18, 2025 at 12:26 PM

MM

“ My Dad drove the school bus for many years in the Rosedale/Byars area. He always commented that Leon and his family were the most courteous and respectful of everyone on his route.
Thank you Leon, and the family who supported you for your service to our country. You will not be forgotten. My Dad was a World War II veteran. He would be especially proud of you.

Maxine Brakefield McNeil - April 15, 2025 at 12:05 PM

DO

“ Did not know him but wanted to say Thank you for the freedoms I have today. Sounds like a wonderful human. Thanks.

Donna - April 13, 2025 at 01:04 PM

JW

I played football with Leon in 1962 when he was a sophomore and I was a senior. He was the teams star as a running back. At only 145 pounds he could shake, shimmy and dodge tacklers like a phantom. He left them gasping for air. One game his senior year, he was the Daily Oklahoman state player of the week when he ran for over 200 yards. He was a very humble person, always with a kind word and a smile. The team loved Leon, and we showed it, one night after a game, we were at the "Y" cafe. The waitress said we don't serve colored people, at that moment you could have heard a pin drop, we discussed what to do, and the entire team got up and left the cafe.

I was very proud of the football team that night. Wins and losses don't count much in the football hereafter, and in all aspects of his life he was a winner. He honorably served his country for 30 years, and us boys, even back then, had nothing but respect for Leon.

RIP FRIEND LEON.

jim webster - April 14, 2025 at 04:04 PM