



Benjamin "Benny" Ross Lewis, Jr.

March 22, 1948 - September 6, 2016

Benjamin Ross Lewis, Jr. departed this life on September 6, 2016. Born in St. Louis, MO on March 22, 1948, he was a 1966 graduate of RH Watkins High School and earned a degree in Biology from the University of Southern Mississippi. Benny worked hard all of his life; he was employed briefly at Masonite and also taught school for a short time, but he spent most of his career at Leaf River Forest Products. Even in his retirement, he continued to work as a cattleman.

Despite his strong work ethic, Benny made time to enjoy life. He loved the outdoors and spent most of his spare time there. He enjoyed everything from riding enduro bikes and racing motocross to duck hunting and fishing. Few men in his family can say they have not spent hours in a boat with him at some point.

Benny is survived by the family he devoted himself to throughout his life: His wife, Sheila Price Lewis of Ellisville; his son, Dr. Todd Lewis (Gwen) of Columbus, Georgia, and his daughter, Kayce Lewis Reid (Ryan) of Ellisville. His sister Sandra Sampey. His grandchildren, Pryce Lewis, Knox Lewis, Shanti Lewis, Foxx Reid, Cass Reid, and Finn Reid will remember their Poppi always for the love and attention he gave them. He was Uncle Benny to a multitude of nieces and nephews and was a friend to many more. He was so loved.

Benny was preceded in death by his father, Benjamin Ross Lewis, Sr., his mother, Corinne Lewis, and his son, Benjamin Lee Lewis.

Arrangements will be held at Memory Chapel in Laurel Mississippi on September 9, 2016. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. with the funeral service following at 12 noon. Dr. Paul Brashier and Rev. Randy McHan will officiate. His good friends, Chuck Carter, Philip Bush, Stewart Foley, Louis Embrey, Larry Callahan, and Mike Price will serve as pall bearers, with Lonnie Godard, Lawrence Pickering, Dusty Farrish, Keith Farrish, and Damien Husband serving as honorary pall bearers. Interment will be at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Laurel.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
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Service

SEP 9. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ i remember shooting the brahma bulls at the stockyard with benny...with our "daisy"bb guns when we were 6 yrs old!hiding in the loft and running from the guy who said he was gonna,"git us"! so sad.our prayers to you,sheila.

john bishop - September 13, 2016 at 11:11 PM

CW

“ Sending prayers and love to you, Sheila, and your family...may God hold you close! Sweet memories of you and Benny, as we were young parents...God bless! Cheryl Rayner Wheelis-Lott

Cheryl Rayner Wheelis-Lott - September 10, 2016 at 08:06 AM

SH

“ Sheila, words cannot express my sorrow for you and your family at this time. I am so glad that I got to visit with you and Benny in June at our reunion. May God grant you strength and peace in your journey ahead.

Sandra Williams Halliday - September 08, 2016 at 08:51 PM

FB

“ Sheila and all our loved ones, you are in my prayers and thoughts as you adjust to life without Benny. What wonderful memories he and all our Lewis first cousins had visiting Mama and Papa Lewis as we were growing up. I was grateful to visit with him and Sheila a few months ago, to see him comfortable in his beloved surroundings. May all of you find peace, comfort and joy as memories of him grow richer with time. Love, Fred Allen

Fred Allen Barfoot - September 08, 2016 at 05:50 PM

TS

“ Tom Smith lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Benny" Ross Lewis, Jr.



Tom Smith - September 08, 2016 at 03:49 PM

TS

A dear friend that will always in in my thoughts ,on my mind .A wonderful person so happy to know .

Tom Smith - September 08, 2016 at 03:53 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Benjamin "Benny" Ross Lewis, Jr..



September 08, 2016 at 10:02 AM

MN

“ Sheila, Todd and Kayce,
I'm so saddened by the loss of my dear cousin, Benny. We spent so many years together growing up with all the cousins. May God grant you peace and comfort as you adjust to daily life without Benny. You have such wonderful memories.

Madelon Redd Nohra - September 08, 2016 at 09:39 AM



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Linda Kennedy - September 08, 2016 at 07:57 AM



“ So glad I got to see Bennie this summer at our 50th class reunion. Spent many hours with him working cattle in the 70's. Bennie always put a smile on my face when I saw him. Sheila, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family to whom he was so devoted.

Jim Sanders

Jim Sanders - September 08, 2016 at 07:15 AM