



George Daniel Lewis

May 12, 1939 - August 4, 2016

George Daniel Lewis, (Dan) died on August 4th, 2016, at Stanford University Hospital in Palo Alto, CA. He was a retired resident of Morro Bay on the California central coast. He was born on May 12, 1939, at St. Mary's Hospital in Roswell, to George and Clara Lewis of Dexter, N.M. He was reared in Dexter, graduating as valedictorian from Dexter High in 1957, where his father was the long serving high school math teacher and basketball coach and his mother the librarian. He graduated from NMMI at Roswell in 1959, and finished his formal education with a bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University at Dallas, TX, in 1961.

He taught high school math for a year in Espanola, NM, then moved to Oakland, CA, where he worked for a decade at Kaiser as a financial analyst. He moved to Los Gatos, CA, near San Jose in 1973, and managed the Old Town Wine Cellar where he developed an interest in wine making. He started his own wine marketing business, that developed into his own winery in the early 1980's, a business he pursued until his retirement some years ago. It was through their interest in wine that he met his wife, Sylvia Jordan, when they were attending an enology class at the local college in Los Gatos. He and Sylvia moved to Santa Fe, where he continued his wine marketing throughout west and central US, with his son, Stillman operating the winery and taking over the duties of wine maker. Sylvia was a teacher for the Santa Fe schools and they designed and built a home in the Cerrillos area. Several years ago, they returned to California to be near their son and grandchildren.

Dan is survived and mourned by Sylvia, their son, Stillman and their adult grandchildren: John, Jake and Luke, all of Morro Bay; his brother Jack Lewis and wife, Kum Hee of Oakland, CA; two sisters: Flossie Blackwell, Jr. of Edgewood, NM, and Helen Ault of Buena Park, CA; and several nieces and nephews, including; LeAnn Sandoval and Lisa Reinecke of Dexter, NM, and Doug Reinecke of Jemez, Springs.

He was preceded in death by his older brother, Don Lewis; his brother Wallace Reinecke; his mother and father and step-mother, Opal Reinecke Lewis.

On Tuesday, August 16th at 11:00AM there will be a grave side service and interment for family and friends who wish to attend, at South Park Cemetery of Roswell, NM; just south of the Veterans Memorial. The family suggests donations to the American Diabetes Association in lieu of flowers for memoriam. (American Diabetes Association, P. O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312, Phone: 800-342-2383)

Obituary lovingly written by the Lewis family.

Please take the time to share your thoughts and memories of George with the Lewis family in the online registry at andersonbethany.com.

Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory is honored to serve the Lewis family.

Tribute Wall



“ *George Daniel Lewis*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I met Dan at the home of a mutual friend years ago. We enjoyed several conversations over dinner and glass of wine times during subsequent visits. He was a great guy, a character in every good way. Smart as a whip and ready to engage in verbal combat at the drop of a hat. I will miss Dan, and I will always remember his stimulating words and his generosity of spirit. A good man who lived a useful and meaningful life,*

Bob Shive - August 15, 2016 at 09:11 AM

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“ *I sure will miss you Dan.*

We burned up many phone minutes talking about politics, food, wine, tv shows, movies, music, technology, New Mexico history, son, grandsons, and did I mention politics? You were passionate about all of these subjects and were a fount of knowledge about all of them. I listened, learned, and we shared good laughs.

I was happy to think of you in California with Stillman and his sons. You loved them and they loved you and helped you live a good life there.

Thanks for the great wine, Good Buddy. I am having guests for dinner tomorrow and will toast a Red Zeppelin to you.

Rest in peace,

Kathleen Higgins

Kathleen Higgins - August 14, 2016 at 09:27 PM