



Laverne J. Lewis

February 9, 1949 - October 11, 2017

Laverne J. Lewis, 68, of Shippenville passed away on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 unexpectedly at his home of natural causes.

He was born on February 9, 1949 in Pittsburgh. The son of the late Edward J. and Dorothy Zacherl Lewis.

Laverne was raised between East Brady and Zacherl's Farm, Shippenville. His family's farm which was established in the 1850's.

He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1968.

Laverne married Karen Hepfl on October 13, 1973. Friday they would have joyously celebrated their 44th Anniversary.

Laverne spent his early years working within the construction industry. He was later asked to become a partner in Zacherl's Farm and spent the remaining years happily farming the land of his ancestors.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarion and a member of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

Laverne loved spending time with his family; especially his grandchildren. He also delighted in his morning coffee with the Country Fair crew.

He is survived by his wife and children: Mathew J. Lewis, Aaron P. Lewis and wife Sunshine of Shippenville, Lance A. Lewis and wife Debra of Panama City, FL and Craig D. Lewis and wife Catherine of Shippenville. Five grandchildren: Marlon, Mason, Maggie, George and Ben Lewis.

Laverne is also survived by his siblings: Mary Seaman (Arthur), Mark Lewis, Julie Stoughton (Dale), Sue Bonacum, Edward Lewis and Jean Lewis. Brother

and sister in laws: Joseph Reed, Mark Reed, Julie Campbell, Lisa Reed, Patricia Schmader and Patrick Reed. Mother-in-law, Rita Reed and special Uncle, David Zacherl, other aunts and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and father in law, Joseph Reed. The family will receive friends on Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, October 16, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarion with the Rev. Monty Sayers pastor presiding. In lieu of flowers the family request memorials or donations can be made to a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home
638 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-6300
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

OCT **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home
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Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
720 Liberty St
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-8433

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Laverne J. Lewis.*



October 16, 2017 at 04:26 PM



“ *Karen,
My heart and love go out to you and your family. I am so very sorry to hear about Vern. Praying for you. Love, Tina Lauer Bridge*

Tina Bridge - October 16, 2017 at 03:27 PM

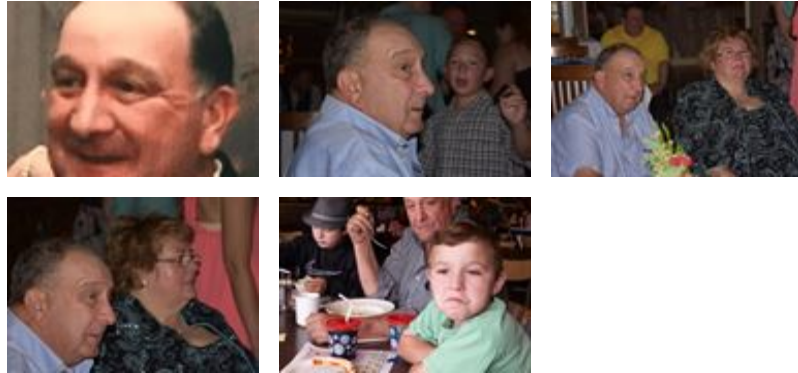


“ *Vern and my husband were friends when they were younger, they used to race, now they will be racing in heaven together...Rest in peace Vern.....*

Yvonne - October 15, 2017 at 05:06 PM



“ 158 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - October 14, 2017 at 05:05 PM

DL

“ Karen,
Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. We have a lot of memories of Vern in our younger days.
Gary and "Debbie Kay" Lauer

Deb Lauer - October 14, 2017 at 04:25 PM

MC

“ *Matt and Karen and the rest of the Lewis family I am so sorry for your loss! We at West Park have you all in your prayers! --Missy Crocker*

missy crocker - October 14, 2017 at 03:38 PM

7A

“ 738 AEAG, Kandahar, Afghanistan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Laverne J. Lewis.



738 AEAG, Kandahar, Afghanistan - October 14, 2017 at 11:06 AM

AA

“ *"It is not length of life, but depth of life."*

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Deepest condolences to you Lance, may your heart ache but beam with pride at the man your Father raised. He would be proud.

- Archi and your MSF family

Archi Archibald - October 13, 2017 at 11:35 PM

JG

“ *Sending prayers to the Lewis family! May you find that God carry you through this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Jessica Girvan*

Jssica Girvan - October 13, 2017 at 09:57 PM

TC

“ Terry Campbell lit a candle in memory of Laverne J. Lewis



Terry Campbell - October 13, 2017 at 09:08 PM

DM

“ Karen and Family ~ So very sorry for your loss. Praying for the peace that surpasses ALL understanding rest upon you. LOVE and HUGS friend.

Denise and Mike Myers

Denise Myers - October 13, 2017 at 06:29 PM

BM

“ Karen and family. I was very sorry to hear about Vern.

Bob McHenry - October 13, 2017 at 04:33 PM

MD

“ Michele & Jim George and Jim Dobrancin purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Laverne J. Lewis.



Michele & Jim George and Jim Dobrancin - October 13, 2017 at 03:53 PM

BJ

“ Karen and family, so sorry for your great loss. Willy and I send our deepest sympathy, Love and prayers. God grant you all His peace.

Butch Jones - October 13, 2017 at 01:57 PM

BL

“ So sorry to hear of Vern's passing. We never met him but we both taught with his mom, Dorothy and his sister, Mary. We also had Eddie John and Jeannie in school. We are traveling this week so we are sad that we won't be able to express our condolences in person. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob and Joyce(Hawk) Leard

Bob and Joyce Leard - October 13, 2017 at 11:40 AM

LZ

“ Laverne was a dear friend and classmate at East Brady High School.

Sincere condolences to his family.

Larry Zimmel

Larry Zimmel - October 13, 2017 at 11:37 AM

SS

“ Karen, I just saw this, I am so sorry about Vern. I have wondered about you a lot a couple of weeks ago I went by your place and wondered if you was still there and how you were doing. I can't believe it has been 44 years since you got married.

Sally Snow - October 13, 2017 at 10:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laverne J. Lewis.* ”



October 13, 2017 at 10:07 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Laverne J. Lewis.* ”



October 13, 2017 at 09:56 AM



“ *Karen and family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.
"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal."* ”

Danielle Bunch - October 13, 2017 at 08:14 AM



“ *Mike And Shelly Best lit a candle in memory of Laverne J. Lewis* ”



Mike and Shelly Best - October 13, 2017 at 07:58 AM

AS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. We all loved Vern. He tormented and teased but we all gave it right back to him and he loved it. I will be praying that God will comfort you all this week. God bless you all.

April Smail - October 13, 2017 at 12:13 AM

AM

“ Such a gracious, sweet man. My husband, James, and I were honored to meet him, his lovely wife and the rest of the family at Lance and Deb's wedding last October. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

April Moran - October 12, 2017 at 08:36 PM

JK

“ He will be missed at restaurant breakfast table from the salt in his coffee to mush. Im happy to have know him one of a kind. The love for his grandkids was amazing as he always had a story about them. He will be missed.

Joel Kerle - October 12, 2017 at 07:49 PM