



Lewis Baxter Kidd, Jr.

March 2, 1962 - February 7, 2005

Lewis Baxter Kidd, Jr., age 42, loving husband and extremely devoted father, went to be with the Lord on Monday, February 7, 2005. He was a native of Portsmouth. He was an active member of Deep Creek Baptist Church and a former member of Believers Baptist Church. He served his community as Co-founder of the River Bend Civic League, a former board member of the Marlin Swim Club and a dedicated coach of the Western Branch Athletic Club. Lewis touched so many lives and we will all remember him by his radiant smile and contagious spirit.

Lewis is survived by his wife Dawn Tarr Kidd of 20 years, son Jordon Gray and daughter Allison Joan. His parents, Lewis B. Kidd, Sr. and Donna Meacham Kidd. His sisters Lori Dare Kidd and Leigh Anne Newsom, husband Timothy. Mother and Father-in-law Joan and Jim Tarr; sisters and brother-in-laws Teresa Knight, husband Ron, David Tarr, wife Kathy and Jami Tarr. Nieces and nephews Aner Gonzalez, Jr., Ashton and Alston Newsom, Cynthia and Kelly Knight, Kelsey, Dawson and Kylie Tarr. Lewis leaves behind many friends and extended family members.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday at Nansemond River Baptist Church with burial services to be held at the Olive Branch Cemetery. The family will receive family & friends at the Loving Funeral Home Chapel, Churchland Chapel, Wednesday, February 9th from 6:30-8:00 PM. The family would like to express their gratitude for the love and support of his devoted friends and family who supported him during his illness. In lieu of flowers, a

trust fund will be established for his children at Northern Star Credit Union located on Portsmouth Blvd.

Tribute Wall



“ Hi Dawn,

I do not know if you remember me ? This is Jay Moy your long lost friend. I am still in Asia, presently in Hong Kong.

I do not know what to say ! I was doing my Master thesis and happen to doing some search in the internet and run into your name. This was the last thing I think I would find along with your name.

My wife and I have tried to contact you and Lewis a few years back and find you have moved. We check with your parent's house but no one was home when we visited.

Please drop me a note and let me know how you are doing. My Email address is jaymoy@hotmail.com.

My thoughts are with you and sorry in so late in contacting you and hear about Lewis !

Miss you all !

JAY##imported-begin##Jay MOY##imported-end##

September 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Kidd and Family,

Wanted you to know how much we enjoyed Lewis. When he worked with PQDRs, he used to stop here at NAVICP Mechanicsburg for a "customer service" visit, when he came to PA to go to the Hershey Auto show. When he no longer worked with our office, he routinely called to check on everyone and "tried" to pull some type of trick on me! Sometimes he "had me going"! But, he always made me smile and laugh, no matter how horrible my day was. He always told me PA women were TOO honest, because I always told him how it was! He was always bragging about what a good wife he had and how you took special care of him! I told him he was lucky, but you must be nuts! I'm sorry to say, I did not know Lewis was ill, but had wondered why he hadn't called lately. He will be greatly missed. He was the king of story telling! My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Rhonda L. Seigle##imported-end##

February 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Kidd & Family,

I'm sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. Kidd was a great man, who enjoyed life. We will miss seeing his smiling face at the Marlin Club. May the Lord be with you in this difficult time.##imported-begin##John Parr##imported-end##

February 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We loved Lewis more than words can describe. We miss him so much already. We are so glad to have so many wonderful memories of Lewis: ski trips, the trip to Disney, going to church, the Marlin Club, Sunday night marshmallow roasts and many, many nights out to eat. We knew if Lewis was involved it would be FUN! He made such an impact on our lives and the lives of our children. There will never be anyone else like him. Dawn, Allison and Jordan, we will always be here for you.##imported-begin##Allen & Teri Walsh##imported-end##

February 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Kidd and family:

I worked with Lewis for many years at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and shared many stories about our children's baseball games. Lewis always knew how to make people smile and laugh. I am truly blessed for being able to call him my friend as he brought such joy to everyone that he met. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Cindi Newcomb##imported-end##

February 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs Kidd & Family,

Lew was one of a kind. He was a big man, but his personality and spirit were much bigger than his physical body. When he came into a room you could feel his smile. One of the nicest people I have met. He will be missed and remembered.

My Deepest Regrets On Your Loss##imported-begin##Ray Wilcher##imported-end##

February 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Lewis was such a blessing with his joy and laughter. I will miss him.##imported-begin##Kem Dize##imported-end##

February 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kidd Family,
You all are in our prayers. Always remember God has a plan for his children and one day it will be revealed to us when we see Him. Lewis and Donna our hearts are very sadden over your loss.##imported-begin##Denny & Sandra Quinn##imported-end##

February 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I went to High school with Dawn. We were in the same homeroom & I consider her my friend. I last saw her at our 20th high school reunion. Even though I did not know Lewis I can tell by these 121 entries that he was liked by many & will be sorely missed. But I can also tell that he was a man of God & he is rejoicing with our lord & savior now. I just lost my brother last week so know a bit of the sorrow you are feeling right now. My sympathy goes out to you Dawn & to your children. I know your in- laws through Dr. Ishoms office where I work. They are wonderful people & will continue to be a source of strength for you. Take care & may the memories of your beloved husband give you comfort. In christian love, Missy Neal Rapp##imported-begin##Missy Neal Rapp##imported-end##

February 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dawn, Jordan, Allyson, Mr. and Mrs. Kidd, Leigh Anne, Lori and Family, I am sorry to hear of your loss. I haven't seen "Little Lewis" in many years since I have lived in PA for 15 years but after reading all of the lovely letters to you I realize he was very much loved and respected. Of course, when I think of him the names Pic Juicy Lucy, OBI Old Bones Incorporated, Hot Dog, Chucky and my name, Dino come to mind. As a child I did not really appreciate this. Ha!

It seems like yesterday that we were at Loving Funeral Home for my Mam Maw's viewing. A few hours before she passed my son Garrett who is autistic wanted to lay with her. He is very much into music and I asked him to sing a song to Mam Maw. To my surprise he proceeded to sing "Only the Good Die Young" by Billy Joel! I have no idea why he chose that song but it was very appropriate. And it seems so in this case.

My heart goes out to you.

With Love,

Dana###imported-begin##Dana Peaks###imported-end##

February 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Kidd, Newsome, & Tarr Families,

We were so sorry to hear about the loss of Lewis. We will truly miss his kind, smiling face. We will especially miss him at the Marlin Club. April and Brian have fond memories of him at the 4th of July festivities picking them up and throwing them into the water. God Bless All Of You during this difficult time.

*Susan, Donnie, April, & Brian Moody
Chesapeake, VA##imported-begin##Susan Moody##imported-end##*

February 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Whenever we think of Lewis, we always remember him with a smile on his face. I know he is still smiling now. We will keep you all in our prayers!##imported-begin##Joel & Julie Hawkins##imported-end##

February 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Lewis' passing, but we know he is in a better place, and in full health. I know you will be missing him, because noone can really take his place. Our prayers are with you that you will find God's comfort.

It's a humbling experience to see that one of my former students turned out to be such a great man of God.##imported-begin##Ellen Richards##imported-end##

February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Dawn, Jordan & Allison,

We were sorry to hear of your loss of Lewis. He was a very special person and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

The Parker Family##imported-begin##Mary & Ken Parker##imported-end##

February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dawn and family-Lewis, Leigh Ann, and Lori. Carlton and I were so sorry to hear that Lewis had passed. You could not think of Lewis without smiling. His humor lifted hearts to any one who knew him. He was a good example of what it means to be a child of God. May the Lord and his grace give you peace during this time.

Our prayers are with you all.

Carlton and Peggy Whitlow##imported-begin##Carlton and Peggy Whitlow##imported-end##

February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Mark B. Taylor##imported-end##

February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dawn, you and the children are in my prayers. Lewis was a great person that left a legacy to be remembered. May time heal your grief and good memories be with you always.##imported-begin##Rhonda Ellsworth-White##imported-end##

February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dawn and family and Joan and Jim. We are so very sorry for the loss of Lewis. It sounds like he was a very special person to a lot of people. We wanted to send our deepest sympathy. Our heart goes out to each and every one of you. God bless you.##imported-begin##Mac & Jackie Bright##imported-end##

February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ What can we say that hasn't been said? There isn't really anything that anyone who knew Lewis and your family doesn't already know. If you knew Lewis, you loved him. We did. When we moved back to VA and joined Believers we soon found Lewis to be a strong backbone of that church. One that fought for the church and his church family. He was ever true and present to the church, his family and his friends - a true Christian who didn't need to talk the talk because he walked the walk. So many times we have put our faith in men and so many times have we been failed. It was our fault alone to have looked around instead of up. But Lewis never let us down. The only thing that felt like home after the hurt was the Kidd-Tarr Family. We look to them for guidance and see they are all leaders. They are a pillar of kindness, strength, love and an awesome outstretching of Christ's Body. Thank you for all of you. You are very kind friends that I consider family. We will all miss Lewis. Especially those that never knew him, what a true blessing they have missed out on. It was an honor to have him as a friend. We will miss his prank calls, his "Indian" talk, his laugh, his smile...him. I know the moment he left this earth and saw His face he heard, "Well done thy good and faithful servant." For the Family, may the Lord hold you tightly in his everlasting, comforting arms and may you seek shelter from the storms of sadness in Him and your unbelievably vast amounts of friends who love you dearly.##imported-begin##Curtis and Cindee Hawkins##imported-end##

February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dawn, Jordan & Allison,

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you in this sadden time. If there is anything you need please let us know. The ball field will not be the same without Lewis. I don't know who will fill his shoes when it comes to our concession stand for the Sunday select games. He will always be in our hearts until we meet him again. James really liked Lewis as a coach as much as a friend. Take care and please don't hesitate to call for help getting the kids to sports or whatever.##imported-begin##Mike, Laura & James Journigan##imported-end##

February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Lewis' passing, but we know he is in a better place, and in full health. I know you will be missing him, because noone can really take his place. Our prayers are with you that you will find God's comfort.##imported-begin##Ellen Richards##imported-end##

February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear, Dawn, Jordan, Allison, Donna & Lewis, Lori, LeAnne, Joan & Jim, Teresa and all of the Kidd & Tarr Family and Casey the beloved family dog she No words can express the hurt and loss that I know you must be going that there are many, many people that are sharing in your feelings. Louis person to so many, and I don't think I ever heard anyone say a harsh word with all his practical jokes and his special phone calls pretending to be someone making the person he was calling believe that he was indeed the person he be. The one thing I will always remember about Louis was his phrase a MOK, things were not just OK they were MOK. Our hearts go out to you heartache, but we all know how much Lew loved the Lord and now he stories with everyone. See you when we get there.
Love always, in Christian Love, ##imported-begin## F.M. & Sandy Lassiter

February 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We will miss hearing and seeing Lewis at the ballfield and at the Marlin Club.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. ##imported-begin## John, Theresa and Ryan Woodall ##imported-end##

February 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear Lewis passed. I didn't know him real well, but I could tell he was a very generous man in many different ways. ##imported-begin## David E. Wilkins ##imported-end##

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“ Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to you. We first met Lewis when Brittany was 6 years old. She is now 14. She was venturing out and decided that she wanted to play T-Ball. Lewis was one of her coaches. He was always very patient, fun, and loving towards Brittany and her fellow team mates. Ever since then, we would see Lewis out at the ball field, the Churchland Swim Club and all around Western Branch. Lewis would "always" stop and inquire on the family and see how everyone was doing. His smile and genuine care for others will be missed. How lucky we have been to have the opportunity to know him.

God bless each of you.

Robin, Troy and Brittany Tilley###imported-begin###Troy, Robin and Brittany Tilley###imported-end###

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“ You and your family will be in my prayers. I remember the last time I was visiting Roy and Lynn and I saw Lewis he was at Jordan's baseball game. We talked about Allison's love for horses and Jordan's love for sports. He was so proud of his family. Please let me know if there is anyway I can help or specifically pray. I know I was praying for Lewis' healing and I know he is ultimately healed now, but I would have loved for him to have more time with his family.

Love Peggi Johnson 434-907-0308###imported-begin###Peggi Johnson###imported-end###

February 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Our family and church family have been praying for you all during these last few months of Lewis's illness. Our hearts go out to all of you in this time of great loss. We will continue to pray for you all and pray for comfort and healing of your broken hearts in the months to come. Please let us know if we can do anything at all to help any of you. Rest in the fact that Lewis is safe and healthy in his Savior's arms.##imported-begin##Jason & Amanda Williams & East Coast Church Family##imported-end##

February 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so very sorry to hear of the passing of Lewis. It was my privilege to get to know Lewis when I was a young teacher and coach and he was in high school. His sense of humor always made me smile. When I would see him around town the past few years it was encouraging to see the fine Christian man he had become and that he maintained that great sense of humor. May the Lord continue to provide comfort and strength to each of you and know that many lives have been blessed by Lewis and the way he related so well to everyone. Praying for you all during these difficult days.##imported-begin##Cliff Williams##imported-end##

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“ We shared some great times together with "the Snavely's". We will always remember when we were neighbors - making carpet angels, "straightening" the furniture, bringing our own steaks over for cookouts, the famous block party moon over Danforth, and watching the 20/20 wrestling report. "Honey, have I ever been here before?" Lewis will be greatly missed, but we know that someday we will be together again.

Revelation 21:4

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus!##imported-begin##Doug & Carla David##imported-end##

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“ Ms. Kidd:
*Please remember that many of us do care for you,. You are in my thoughts and my prayers.
Cinque misses you. He says he will see you soon.
Love, Joy, Peace and many Blessings to you and your children.
Pat Burns of the Camelot and Portsmouth families.##imported-begin##V. Pat Burns##imported-end##*

February 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Kidd and Family:
Our prayers and thoughts are with you in your time of need.
The Special Education Department here at Camelot Elementary
School misses you. Our children also miss you.
The Special Education Department###imported-begin###Mrs. C.
Cropper###imported-end##

February 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ What can you say about a guy who made everyone else around him
better, happier, important and more complete when you were in his
presence? Lewis had that Special way of making you feel like you
were the most important person in his life at that very moment! As a
young 7th grade boy growing up at Faith Christian I can truly say he
had a lasting impact on my life. You can't know Lewis and not be a
better person for being blessed while in his presence. I remember
thinking, "This guy is Awesome!" He made me feel like I was one of
the "older" guys and he always looked out for me! Some of you
remember that baseball team with Coach Wayne Smith and me as
the Manager. I value that time as seeing a leader in Lewis that
would follow him the rest of his life! Even through the years when I
didn't get a chance to see him often, when I did, It was like old
times! I can still hear him laugh and I know he is more happier than
ever right now at the right hand of God the Father! His character
and godly legacy will live long in all of us who knew him. : I can truly
say it hurt to hear that Lewis passed on, but I know the Lord called
him Home at his appointed Homecoming! God bless you Mr. and
Mrs. Kidd, Lori, Leanne, Dawn and children. Your son, brother,
husband, and father was a Great Man! You all are in my thoughts
and prayers! Blaire###imported-begin###Blaire Bragg###imported-
end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers remain with you during your time of sorrow. When we were at the funeral home, I was in awe at how many people were there. That is truly a testament to how much he was loved by both family and friends. May the Lord watch over you and comfort you in the trying days ahead.

Cathy Sanders, Mike and Brian Ward###imported-begin##Cathy Ward###imported-end##

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“ Jimmy and I are very blessed today to have known Lewis. He was the best neighbor we have ever had. I will always see him across the street spending every chance he could with Allison and Jordan. He sincerely touched our lives and will be greatly missed. We are here for you. Jimmy and Dianne Frederick###imported-begin##Dianne & Jimmy Frederick###imported-end##

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“ You have my sorrow and prayers at your loss. I knew Lewis at work where he was always cheerful and conscientious in his actions. May God grant you His Grace and Peace in this time of sorrow.###imported-begin##Stan Cagle###imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry. I know that we are not alone in saying that we loved him. We grew up together. My heart is broken for your loss and for ours. I cannot even begin to imagine the pain. I know that he is happy and it is a comfort knowing that he is in heaven. We will miss him and his laughter, but we will never forget the happy atmosphere that he always brought with him everywhere he went.##imported-begin##Cleve and Cindy Butts##imported-end##

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“ To the Kidd Family, our hearts are saddened at the passing of a former co-worker, friend and fellow brother in Christ. Yet, our hearts are gladden in the homegoing of a courageous saint of God! The Word of God declares, "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" Psa.116:15. Jesus said, "...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper..." Heb.13:5,6 May the grace of God and his tender mercies go with your family as you face life without the presence of your treasured love one! Praying for you! Pastor Edwin Goodwin of the Alpha and Omega Baptist Fellowship!##imported-begin##Pastor Edwin L. Goodwin Jr.##imported-end##

February 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Lewis Kidd family...It was truly our privelege to have known Lewis. It was an honor to have taught and coached Lewis when he was a teenager. What a great Christian man he became...husband,father,friend,leader, always with character,humor,kindness,...the stuff we all should be as we get farther along in life. Cracking a one-liner,breaking out in song, or just giving you a big bear hug...Lewis will be missed here. See you in heaven.

Our thoughts and prayers,
Wayne and Sheila Smith & family##imported-begin##Wayne Smith##imported-end##

February 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ GOD IS THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN COMFORT YOU AND KEEP YOU.##imported-begin##Harry E Nichols##imported-end##

February 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kidd family:Since we heard about Lewis's illness and homegoing, our minds have been flooded with the happy memories over the past 30 years that we have known your family. We've been through some tough times and many happy times together. Lewis was a part of those times. He meant so much to our family, especially Nat and Lynnette. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult times. Our joy is that we know one day we will see Lewis again and there will be no pain or suffering. Remember"\"You're not alone\". Love and prayers, Queen and N.T.##imported-begin##Dianne & N.T. Aydlett##imported-end##

February 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ To Dawn, Jordan and Allison,
Our sincerest condolences. Lewis was a wonderful man who will be missed by a great many. He was one of a kind. May the Lord comfort and strengthen you in the coming days. He's at home with Him now.
Jeff and Alice###imported-begin##Jeff Ritchie###imported-end##

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“ ###imported-begin##Danny Bolduc###imported-end##

February 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ For the family and friends of Lewis I am deeply sorry for your loss of a wonderful husband, father, son, brother, and Christian man who loved his God, family, and neighbors doing all he could when ever needed. Lewis lived his life w/love of God, which gave him the peace and joy to enjoy all of life. When w/children he could be child like when he needed to be a mentor he did so w/success. When w/adults he encourage humor and when needed provided responsibility to balance the atmosphere of the moment. Lewis lived a life here on earth that exemplifies the Grace received from God as a Christian. His life may have been short here on earth but what I know is it will live on and from Heaven Lewis will still be our Angel. What Lewis gave to each who knew him we will use in our everyday walk just as we did when he was walking beside us in the physical step. God has called our Angel to Heaven but he still lives in spirit w/each of us from his Christian love. We must now ensure as tough as it is that Lewis?s life be celebrity as Joyous as he lived it.###imported-begin##Pat Smith###imported-end##

February 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Kidd family, we would like to send you our deepest condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Ashlei and Katlyn Gates. We Love you Ms. Kidd.##imported-begin##Michelle Gates##imported-end##

February 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I am out of town on business and so sorry that I will not be there. Every time I met Lewis he had a smile on his face. What a great person for all husbands and fathers to strive to be like. I am so sorry for your lose. God bless and comfort all of you. I know for sure, we will be with him again, and forever.##imported-begin##Gary Tester##imported-end##

February 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dawn, Jordan, Allison, Donna & Lewis, Sr. & Mr. & Mrs Tarr,

I can not even comprehend what all of you are feeling in the loss of Lewis, Jr. I am so sorry. I rejoice that his life showed his love for Jesus Christ and that he is with Him now. There are no words to express the profound loss of a loved one but, please know, that you all will be in my thoughts and I will uphold you all in prayer. We will see Lewis again. God promised.##imported-begin##Lucille Brockinton##imported-end##

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“ Where are the words to express the deep visceral pain that follows the loss of a beloved son? There are none. And what happens to all the moments of tenderness shared from his first precious breath to his last uttered words? They will dwell in your heart and memory until your last drawn breath and you will remain forever bonded by a love too powerful to see, to powerful to hear, and to powerful to express. I suspect that this love is the closest we ever come to the unconditional love that God has for us.

Love

Priscilla##imported-begin##Priscilla Martino##imported-end##

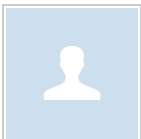
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“ I just wanted to send my very deepest sympathy to the Kidd family my heart goes out to each and everyone of you.

Jim Greens Family##imported-begin##Gale Powers##imported-end##

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“ Upon arriving at the funeral home to say goodbye to Lewis, I was awestruck at the many, many, many friends and family that were there to do the same. This is clearly a testament to the love he gave to all. He will be missed but he's waiting for us. And he will smile.##imported-begin##Alan Gaskins##imported-end##

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“ Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest condolences. He will be truly missed.##imported-begin##John Umphlett##imported-end##

February 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Dawn,
I was terribly distressed to see this appear in today's newspaper. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your children as you deal with this unexpected passing. May God comfort you as you heal.###imported-begin##Valerie Cummings###imported-end##

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“ Dawn, Jordan, and Allison,
My heart goes out to each of you. I regret that I never knew your husband/dad but it is obvious that he was a wonderful person, from what I have read and heard about him. They say that you can judge a man by his family, and saying that and knowing all of you, I know how special he was. Jordan and Allison, you are two of the nicest students I have had the pleasure of teaching....my thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Dawn, no words can express my sympathy for you all. The Kidd family has always been and will continue to be a special one to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God ease your pain and gather strength in His love.###imported-begin##Judy Foy###imported-end##

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“ We feel so blessed to have known Lewis. He had such a great sense of humor and was a fun person to know. You are special people and are in our thoughts and prayers. We will never forget walking around the block when Lewis pulled up behind us in his truck as if to hit us with it. We were scared out of mind and he couldn't stop laughing. We only knew him for a short while but we will always remember him. Take care Dawn, Jordan and Allison.##imported-begin##Mark, Lori and Austin Bjostad##imported-end##

February 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dawn, Lewis and I grew up together, played little league sports together and later on in life we worked many years together. He had the same personality as a kid and as an adult. I always liked talking to him, he was one in a million. I tried to get to the funeral home twice tonight and both times the line was the longest I have ever seen and I have been to many viewings there. That is a great testament to how many lives Lewis touched, it was great to see. My parents, sister, and my brother all send their well wishes for you and your family also. May God Bless you and your family. I just thank God for letting me spend as much time as I did with him.##imported-begin##John Lofton##imported-end##

February 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Donna, Lewis, Lori, & Leigh Anne,
I'm so sorry to hear of your loss! There are no words that can adequately help in a time like this. Just know that I am praying for you and love you dearly.

In Christ,

Ginny & Larry Dixon##imported-begin##Ginny Simmen & Larry Dixon##imported-end##

February 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dawn, Jordan and Allison:

Please accept our family's condolences for your loss. During the eight years I knew Lewis through WBAC, I developed the utmost respect for him. His caring, thoughtful and generous manner was truly contagious. I know your family will miss a great dad. I am one of many who shared a ball field with him. We will all miss a great coach and mentor to hundreds of kids. He influenced many lives through his selfless volunteerism and wit. I can't exactly describe Lewis's laugh, but it was sincere and one I'll always remember. I am a better person for having known him.

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John Rusch##imported-begin##John Rusch##imported-end##

February 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dawn, Lewis, Donna, Lori and Leigh Anne,

We're hurting for you right now, and praying the God of all comfort will be closer than ever for you.

Rick and Gail Lawrenson##imported-begin##Rick Lawrenson##imported-end##

February 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lewis will always be a part of our lives. He made the lives of everyone he met a little better and a little happier. Our prayers are with you and with him.##imported-begin##Michael & Cathy McBride##imported-end##*

February 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ A little girl had been shopping with her Mom in Wal-Mart. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful image of innocence. It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there under the awning and just inside the door of the Wal-Mart.

We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day. I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

The little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in "Mom, let's run through the rain," she said.

"What?" Mom asked.

"Let 's run through the rain!" She repeated.

"No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit," Mom replied.

This young child waited about another minute and repeated: "Mom, let's run through the rain,"

"We'll get soaked if we do," Mom said.

"No, we won't, Mom. That's not what you said this morning," the

*young girl said
as she tugged at her Mom's arm.*

*This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not
get wet?*

*"Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his
cancer, you said,
'If God can get us through this,
he can get us through anything!"*

*The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear
anything but the
rain. We all stood silently. No one came or left in the next few
minutes.*

*Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say.
Now some would
laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore
what was
said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A
time when
innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.*

*"Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If GOD
let's us
get wet, well maybe we just needed washing," Mom said.*

*Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as
they darted
past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They held their
shopping bags over
their heads just in case. They got soaked. But they were followed by
a few who
screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars.*

And yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories... So, don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories everyday. To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.

I HOPE YOU STILL TAKE THE TIME TO RUN THRO UGH THE RAIN.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

God makes everything but unbreakable hearts!##imported-begin##Karen & Hill Cooper##imported-end##

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“ SO SORRY TO HEAR THIS. JUST HEARD HE WAS SICK THE OTHER DAY BY A MARLIN CLUB BOARD MEMBER. I WORKED WITH HIM IN SHOP 56 AND SERVED ON THE MARLIN CLUB BOARD WITH HIM. MAY GOD BLESS....NORMAN##imported-begin##Norman Davenport##imported-end##

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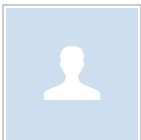
“ We the members of the Chesapeake Marine Corps League wish to extend our prayers to the family of Lewis Kidd. We stand to support you in any way. Commandant Wayne Zapata and Chaplain John M. Bailey Marine Corps League of Chesapeake.##imported-begin##John M. Bailey##imported-end##

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“ I have only known Lewis for a little over three years. When my wife and I relocated to the Hampton Roads area, Lewis was the first to welcome us. Lewis was always willing to show us around the area. During these trips with Lewis, I was amazed at all the people he knew. It was obvious, Lewis is well known and respected in the Hampton Roads community. Lewis was the type of man who always put his family and friends first. I always enjoyed being around Lewis, he had that sparkle in his eyes that bring out the good in people. Although our friendship was short, Lewis made a positive impression on my life. I will always remember Lewis.##imported-begin##Norman Grove##imported-end##

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“ Dawn, I have had the pleasure of working with or around Lewis for the past 22 years. I will always remember him for his sense of humor, infectious smile, and caring manner. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. My prayers are with you, Jordan and Allison.##imported-begin##Loretta Ritenour##imported-end##

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“ I met Lewis after going to Code 2350. I was having a rough time adjusting to the code because my job as a computer operator had been abolished. I was in a very bad way. I always had a sad look on my face. To top it off my desk was in a far corner in the dark w/little light. Every morning he came in he made a point of speaking to me and saying something to make me smile or laugh. He was always friendly and just had an outgoing personality. I am very sorry about your loss. My prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Margie Sessoms##imported-end##

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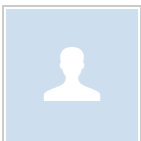
“ Lewis was a wonderful person. His ability to make people laugh and smile will be greatly missed. All of your family is in our thoughts and our prayers.##imported-begin##The Moseberth Family##imported-end##

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“ I am keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest condolences.##imported-begin##Krystal White##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers and thoughts for all of you. He will be terribly missed but what a fine legacy he has left behind. Love to all, Carolyn and Therm##imported-begin##Carolyn and Therm Chamblee##imported-end##

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“ *The Penny*

You always hear the usual stories of pennies on the sidewalk being good luck, gifts from angels, etc. This is the first time I've ever heard this twist on the story. Gives you something to think about...

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband. He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment.

Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single

penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection, and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this?

"Look at it." He said. "Read what it says." She read the words "United States of America."

"No, not that; read further."

"One cent?" "No, keep reading."

"In God we Trust?" "Yes!" "And?"

"And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him? Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up, and realized that I had been worrying and

fretting in my mind about things I cannot change. I read the words, "In God We Trust," and had to laugh. Yes, God, I get the message.

It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful!

And, God is patient...

Have a blessed day!!!imported-begin##Jake Everette##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family,

There is a loss on this earth with the passing of Lewis. I first met Lew back in 6th grade at Faith Christian. We were in school together for 3 years, until I moved on to a different school. But even after moving on, I was able to keep in touch with him. He was definately our class clown. I share stories to this day with my own kids of the laughter that Lewis brought to his friends.

While there may be a loss on this earth, there is a big place he can now bring that same laughter to those that have passed before and will meet him later. Let's just hope they have a good since of humor when he "squirts them".

To Dawn, Jordan, Allison, Mr. & Mrs. Kidd, Lori and Leigh Anne, and the rest of the family, I share in your loss but thank God I was able to know Lewis.

May God Bless,

Lannie##imported-begin##Lannie White##imported-end##

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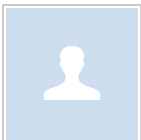
“ Lewis was such a joy to be around - he just had this wonderful gift of making everyone feel happier. We will always cherish our fiendship and special times together, and we look forward to seeing him again in heaven!##imported-begin##Darrell and Debbie Cox##imported-end##

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“ Dear Dawn, Jordan, Allison and Family, A light has gone out in Chesapeake and we can feel the empty space. We will miss seeing Lewis drive by our house. We have been thinking about you and praying for you this week. We pray that you will be able to lean back a little and feel the arms of Jesus as they are surrounding you. As we have so recently found out...His grace IS sufficient for what you are going through. We love you and will continue to uplift you in the coming days.##imported-begin##Jim and Nancy White##imported-end##

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“ Lew was a great friend and exceptional person. He will be sorely missed by all of us who worked with him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family in this sad time.##imported-begin##Bill Welch##imported-end##

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“ Lewis was a great person to work with and made me laugh through the dullest meetings. He always had a smile and was very friendly. I was priviledged to see the family side of Lewis at school and at the pool. I pray for his family that they will make it through this difficult time. Shelly goes to school with Allison. Shelly and I send our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Tammy Snell##imported-end##

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“ Dawn, Jordan, & Allison,
My deepest sympathy goes to you, and my prayers are with you and the rest of the family. I will always remember all of the times that our family saw you guys up at the mall, and I will never forget Lewis playing jokes on my boyfriends, getting their information from me then acting like he knew them!! He was one of the funniest and loving caring men that I knew and he will be greatly missed by me and my family John Vann & family. We are here for you if you need anything, please do not hesitate to call or email us. God Bless.##imported-begin##Jenna Graham Vann##imported-end##

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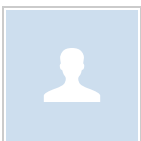
“ LEWIS WAS AS GENUINE AS THEY COME. I WILL MISS HIS CALLING ME BONNIE JEAN AS HE WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT CALLED ME THAT AND IT WAS SO SWEET. I WILL NEVER FORGET HIM SINGING "LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE BIRDS AND THE BEES" EVEN THOUGH WE DID'NT SEE EACH OTHER A LOT , I ALWAYS THOUGHT OF HIM AS MY SPECIAL COUSIN WHO LOVED LIFE, WAS ALWAYS HAPPY, LOVED HIS FAMILY AND HE WAS JUST SPECIAL, I WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. DAWN, UNCLE LEWIS AND AUNT DONNA, LORI, LEIGHANNE I LOVE YOU DEARLY AND HOLD YOU IN MY PRAYERS, LOVE BONNIE JEAN.##imported-begin##bonnie##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Deepest condolences.##imported-begin##Chris, Nancy, Jade & Kennedy Wellington##imported-end##

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“ Dear Dawn, Jordan, Allyson, Kidd Sr. family, Tarr family, and Knight family. Though our paths seperated some years ago we have so many great memories of all of you. You blessed our lives in so many ways. Lewis was a man of character who had the courage to stand upon his beliefs even when it cost him. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.
from our hearts,

Scott & Gayle##imported-begin##Scott & Gayle Ranck##imported-end##

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“ *May God comfort you and bless you at this time. I was in Lewis' apprentice class. During the time I knew him, he was a good friend and person. You will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Joe Dunlow##imported-end##*

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“ *Dawn you and your family have been in our prayers over the last few months. We have been getting updates from Charlotte Ragsdale at Choir rehearsals. Just know we will continue to pray for your family during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Mike & Mary Comes##imported-end##*

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“ Our Faith family has experienced several losses. When cancer took Mark Kramm in Feb of 96 his wife sent this out in a letter.

"I am stnding upon the seashore, a ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. And someone at my side says, "There, she's gone."

Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her; and just at the moment when someone at my side says, "There, she's gone, there are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "There she comes!"

...and that is dying for those who trust in Jesus Christ's work on the cross for their salvation.##imported-begin##Lynn Richards##imported-end##

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“ May the Lord comfort you in your loss. Joy shall come in the morning.God bless you!##imported-begin##Rev. Roy Mcpherson##imported-end##

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“ *If a man's wealth were measured in friendships - Lewis would have surely been one of the richest men in the world!*

I have called Lewis my friend for nearly 30 years and can honestly say that most of my happy high-school memories include him in some form or fashion. He bestowed upon me nicknames I have never outgrown and memories that I will never let go. NO ONE could make you laugh like Lewis -

Dawn, Jordan & Allison, Mr. & Mrs. Kidd, Leigh Ann, Lori and families - it was a privilege and a blessing to have known Lewis. Words cannot express my sadness. I am praying for each of you daily. I love you all.##imported-begin##Susan Culpepper Jenkins##imported-end##

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“ *Dawn, Jordan, Allison, Jami, Mr. and Mrs. Tarr, Mr. and Mrs. Kidd and all extended family our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Deepest Condolences. If we can do anything for you please call us.##imported-begin##Betty, Gene Pope & Family##imported-end##*

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“ *Our prayers go out to the Kidd and Tarr families. We share many happy memories with you of our time together at Believers. May God sustain you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Bill Price##imported-end##*

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“ There will be peace in the midst of the storm.##imported-begin##Alfredia Cooper##imported-end##

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“ To the Kidd, Newsom, Tarr families:
Please accept our heartfelt condolences on your loss. Lewis was a gem. He'll be missed. The Marlin Club will never be the same.

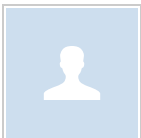
Betty Axson Aronson and family##imported-begin##Betty Aronson##imported-end##

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“ Lewis will be greatly missed. He could always be counted on to make the day better. All of you will be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Alice and Larry Stringham##imported-end##

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“ We have known the Kidd and Tarr family for many years now. Lewis was a blessing in our lives. What a dedicated father and man of God. We will surely miss him.##imported-begin##Lorna, Meyer, Hailey Waghalter##imported-end##

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“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Lewis was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs Ken Roth##imported-end##

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“ What a great friend and neighbor. Lewis was always there lending a hand, or fixing something that I had tried to repair and broke. I will always remember the warm summer days sitting on his front porch talking about the weather, our lawns, and how we would outwit the Moles! He always made us laugh. We will miss him deeply. May God bless Dawn, Jordan, Allison and his loving family.

Donald, Colleen, Lindsey and Greg##imported-begin##Donald Hicks##imported-end##

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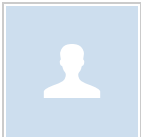


“ Dear Dawn, Jordan, Allyson and family,

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Lewis was one of a kind. ALWAYS at the ballfield. ALWAYS supporting and cheering his kids on and our kids too! Lewis will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to have known him. Jordan and Allyson, your dad was a loving and caring person and always put his family first and was always there coaching you on. Lewis will not be far away from us, he will always be in our hearts. Please take care and know that if you ever need anything, please give us a call.

*With deepest sympathy,
Merrill and Christie Craig
Guy and Dana Crocker##imported-begin##Merrill & Christie Craig,
Guy & Dana Crocker##imported-end##*

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“ *I had the privilege of knowing Lewis most of my life. I think he had a phrase to put with every person he knew. "On the Contrary" was what he used with me. Lewis was a fine example of how we should spend our lives. Touching those around us with love and fellowship. I am grateful to have known him. God bless the entire Kidd/Tarr family.##imported-begin##Gary , Tracie & Olivia Lassiter##imported-end##*

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“ A childhood friend that truly will be missed. My deepest sympathy to the family. If there is ever anything I could possibly do to help in any way, I would be grateful for the opportunity to honor Lewis for what he has meant to those who have had the privilege to know him.##imported-begin##Darrell Lassiter##imported-end##

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“ To the family:
I enjoyed working with and knowing Lewis, Thanks for sharing him with us.
Mike##imported-begin##Mike Harrell##imported-end##

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“ Just want to let you know how very sorry we are. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything we can do for any of you, please let us know.

Love,
The Rhodes Family
Raymond, Marcy, Morgan, Courtney, Taylor, Mason, and
Sara##imported-begin##Marcy Rhodes##imported-end##

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“ Lewis was always so nice and helpful when I would call him for information. A couple of times a group from our office would go to lunch with him when he was in Mechanicsburg. He was so funny and we always had a great time with him. You could tell that he loved his family very much by the loving way he spoke of them. We'll miss Lewis.##imported-begin##KATHY SLENTZ##imported-end##

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“ Dawn, Jordan, Allison, the Kidd and Tarr families: Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Thinking of Lewis brings a smile to my face. I don't think I was ever around him without smiling and laughing about something. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Kathy & Gerry Winn##imported-end##

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“ My prayers goes out to the family in your loss of a good friend. I will never forget Lewis kind deeds he has done for me. Lewis had a bright smile and outgoing personality that would light up a room. It will take time to heal from the loss, but his memory will always live on in our hearts and never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Ronnie & Anita Trimyer##imported-end##

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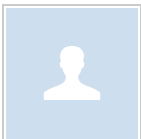
“ Donna, Lewis, Dawn, & Kidd Family
Your family has meant so much to our family over the years. We go back a long way when our kids were little. We thank God for the years we have know and fellowshiped with your family. We will never forget "Little Lewis". He was always an encourager and fun to be around. We will surely miss him. May God comfort you all during this sad time. We Love You, Peggy & Bragg##imported-begin##Peggy & Braxton Bragg##imported-end##

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“ My condolences to the family and friends of Lewis. I had the privilege to share in his contagious spirit of love and optimism, his love of baseball and his dedication to the highest standards of government service here at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. He is widely admired and appreciated by all here, and will be well and truly missed. Godspeed.##imported-begin##Dave Gresens##imported-end##

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“ I would like to say I'm very sorry to hear of your loss.Lewis coached both of my children over the years and was a very well liked man.I know he will be missed but never forgotten.##imported-begin##Danny Crocker##imported-end##

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“ As we share in the celebration of Lewis's life, it is easy to see he spread his love and humor to all. The Marlin Club will never be the same without him in his "reserved" chair to great all who came. Your family will be in our prayers.

The Bowers family###imported-begin###Amy Bowers###imported-end##

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“ My whole life I have heard of "testimonys" and "witnesses" of God's work. Lewis Kidd was both of those. I have never met a man of such strength and love for his family, neighbors and friends. He has touched every person he came in contact with. He made it impossible to be in a bad mood around him and his smile was contagious. Western Branch will not be the same without him. My deepest sympathy to all of his family. Thank you for sharing him with all of us. My whole family has very fond memories.

Curtis, Lou Ann, Justin, Bryce and Shane Leonard###imported-begin###Lou Ann Leonard###imported-end##

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“ It is not often you meet someone who has the ability to always leave you in a better mood than the one you where in. Lewis was just that kind of person. I worked with Lewis only a short while and the thought he always left me with was "I wish I was more like Lewis". What a truely memorable person he is. This world is a better place because of Lewis and he will be greatly missed.###imported-begin###Gerry Zaner###imported-end##

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“ Dawn - although we do not know you personally, we have very fond memories of Lewis from school and church many years ago. No words said could take away the pain of your loss. We are truly sorry that you are having to go through this ~ we understand the hurt of losing a husband and father at such a young age. To Lewis, Sr. & Donna, Leigh Anne & Lori, please know that you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers today and in the coming days.

Linda Carroll-Hitchings

Amy Carroll-Fitchett and

Jonathan Carroll##imported-begin##Amy Carroll-Fitchett##imported-end##

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“ I WORKED WITH LEWIS FOR OVER 20 YRS AND HE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE NICEST PEOPLE I KNOW FROM THE FIRST TIME I MET HIM TO THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM. WHEN WE WORKED ON THE WATERFRONT, IN THE SHIPYARD, HE MADE THE STAY A LOT EASIER TO BARE. HE WAS A GREAT GUY. I WILL TRULY MISS HIM AS WILL EVERYONE THAT KNEW HIM. MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO HIS FAMILY IN THIS TIME OF SADNESS AND KNOW THAT LEWIS IS IN A MUCH BETTER PLACE LOOKING OVER HIS FAMILY STILL. VIVIAN TODD, COWORKER AND FRIEND.##imported-begin##VIVIAN TODD##imported-end##

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“ It has been my privilege to know Lewis for the past 20 years. Not only were we co-workers, we were close friends. "Big Lew" could brighten the moment no matter where you were or what you were doing. We quickly discovered we had similar interest; from baseball to collecting "stuff". One of the most enjoyable trips I have ever taken was with he and his dad to Hershey PA to the annual car show. I think I laughed continuous for 4 days! Dawn, Jordon, and Allison, he was totally devoted to you. Whenever we talked, it didn't take long for the conversation to turn to family and how proud he was of you. There was a reason "Big Lew " was so big, God just couldn't cover up a heart that big with a little body! John 14-2 reads "In my Father's house are many mansions;.. and I go to prepare a place for you." I look forward to the next time I see Lew in his Heavenly Mansion. And I will not be surprised to see the Coca-Cola and Texaco decor! May God bless you and comfort you. Steve Evans###imported-begin##Steve Evans###imported-end##

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“ Please accept our condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss. Lewis touched so many lives. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.###imported-begin##Tim & Penny Morrison###imported-end##

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“ Dear Dawn, Jordan, Allyson, Kidd Family and Tarr Family, John and I were so saddened to hear of your loss. I know that nothing anyone can say will change your grief, but he has been welcomed into heaven with many open arms. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Love to you all, John, Dawn, Sarah and John Allen Bell###imported-begin###Dawn Bell###imported-end##

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“ Lewis had a special gift of laughter that was contagiously spread wherever his presence. Regardless of the mood you were in previously, one was guaranteed to be in a better one after spending just a few moments with Lewis. As a child, I often heard that the noise from a thunderstorm was caused by the sport of bowling taking place in heaven. With Lewis' departure from this world, now when a thunderstorm comes along, I will most likely wonder if the noise is caused not by heavenly bowling but rather as a result of Lewis having God and His angels rolling on the floor with laughter. In our 20+ years of friendship, where we experienced the joys as well as the pains of life, it is with great fondness that our family reflects on the times we shared. Those times were always filled with laughter, whatever the reason we gathered, and we will always cherish them. Until we see you again, rest peacefully my friend.###imported-begin###Danny & Chrystal Phelps and Family###imported-end##

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“ We were truly sorry to hear of Lewis' passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time. We wish that we could be there personally to express our support and sympathies. Please know that many fond memories and happy times are being remembered and reflected on, especially by Nat right now, in the midst of this heartache. He regrets not visiting Lewis while we were home over the holidays. We will be keeping you all in our prayers for strength and peace needed for the days ahead.##imported-begin##Nat Aydlett and Family##imported-end##

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“ To the Kidd family,
Just wanted to express my deepest sympathy to you on the death of Little Lew. I just want to say that Lewis and your whole family have meant so much to me since I met you all about 20 years ago. There is not a nicer family that I know of. Lewis touched my heart in such a wonderful way; through all of his jokes, emails and phone calls and the on-going joke of marrying me one day!!!! Lewis was surely "one of a kind" and I am so glad to have had him a part of my life in knowing him. He had such a love of life in all that he did and was a wonderful Christian man that shined through him. I know that Lewis is in heaven and we all will see him again one day.
I will continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days ahead and just keep your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ that He will guide you through this time and that you will be at peace.
I love you all and if there is anything I can do for any of you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Love you all,
Darlene##imported-begin##Darlene Brittain##imported-end##

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“ Just to let you know that I am thanking of you and your family. I was at the funeral home but after 2hours I had to leave sorry I was not able to speak to you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Barbara Bryant##imported-end##

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“ To the family and loved ones of Lewis, May God comfort and strengthen you during this difficult time, and may you smile and know that he is in the presence of our Lord, only now with a perfectly healthy body. I am a nursing supervisor at the hospital where he has been a patient lately. At the request of Lewis' friends, the Marchetti's, I would check on him. I became very fond of Lewis in a very short time. I even had the priviledge of praying with him and we shared our faith in God with one another. In our very short friendship, it was apparent that he loved the Lord, adored his family, and loved people in general. A light on earth went out on February 7th, but Heaven became a little bit brighter. God bless.##imported-begin##Shannon Lavender##imported-end##

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“ *"Come To Me"*

*God saw you were getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So, He put His arms around you
and whispered, "Come to Me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched you,
And saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating
hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the BEST!*

Lewis, you were really were the BEST!. We will miss you dearly.

*All our love, Dawn, Jordon, Allison, Mr. & Mrs. Kidd, Lori, Aner, A.J.,
Leigh Anne, Timmy, Ashton and Alston.##imported-begin##Lenny,
Lynnette, Logan and Lee Willis##imported-end##*

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“ *Dawn, Jordan & Allison, family and friends of Lewis, You are in our
prayers. Can't help but smile when we think of Lewis. He had a
special way of spreading laughter to those around him. He will truly
be missed. Seek comfort in the Lord...He will always be
there!##imported-begin##Robbie & Kelly Rutherford##imported-
end##*

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“ Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you. Lewis always made us smile we will miss him.##imported-begin##Mary Beth and Alan Rhodes##imported-end##

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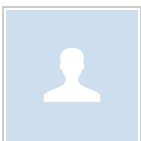


“ Dawn, Jordan, Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Kidd and all extended family and friends,
We were enriched to know Lewis through the Marlin Club, but our connections go back to my Portsmouth roots and my father Coleman Morgan. Lewis had a way of making us all feel welcome as if you had been friends forever. He lit up faces no matter where he was and left you laughing. As you go through these difficult days, may the ever present smile and laughter of Lewis fill you heart and ease the pain. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the future.

Love,

Jan and Mike Monroe and family##imported-begin##Jan and Mike Monroe##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Some of my fondest childhood memories I was in the company of at least 1 or more members of the Kidd family. Our condolences to the Tarr family also.##imported-begin##Kim Chamblee Wells##imported-end##

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“ If I could say one more thing to Lew it would be, "For all you did to make so many others happy, thank you! For all the jokes and practical jokes that kept us laughing at life and ourselves, thank you! For your friendship to Roy and I, thank you! For your years of dedication to Anna, Lee and Jill whether at church or the ballfield, thank you! For giving of yourself to the Lord, thank you! We are all so glad you gave!"

Watching so many flood to Lewis' house on Monday, I couldn't help but think of the "Thank You" song and how many lives Lewis touched for the Lord.

Dawn, Jordan & Allison, Mr. & Mrs. Kidd, Lori & Leigh Anne: Thanks so much for sharing your husband, daddy, son, & brother with all of us. Your faith is such a testimony. We will miss him too! May you find strength in the Lord. We love you all!##imported-begin##Lynn Richards##imported-end##

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“ While I only met Lewis about three years ago, I felt like I had known him all my life. As a notorious jokester, Lewis always knew how to get others to laugh, even at themselves. He was also a very compassionate man who was always willing to help anyone in need.

In three short years, there have been many fond memories. From his wheeling and dealing to get us the best hotel rates on our baseball trip to New York to teaching my 3 year old how to say "Git 'er done", Lewis will always possess a special place in our hearts.

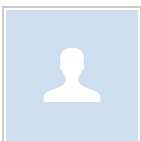
While I could write a book about my memories of Lewis, I'll sum it up by saying we will miss you greatly Lewis! There will never be another like you.##imported-begin##Mark Marchetti & Family##imported-end##

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“ Dawn, Jordan, Allyson and family, Tim, Braxton, Haley and I will be holding you up to the Lord for His strength to carry you. We love ya'll and will miss Lewis so much!##imported-begin##Tim and Lisa Mann##imported-end##

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“ Lewis and I have known each other since the early 70's. We worked together and joked on each other every since. Lewis and I joked about who had the biggest head? Lewis always told a story about the time he tore my underware down inside a reactor compartment when i had bent over to inspect his work. At that time he was working for me. He even told that story at my retirement party last year. Lewis was a "TRUE FRIEND" and I will miss him##imported-begin##Raymond Collins##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. It is our hope you will find the strength you need to face this sadness through out Lord today and in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Jack & Dayna Austin##imported-end##

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“ A great man that will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Allen Ramey##imported-end##

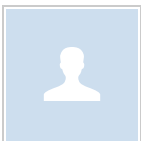
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“ I am sorry to hear of your great loss. Lewis will be missed very much by all his friends here at NNSY. God bless your family

Buddy Bennett##imported-begin##Buddy Bennett##imported-end##

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“ May God bless Lewis's Family in their Loss. It was a pleasure to have worked with Lewis these past years at NNSY. He was a great servant to his country and touched all who knew him.##imported-begin##Tim Jacks##imported-end##

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“ I send my heartfelt condolences to Lewis' family. I knew him to be a hard working shipyard employee. His personality made it hard not to like him and it was obvious that he was a gentleman and caring parent. I was honored to have been able to know him.##imported-begin##Eugene Daniels##imported-end##

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“ I am sorry for your loss, I worked with Lewis for years and knew him as a kind and gentle person. May peace be with him and your family.

NRW##imported-begin##Nelson Woodhosue##imported-end##

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“ My life has been truly Blessed by knowing and working with Lewis. I will miss him greatly.##imported-begin##Danny McKee##imported-end##

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“ Ami and I want to express our deepest sympathy to Dawn and the entire Kidd family.##imported-begin##Derrick Ritchie##imported-end##

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“ I had the great pleasure of knowing Lewis as a coworker at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. I first met him just after he arrived in the shipyard and our friendship was immediate. Lewis and I worked side by side for 3 of the last 6 years. Those 3 years were; without doubt, the most interesting of the 30+ years that I have spent at NNSY. I will never forget Lewis, and I doubt that I will ever have the privilege of knowing another man that could bring such joy to the surroundings.... Everyone he met loved Lewis and now our Lord and the Heavenly Saints can know and share the wonderful spirit that touched our lives. My prayer is that the grace of God will comfort Dawn, Jordan, Allison and Lewis' extended family.###imported-begin###Gary Cline###imported-end##

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“ I have known Lewis for many years and consider him a dear friend. I worked with Lewis at Norfolk Naval Shipyard for many years. In the pipe department and various projects, he was a just man. He was such a nice person and will be truly missed. My children met him and always spoke kindly of him. I talked to him Thursday. He was soft spoken and tired. He was a Christian and I was glad to know that. May the good Lord give you comfort in these trying times. I'll be praying for you Dawn, your children, and family. Revelation 21:4 "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."###imported-begin###Jimmy Heath###imported-end##

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