



Donald Forshag Lewis

September 5, 1945 - November 30, 2024

DONALD FORSHAG LEWIS, 79, of Memphis, passed away peacefully on November 30, 2024, at Rainbow Rehab and Healthcare in Bartlett, TN. Don was born in Hammond, Louisiana on September 5, 1945 to James Randolph Lewis and Clara Marseilles Forshag. His father was born in Panama, where Don's grandfather, Fitzhugh James Lewis, opened the first lock on the Panama Canal. James contracted yellow fever in Panama as a child which weakened his constitution, and he died when Don was only a year old. Don dearly loved his mother Clara, and was heartbroken at age ten to lose her suddenly to a heart attack after she returned exhausted from a long trip to tend an ailing relative. Donny and his brothers, Jimmy and Sammy, were then left in the custody of their stepfather.

Growing up, Don had a gift for music and was lead singer in a band. After graduating from college in Louisiana, he moved to Memphis, where he dreamed of pursuing a career in music. He married Margaret Linder and, to earn a living began working in sales, first in insurance and then in car sales. Don was a dedicated and hard-working salesman for several decades at various Ford and Chevrolet dealerships in the Memphis area and helped countless customers over the years with his knowledge and expertise.

He is survived by his wife Margaret Lewis and his daughter Lauren Lewis (Mother Teresa of Jesus, OCD, of the Carmelite Nuns of Jacksonville, FL).

A funeral Mass will be offered at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, in the chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 8151 Poplar Ave,

Germantown, TN 38138. Interment will be at All Saints Catholic Cemetery in Memphis.

The family has requested that remembrances be made in the form of donations to The Monastery of the Little Flower of Jesus in Jacksonville, FL, or the charity of your choice.

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