



Edward M. Lewis

April 20, 1946 - October 30, 2016

Edward M. Lewis, age 70, passed away after a long struggle with cancer on October 30, 2016 at Tribute at Heritage Village. He was born April 20th 1946 in Wilmington, Delaware to William Lewis and Margaret Miller. When he was young, his family moved to Rehoboth Beach of which he had many fond memories of his family, particularly his four siblings. In 1962, his family moved to Kensington, MD where he later attended Einstein High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves from 1966 to 1972 and was hired by IBM in 1967, where he began his career as a programmer. While working at IBM, Ed attended the University of Maryland and received a degree in economics in December, 1973. In 1975 he married Dawn Minch and they had a daughter named Elisa. Ed's strong work ethic and talents led him to rise quickly into management at IBM and later Lockheed-Martin. He strongly advocated for education for children and adults and received several community awards for his efforts. Ed completed a masters and doctoral course work for advanced degrees in adult and continuing education and was the director of the Technology MBA program at George Mason University before he retired. Ed was exceptionally outgoing and made friends easily. He always made time to help out his family and was a wonderful father and grandfather. In addition to playing golf and spending time with his friends and family, he adored boats and sailing. He is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Dawn, daughter Elisa, and grandchildren Lilly and James. A memorial service will be held at Rehoboth Beach, DL to honor his life.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ Ed was an internal customer for my first management position at IBM in 1983. He became my manager when he brought me back to the Training organization in 2004. He was always there for his employees and his friends, offering guidance and sound advice and always with his wonderful sense of humor and smile! I loved the stories he would tell about growing up in Rehoboth and the pride he took from being from that lovely seaside town. On Mondays during the summer, we would look forward to hearing stories about the boat! Ed and I always compared travel notes while working together and after he left to go to GMU.

I know the past year has been difficult. But do take comfort, Dawn, in the joy you and Elisa and her family brought to Ed. I will never forget how excited he was when he became a grandfather. I know he had to be such a FUN Grandpa to Lilly and James.

Yes, Ed is missed dearly. I look forward to being together on the 21st to celebrate his life. Dean and I continue to send you our thoughts, prayers and God's blessings,

Linda Haledjian

Linda Haledjian - April 05, 2017 at 11:58 AM

Angel Burgos

“ I had the pleasure of working with Ed at George Mason University for several years. Our working relationship quickly turned into a friendship. We were also graduate students together – both pursuing doctoral studies at GMU. We were by no means young men, but we shared a passion for learning and teaching.

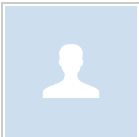
Yep, he made me laugh and was always there to lend a voice of support or solid advice. His dedication and love for his family was always transparent. I remember how happy he was when he first became a grandfather.

I am so grateful for the genuine friendship we shared. Dawn – I can only imagine how difficult this time is for you. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and in my heart.

There was no kinder soul than my friend, Ed Lewis! Miss you, buddy.

Angel Burgos

Angel Burgos - December 22, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Edward M. Lewis.



November 07, 2016 at 08:16 AM

TK

“ *My uncle Ed was a special person! Family always seemed very important to him and he made sure he was always there our special moments. He was a true comfort to me when my dad, his older brother was at the end of his life. I will miss him greatly and will always remember his smile that made things much better!*

Tammy Kistler - November 02, 2016 at 08:58 PM

 Tom
Bolander

“ *We are sad to hear about Ed's passing. Condolences to the family. We still cherish our memories of the time we lived on Blandsford Drive. One of Tom's favorite outings is the time he and Ed went to the Bay for a day of sailing. Many laughs. Our prayers are with you. Tom and Bettie Bolander*

Tom Bolander - November 02, 2016 at 07:51 PM

DA

“ *As parents of Elisa's future groom, we were very nervous the first time we met Ed and Dawn. We met for lunch at a fancy French restaurant in Richmond, VA. When Elisa introduced us to Ed, he immediately put us at ease, and joked that he hoped the restaurant served hamburgers! He was a "people" person, gracious, generous, delightful, and kind. Our only regret is that we did not get to enjoy his company longer.*

Doug and Connie Arndt - November 02, 2016 at 06:07 PM

BI

“Ed has influenced life in so many positive ways; zest to experience life, love of family and desire to pursue education, just to name a few. For my 16th birthday he introduced me to the author Ayn Rand by giving me the book *The Fountainhead*. In those ways he influenced my life, not by telling me what to do or how to act, but by exposing me to the world and prompting me to make my own decisions about life. I will miss my uncle Ed.

For all who knew him we can cherish the most wonderful memories...

Crossing the Bar
BY ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON

*Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,*

*But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;*

*For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.*

Bill - November 02, 2016 at 03:16 PM

BI

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Bill - November 02, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ Dawn, It's hard to imagine a world without Ed's beautiful smile and his special laugh. I send you and your family love and pray for solace.

Kathleen Fortino

Kathleen Fortino - November 02, 2016 at 09:13 AM

JM

“ Dear Dawn, Elisa and family,
We were so saddened to hear the news of Ed's passing. We wish that we were there to comfort you. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We send our love,
Jayne and Anthony Marino

Jayne Marino - November 02, 2016 at 09:01 AM

MG

“ When I think of Ed, I think of his infectious smile. He was always so welcoming, willing to help at a moments notice, so kind. He was always ready to laugh or joke around. I loved his sense of humor, his sense of adventure and love of life. I will always remember our weekends sailing and his turkey sandwiches. The evenings on the boat discussing the meaning of life. Even in the face of cancer he found the humor in his predicament. He truly had a profound effect on my life growing up. I will miss him. My love to the family.

Michelle Gustavsson - November 02, 2016 at 07:34 AM

PP

“ Ed and I are two years apart so shared many friends and memories over the years. As kids growing up at the beach we spent a lot of time in the sand and water playing so many games, bon fire and running free. Boating and crabbing were a favorite pass time. We shared high school football games and just growing up together. Ed is such a part of who I am and how I became that way that we will always be intertwined. I will always miss him but he will walk beside me and within my heart forever. I love you big brother and you will always be with me. thanks for all we have shared.

Peggy paul - November 01, 2016 at 07:56 PM



“ Uncle ed was so much fun to be around he could be a real smartass.as a kid I looked up to him he always seemed so happy and loved to have fun.my middle name is Edward after him and he came up with my sister's name Tammy without him we would not be who we are today.I will miss my uncle ed

Mike Lewis - November 01, 2016 at 06:22 PM

SS

“ I met Ed over a year ago when I played golf with him and other friends. Little did I know that a regular golf partner and friendship would develop. We played at least 100 rounds together until recently when health began to slow him down. Never have I met a better person than Ed Lewis. Until we tee it up again on the other side....RIP my friend.

Steve Shockey - November 01, 2016 at 05:42 PM

LM

“ We have so many fond memories of gatherings at our houses and watching our kids grow up with Ed and Dawn next door. Ed's passion for boating was eagerly shared with us as well. Halloween was always a yearly favorite with Ed and his guy friends in the neighborhood. We will so miss his kind smile and quick wit. Prayers to you, Dawn, Elisa, Aaron, and the rest of Ed's family 🙏❤️

Liz Martorana - November 01, 2016 at 04:51 PM

BD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Dawn and Elisa and the entire Lewis family. Ed was my manager but was also my friend for many years. His leadership and dedication to all his employees will forever be a memory I will cherish. Thank you for your guidance and mentoring so many employees both IBM and Lockheed Martin.

Bill DuBois - November 01, 2016 at 04:40 PM

DR

I worked with Ed off and on for many years at IBM and Lockheed Martin. He was always so affable and available that I sought him out often, to bounce ideas off and share lessons learned. He had a stressful and challenging job as Manager of Training, but he was almost always smiling. He made a positive difference to a lot of lives.

Dana Roper - November 03, 2016 at 10:07 AM

SL

I cherish my memories of when Bill and I vacationed with Ed and Dawn first in Maine where they taught us the basics of bridge playing. Another time in Italy we explored Florence together on foot and then ate our way thru the Tuscan countryside driving in a different direction each day. Our Southern California wine tour was a quick side trip for Ed and Dawn when they were on the way to visit Doug and Connie Arndt. We have shared many happy adventures over the years and I have loving memories of Bill's Uncle Ed.

Suzette Lewis

Suzette Lewis - November 06, 2016 at 08:41 AM