



Robert James Lewis

August 22, 1930 - December 26, 2016

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After a brief illness, Bob Lewis left us to join his eternal family on Monday, December 26, 2016. He was born on August 22, 1930 to William Buchannan Lewis and Esther Corey in San Diego, California. He joined the Army just before he turned 18. He served in Okinawa and then in Korea. After 3 years he returned home to southern California where he attended college to become an architect. He loved his life's work of drawing the plans for the dream homes of his clients. He moved to Visalia in 2003 with his wife of 33 years, Barbara. They felt the love and friendship of the Visalia community and vowed to stay here forever.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Koglin), daughters, Jacklynn (Don) Cox, Carrie (Craig) Sheppard, Lynne Holton, step-daughters, Joanne Crusing Winne, Karyl Crusing Stroble (Steven) and step-son, Daniel Crusing, 14 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and brother, Barry Schupbach (Victoria).

He is predeceased by his parents, step father, Leonard Schupbach, brother, William Corey Lewis (Brenda).

A viewing will be held on Thursday, December 29th, 2016 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 650 N. Lovers Lane in Visalia at 9:00 AM, followed by a funeral service at 10:00 AM and a brief graveside service at noon at Visalia Public Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Visalia Public Cemetery

1300 W. Goshen Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291
visaliacemetery@aol.com
<http://www.visaliacem.org/>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 29. 12:00 AM (PT)

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Visitation

DEC 29. 9:00 AM (PT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
650 N. Lover's Lane
Visalia, CA 93292

Service

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM (PT)


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Tribute Wall

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“ I always enjoyed seeing Bob come with two other brethren to the temple to serve in the Lord's house. We dubbed them the three Nephites because of their faithful attendance. I also enjoyed seeing his pleasant, fatherly smile as he greeted us. He was so full of wisdom and love for the Lord. We were saddened to hear of his accident and, just today, his graduation to the realm of spirits where I am certain he is anxiously engaged in the work beyond the veil. May the Lord comfort and sustain Barbara and the family through this tender period. You are in our prayers!

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Hayashi

“*Bob, to the Hayashi family, will always be "Home Teacher Bob Lewis." He was our most faithful and beloved home teacher ever. On his home teaching visits, mostly accompanied by Barbara, He would always bring the Ensign magazine because that's what home teachers do--read the First Presidency monthly message. He would say, "Well, I brought the Ensign for the message, but I'm sure you've already read it," and then he would proceed to tell one of his fabulous, awe-inspiring stories about Vietnam, or his experiences as an architect, etc. It was the best ever. We always looked forward to his visits. He would always call to set up the appointment and after I or Toni answered the phone, he would always say, "This is Home Teacher, Bob Lewis." We loved how he used that title.*

Of course, we, as I'm sure as with all who encountered Bob and Barbara, became good friends and he has continued to be our "Home Teacher," even with our move a few hundred miles to the east to Arizona. He and Barbara, on a visit to their daughter here in Tucson, even made a home teaching visit to us, and yes, delivered a message.

He was a spiritual giant. His testimony was felt by all. He always stood for right and for his Commander-in-Chief, Jesus Christ. The Lord sent Bob to serve in many capacities, to many places, for many people. All were blessed by his testimony, which was quiet and firm, yet loud in action.

Above all, you could feel his love for you. He emanated love toward all. I would think that in all the decades of his life, there could be no person who would be capable of any ill feelings towards him.

Bob will be sorely missed. The Hayashis will miss his spirit, his smile, his sense of humor, and his love.

We love you, Barbara, and our hearts and prayers are with you.

Brad, Toni, Michelle, Mitch, Derek, and Ruthie Hayashi

Brad Hayashi - December 28, 2016 at 02:09 PM