



Thomas "Rich" Lewis

January 22, 1926 - June 4, 2015

Thomas "Rich" Lewis, 89, of St. Joseph passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at his home.

Services will be held at a later date and cremation has taken place. Arrangements are by the Florin Funeral Service. Memorials may be made to any Veterans group in his memory. Please leave messages, memories, or photos at www.florin.net.

Tom was born on Jan 22, 1926 in Benton Harbor to L. Guy and Susan Lewis. He was the youngest of 8 children born to Guy and Susan. He was a veteran of the US Navy during WWII from 1944 to 1946 and one of his brothers died during the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. Tom married his wife, Mary Mead, in 1948 and she preceded him in death in 2005. Mary's parents owned Mead's Chicken Nook. Together they celebrated 57 years of marriage. He was a painter and worked for his brother, Leo Lewis for close to 40 years. Tom was also a gun-smith and he operated the Lewis Gun Shop. He was also a member of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and participated in their events with his booth for the gun shop. He also enjoyed going to auctions where he would find antique gun parts and tools for antique guns. He also enjoyed woodworking and machine shop where he made miniature steam engines.

He is survived by his children, Guy Lewis of Stevensville and Gina (Lynn) Schmaltz of Baroda; his 4 grandchildren and his 9 great grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Services At A Later Date

Tribute Wall

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“*Condolences to the Lewis family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says Jehovah God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.*

Williams Family - June 28, 2015 at 07:17 AM

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“*I remember being only 16 years old when I met you. I used to love sitting in the garage watching you work on one gun stock or another. Loved the smell of fresh black walnut shavings as you crafted your gun stocks. I spent most of my teenage years in your garage along with Guy and Ron. As I grew into adulthood and married I still spent time in your garage. Will never forget the trips to Friendship to enjoy the turkey shoots, tomahawk throwing and waiting for the powder shed to open. You and Mary were important parts of my growing into adult years. Will remember you forever.*

Christine Kurland

Christine Kurland - June 14, 2015 at 10:10 AM

 John Painter

“*Gina and family,
So very sorry for your loss...*

I lost my dad Russell in 2002 and my mom Bonnie in 2007...Just lost my favorite uncle Larry this past January....

RIP to men and women who served their country and provided for their families.

John Painter - June 14, 2015 at 01:31 AM

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“*I didn't know Mr Lewis personally but sending our thoughts to Guy who I went to school with.. I just lost my dad at the end of last year and I know how empty that can feel - my parents were frequent customers of Meads Chicken Nook too and often said how much that restaurant was missed! Wishing you and your family the best during this sad time and during your loss, Guy.*

cheryl glowacki (cheryl champagne) - June 10, 2015 at 11:57 AM

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“ Karen, my sons, and I will miss Rich a lot. He was a good man in all respects and a good friend as well. He and Mary are at the big "Friendship Muzzle Loader Show" up in Heaven.

Make some good deals Rich, and save me a spot at your booth up there !!!

Your friend,

Dan Stice

Dan Stice - June 09, 2015 at 03:55 PM