



## Daniel George Lewis

May 6, 1945 - July 11, 2025

Daniel George Lewis went to his Heavenly home on July 11th, 2025 at the age of 80 after a long struggle with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF). He passed quietly in his sleep with his family at his side. Dan was born on May 6th, 1945 in Chicago, Illinois to James L. Lewis Jr. and Mildred H. (Kubicki) Lewis. He was baptized as a baby and confirmed his faith in Christ at the time of his confirmation. He grew up in Niles IL and attended grade school at St. John Brebauf school, and he graduated high school from Notre Dame High School in 1963. Dan attended Loyola University in Chicago while working at Lutheran Hospital in Park Ridge IL part time. It was there that he met Carol Piphon, a nurse from Colorado and the love of his life. They were married the following year on December 28, 1968.

Dan was drafted into the Army in March 1968 while at Loyola, and was sent to Vietnam in January 1969. He was a Sgt. in the 25th Infantry and a squad leader stationed at CuChi. After becoming severely wounded in battle, Dan was sent to Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver CO where he received the Purple Heart, and later was honorably discharged.

Dan then returned to college to get his degree at the University of Southern Colorado, Pueblo. Dan and Carol then moved to Denver where he went to work for Prudential Life Insurance Co. for 4 years. In 1975, they decided to move to Ft. Morgan CO and open a financial services business, "The Brokerage House." He did this for 25 years and was a Life member of the MDRT.

After retiring from the business, Dan and Carol opened the US Military Historical Museum, a dream they had for many years to honor all active military and veterans who served their country. The displays spanned from the Revolutionary War to the Gulf War. The museum was open for 17 years before Dan's health changed forcing its closure. Dan and Carol then moved to Owasso OK.

While in Ft. Morgan, Dan was active in the Rotary Club, organized the annual Day of Patriotism for 14 years, and was given the "Citizen of the Year" award. Dan was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, participating in retreats, bible studies, Lutheran Layman's League, and influential in getting a new grade school at the church. Dan was also a friend of Bill W. for over 50 years, and reached out to many who needed help.

Dan had a love for the outdoors, and he enjoyed running, fishing, hunting, camping and boating. He especially loved taking his grandkids with him on these adventures and seeing their excitement. He and Carol also loved to travel and took many trips to historical sites and battlefields.

Dan was faithful in growing in his knowledge and love for Jesus in his daily devotion to prayer and Bible reading. He enjoyed sharing this time of reading and love of Christ with family and friends on the phone.

Dan was a loving husband, wonderful father, and proud grandparent. He is survived by his widow, Carol; Son Mark (Amy) Lewis, daughter Mary (Nicholas) Lelecas, Grandsons Brady Lelecas & Zachary Lewis, and granddaughter Vivian Lewis, sister Madelynn (Mike) Wieczorek, and 13 nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother James D. Lewis.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church  
9222 N. Garnett Rd.  
Owasso, OK 74055

## Memorial Fund

JUL 17 (CT)

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## Memorial Fund

JUL 17 (ET)

Samaritan's Purse  
P.O. Box 3000  
Boone, NC 28607  
<https://www.samaritanpurse.org/our-ministry/donate-online>



# Tribute Wall

ML

“ Dan was the good guy who helped family and friends. “We are all walking each other home” he’s home now. Rest in Peace DAN. Mary Beth and Jim

Mary Beth & Jim Lathrop - February 01 at 12:24 PM

CE

“ Dan was a dear friend of my parents, Bill and Lois Eikleberry. When they became ill, and I reached out to Dan for a variety of reasons, he always responded with love and support. Earlier, when I asked for help with my novel, and told Dan that I imagined him as a role model for a father character, he generously shared his time and his life story. It was so easy to feel his heart!

Carol Eikleberry - August 13, 2025 at 09:10 PM

JS

“ We will miss seeing Dan here in SaddleBrooke, Arizona each year. We talked often and he always let us know how much he valued our friendship. He always stopped by for a chat during his walks around the neighborhood. We will miss those visits!  
He loved the Lord and always showed that love! He was a patriot and loved this country. Our deepest condolences to Carol and his family.  
Jerry and Shanna Schudda

Jerry Schudda - July 20, 2025 at 06:28 PM

JS

“ Jerry S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel George Lewis.

Jerry S. - July 20, 2025 at 06:16 PM

JS

“ Carol, and Family, Losing Dan leaves an emptiness in our hearts! He wasn't just a close friend but part of us! Dan was always there whenever anyone needed prayers and never closed our conversations without a prayer! We will always have our many wonderful memory's of the good times we had with Dan and You Carol and will cherish them forever! We know Dan is in Heaven with our Lord and free from pain! Looking forward to seeing you and all our loved ones that went before us when He calls us all home! Rest in peace Dan and know you will always be in our hearts. Much Love and God Bless, Jim & Judy Shannon



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**Judy Shannon** - July 17, 2025 at 08:50 PM

TL

“ *A Memorial Prayer (By Tom Lutz), Dear Heavenly Father, Praise you and Thank you for bringing Dan into my life twenty years ago! From the very first meeting when he and his beloved wife Carol stood on our door step when he said, "I'm Dan and this is Carol! We hear there's a Bible Study at your house." Then he blurted, "And we love Jesus and we want to join you."*

*Dear Lord, from that day on, Dan became a beloved 'prayer-brother' until You chose to take him to meet Your beloved Son, Jesus, face-to-face. I can't thank you enough for the many, many, times Dan and I prayed together, knees beside knees, or on the phone while he struggled with his illness. But always, a complete outpouring of our souls to You. When Dan would call, he'd either say, "Tom, calling to pray for you!" or "Tom, I need you to pray for me today." It was always filled with grace, praise for the gift of your Son who paid the price for our sins or the filling of the Holy Spirit to bring healing to our souls.*

*Most of all, Dan's love for his Lord oozed over the phone. Dear Lord, thank you for giving me a brother who loved you above all else - and lived it with every straggly breath he took. Dan Lewis was a spiritual inspiration that will fill my memory for the rest of my days. Thank you for putting him in my life.*

*Now, comfort his dear wife and family with the knowledge that he was a man who pointed many men and women to your throne of Grace. And yes, my wife Cheke and I join them in their grieving the loss of such a marvelous man but we also rejoice with them realizing that he is at peace with You. May God bless them, love them, and comfort them.*

*Blessings, from Tom & Cheke Lutz*

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**Tom Lutz** - July 16, 2025 at 10:03 PM

JM

“ John and Mandy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel George Lewis.

John and Mandy - July 16, 2025 at 08:02 AM

JM

“ John and Mandy purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Daniel George Lewis.



John and Mandy - July 16, 2025 at 08:02 AM

MR

“ Mark and Cathy Rittmueller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel George Lewis.

Mark and Cathy Rittmueller - July 15, 2025 at 06:19 PM

MR

“ Mark and Cathy Rittmueller purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel George Lewis.



Mark and Cathy Rittmueller - July 15, 2025 at 06:19 PM

TS

“ The Smedstads planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel George Lewis.

The Smedstads - July 15, 2025 at 03:47 PM

TS

“ The Smedstads purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Daniel George Lewis.



The Smedstads - July 15, 2025 at 03:47 PM

TR

“ Todd and Carolyn Rittmueller purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Daniel George Lewis.



Todd and Carolyn Rittmueller - July 15, 2025 at 10:22 AM