



Neil Roy Lewis

January 15, 1952 - March 13, 2011

Son of James William and Laura Belle (Jaycox) Lewis, Neil Roy Lewis was born January 15, 1952 in St. Louis, Missouri. Neil grew up in House Springs, Missouri where he graduated from Northwest High School.

On April 26, 1975, Neil was united in marriage to Norma Jane Tucker in Bourbon, Missouri. They shared 26 years of marriage together and were blessed with three children: Rebekah, Heather and Matthew. They had many wonderful memories together. Jane went home to be with Jesus in 2001 and Neil is finally reunited with her in heaven.

At the young age of 9, Neil accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized. Since that time, he has followed the Lord. He surrendered to preach the gospel at the age of 21 and was ordained. He has served as senior pastor and assistant pastor for various churches.

Neil worked for a time as a piano tuner and teacher. He was a very talented pianist and enjoyed ministering at various nursing homes and churches by preaching and playing. In his spare time, Neil enjoyed being outdoors working in the garden and with his flowers. He liked to work puzzles. Most importantly, he loved studying the Scriptures, making people laugh and he selflessly gave of himself to help others. He treasured those times that he could spend with his family and he was proud of his children and loved them dearly.

Neil went home to be with his Lord at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 13, 2011, at his home at the age of 59 years, 1 month and 26 days. He will be sadly missed by all those that knew and loved him.

Neil leaves to cherish his memory his three children: Rebekah Lewis-Wright (Shawn) of Dixon, Heather Lewis of St. Robert and Matthew Lewis (Megan) of Guam; his parents: Jim and Laura Lewis of House Springs; a sister-in-law: Doris Lewis of House Springs; three grandchildren: Derek Wright (Grace), Jessica and Justin Wright; one great grandson: Jeremiah; two nephews: Jerrod Lewis (Kris) and James Paul Lewis; several other nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his wife Jane, Neil was preceded in death by one brother, Kenny Lewis.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 19, 2011 in the Maranatha Baptist Church with Pastor Bill Hathaway officiating. Pastor Keith Carnahan read the obituary and recalled his memories of Neil and Neil's son, Matthew Lewis, gave a beautiful eulogy about his father. Neil's son-in-law, Shawn Wright sang "Going Home" and read a poem from the family. Pianist Laura Matthews accompanied Matt Matthews and Rachel Bell as they sang "All in All" and as the congregation sang "God Be With You Til We Meet Again". Serving as escorts were Jerrod Lewis, James Paul Lewis, Rick Sherrell, Glen Tucker, Dwight Bethurem, John Ellis, Jeff Carriger, Lindel Gore and Trent Matthews.

A graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 19, 2011 in the Lea's Cemetery of Leasburg, Missouri with Pastor Keith Carnahan officiating. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Neil Lewis and may be left at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Maranatha Baptist Church
200 Acorn Drive
St. Robert, MO

Service

MAR 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maranatha Baptist Church
200 Acorn Drive
St. Robert, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Neil Roy Lewis*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Neil Roy Lewis*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I remember meeting Neil and his wife at Briarwood Baptist when he was preaching there. He really was amazing in his piano playing and his preaching reflected his love of the Lord and His scriptures. I've also heard him play for Westside Baptist. He certainly was very talented and honored the Lord with his talent. I'm sure he is rejoicing now at Jesus feet. I know how his family must miss him, but he left you with a rich heritage of faith and lovely memories to cherish. Bless you all.##imported-begin##Annette Catts##imported-end##*

March 26, 2011 at 02:11 AM



“ Dear Rebekah, Heather, & Matthew,

I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. He is in a better place even though it still hurts because you miss your loved one so much.

I lost my dad suddenly also and it is hard but God is our comfort in times of grief.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I wish we could see everyone again.

Love and Prayers. Beth Finkbeiner (Tucker)###imported-begin###Beth Finkbeiner (Tucker)###imported-end###

March 18, 2011 at 04:25 PM



“ *Our love and prayers are with you in the loss of your Father. I know your hearts are so sad but remember where your dad is and one day you will be with him again.###imported-begin###Uncle Glen & Aunt Kathy ###imported-end###*

March 18, 2011 at 12:10 PM



“ *Can he, can He save me; could He, could He love me; would He, would He take; did He, did He really? Can He, could He, would He; yes, He can, He could, He would and He did... One of the songs Mr. Lewis taught us, and I could always remember him singing it...when or where ever he was! I can imagine him singing it right now! Such a great influence will be greatly missed. My prayers go out to Heather, Matt and Rebecca and family.###imported-begin###Tara Moore###imported-end###*

March 17, 2011 at 12:38 PM



“ Neil,
Your jokes and laughter will be missed. I'm sure Jane is so happy to see you.

Love to you both.

Janice##imported-begin##Janice Bethurem##imported-end##

March 16, 2011 at 10:20 PM



“ we are very sorry for the loss of your father.you and your family are in our prayers.remember in every situation GOD IS IN CONTROL.##imported-begin##ray bev blount##imported-end##

March 16, 2011 at 09:01 PM



“ My heart goes out to Neil's family in this time of his home-going. May God hold and comfort your hearts. Neil visited FBC Crocker a few times and we were blessed by his fantastic talent on the piano. His love for God was evident in his actions as well as this talk. In Christ,
Pastor Don##imported-begin##Don Kabel##imported-end##

March 16, 2011 at 02:02 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. May God comfort you at this time.##imported-begin##Paul & Norma Hankins##imported-end##

March 16, 2011 at 09:44 AM



“ Neil was a wonderful Christian man. Only met Neil a very few years back. His black berries and raspberries that he gave me are still looking good. Neil was a very generous man. Marj and I learned to love him right away and yes I envied his piano playing, and he could sing too. I'm sure he is singing around God's throne. He sure loved the Lord. Our prayers go out to and for his family. He had a strong desire for all his family to know his Jesus. Norman and Marjorie Stoll###imported-begin##Norman & Marjorie Stoll###imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 10:10 PM



“ Although I cannot be with you Jim and Laura, you are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Sherry Plowman###imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 09:16 PM



“ Bro Lewis was a kind and wonderful person he truly loved the Lord. He always would have a joke ready for you in his pocket :-). Him and Jane raised three wonderful children which they were very proud of...Bro Lewis gave me piano lesson he kept encouraging me to learn...he would always come to MET'S ReSale Shop looking for the oddest things and sometimes we would have it..I know him and Jane are rejoicing having a wonderful time. You will be missed.

Valerie###imported-begin##Valerie Smith###imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 07:29 PM



“ We are so saddened and heavy hearted by the death of our sweet, gentle and talented cousin and brother in the Lord. Neil, Heaven is a sweeter place with you there. It makes going "Home" that much more anticipated because of all our loved one's who have gone before us. Say hello to my Mother and Daddy, your brother Kenny and Grandma and Grandpa Lewis. We will meet you at that day when Jesus says to us "Welcome Home, my child. Welcome Home". We loved you, Tom and Vickie B Lack (first cousins)##imported-begin##Vickie Black##imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 06:19 PM



“ Being five years younger than Neil, he used to really get a kick out of teasing me when we were growing up, and I was always quick to sass him. But when he starting playing the piano, I was all eyes and ears. I learned many things from Neil about playing the piano as a young girl. When Jim, Laura and Neil used to visit our home, the house rang with music. Organ, piano and even an accordion. And of course our voices. These were the BEST times. When mom passed away in 1983, Neil and Jane sang at her funeral. When Dad joined mom in December, 2009, Neil was there to preach his funeral, and even play the piano for the family to sing. He was so much a part of our family history, and there will always be a special place for Neil in our hearts. I know that as I write this, he is dancing around the throne, rejoicing that the Lord finally brought him HOME. My hope is that his family will find comfort in this, and the many memories they've made over the years. Remember, our loved ones never truly leave; you see them in the glimmer of other's smiles, or hear them in other's laughter; love never dies, love lives on. God Bless you all ...##imported-begin##Mary Beth (Pape) Miller##imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 05:20 PM



“ I have a lot of fond memories of Neil as we grew up. I especially remember when the Lewis family would gather at Thanksgiving for gr-grandpa Roy Lewis' birthday. Us boys, Ron, Chuck, Larry, Kenny (Lewis), Kenny (Hulsey), and sometimes David along with Neil would go outside and play football, weather permitting or snowball fights. Neil was one of a kind.##imported-begin##Kevin Scantlan##imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 12:25 PM



“ I grew up with Neil at Springdale Baptist Church. I have such great memories of him and his family; dinners, picnics, singing and fellowship. Neil and his family loved music and our Lord. My heart goes out to his family. We all know we will see him again. He is at rest with his wife and brother, waiting for us. May God give you all peace and love.##imported-begin##Rita (Warnell)Cate##imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 09:57 AM



“ Neil was a good, kind gentleman. He always expressed his wish to go home to his Lord and now he is in God's hand. My sympathy to his family. I will miss my visits with him. Mrs Myra Dingman, MCBS interviewer.##imported-begin##Myra Dingman##imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 09:06 AM