

Alvin Grant Lewis

December 8, 1932 - February 27, 2024

Alvin Grant Lewis went to be with his Lord and Savior on February 27, 2024, after a short battle with cancer that he never allowed to get the best of him. He passed as he lived, courageously, quietly and with great faith for a bright future in heaven.

Alvin was born on December 8, 1932, in San Mateo County to Alvin Frances and Jane Lewis. He was raised in Scott Valley by his grandparents, Grant and Lillian Lewis. On June 30, 1954, Alvin married his high school sweetheart Helen Hammond and this June 30th would have been 70 years. Twenty-one family members were in attendance for an early celebration of their seven decades of marriage while Alvin was in the hospital just two weeks before his passing.

Alvin developed a strong work ethic at an early age with daily chores on the family farm where he cut wood, raised lambs, helped his family build the Hayes Meadow cabin up Kidder Creek and later in life grazed cattle in the same mountains he lovingly called home.

Alvin attended Greenview Grammar School and graduated from Etna Union High School in 1951, receiving the Bank of America Achievement Award for Vocational Arts. Future Farmers of America (FFA) was a place where Alvin excelled. In 1954, Alvin was one of 12 California youths who received the coveted American Farmer degree during the national Future Farmers of America convention in Kansas City, Mo. He was the first Siskiyou County resident on record to receive this prestigious award.

Serving his community came naturally to Alvin and he enjoyed being active in the Greenview Fire Department and Scott Valley Grange #386. He developed his leadership skills and served his community through his early roles in these organizations.

Alvin loved his 32 year career with the Soil Conservation Service and was working full-time when he received his A.A. degree from COS in 1972. Based out the Etna office, he served the Scott and Shasta Valleys, Salmon River and remote locations such as the Godfrey Ranch and Black Bear Commune. Alvin received many awards, commendations and recognitions. He was an expert in rock riprap and planted golden willows along the Scott River for stream restoration, thus saving many acres of rich farm land from being washed into the river.

After retiring from the SCS in 1989, Alvin began his second career as a courier for Scott Valley Bank and Fairchild Medical Center. It was during these years he increased his friendship loop and included many personal connections throughout Siskiyou County.

Of Alvin's many treasured accomplishments, none were as important to him as his love for Jesus and his wife and daughters. He thought his heart was full, and along came his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was always looking for a teachable moment and he never backed up from asking someone if they knew Jesus. He had an evangelistic way about him and knew that his purpose on earth was for God's glory.

Alvin and Helen were blessed with six daughters, Wanda Peters, Joan (Dan) Lulich, Rosaland (Randy) Waters, Carla Birmingham, Lillian (Grant) Eastlick and Lavonne (Bill) Pennington, 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Preceding Alvin in death were his grandparents Grant and Lillian Lewis, father Alvin F. Lewis, mother Jane Wiltse, parents-in-law Carl Sr. and Jessie Hammond and grandson Sawyer Eastlick.

There will be a short committal service at the Fort Jones Public Cemetery in the Lewis Family plot on Saturday, March 9th at 10 am, followed by a Celebration of Life service at 11:30 am at the Scott Valley Berean Church, 134

Church St, Etna, California with a potluck following.

Tribute Wall

RO

“ Hi. Judy Rosaland Lewis Waters. Willits ca you at 1 7075106077

Rosaland - November 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ My dad RosalandWaters (Lewis)

Kay Lewis - March 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ My very first memory of Alvin was when I was around 10 years old in the early 1950's. I was standing on the sidewalk in downtown Etna near the Jewelry store. I was watching Alvin and Helen holding hands looking at the display of engagement rings in the window. Their very evident love for one another never left my memory! Years later, I had the privilege to work with Alvin in the Etna Soil Conservation Office as his assistant. He taught me many things that assisted him with his work. He loved Scott Valley and was a very faithful steward of the land. He also loved the people and always spoke kindly of them. Alvin had a wonderful sense of humor. I remember him telling a mutual friend of ours after their 4th girl was born that 4 Queens were hard to beat! Alvin and Helen had already given birth to 6 beautiful daughters! Alvin was one of Scott Valley's finest men! He will truly be missed!

Margi (Halliday) Elgin - March 11, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ May friends and family lighten your grief with their love.

Catherine Powers - March 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ I will always remember Alvin from my summer stays with Grandma Myrtle in Greenview. He was always kind in stopping over to see if Grandma needed any help or just to check her. Grandma loved him dearly and always called him Sonny. My Father and Alvin would walk the ranch, Alvin pointing out any issues to be resolved. Dad always respected his expertise. I recently found a sign while cleaning the shed, it said " VOTE FOR ALVIN LEWIS" I quickly hung it up ! His kind and friendly smile will always be remembered
Cathy Holzhauser Powers

Catherine Powers - March 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dearest Helen and girls, you will have memories that last a lifetime of your dear, Alvin. You will never know how much the Crawford family appreciated his kindness through the years to our family. Of particular note is his care of our pastures for our dear Mom after Dad was killed. He was always attentive to what Mom needed done, and applied himself to those tasks with a smile on his face. I remember well the friendly greetings whenever we met on the street, in the courthouse and at events.

May you know special love and care at this time. With fond memories, Judy Crawford

Judy Crawford - March 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ With love and hugs,

Beverly Butler - March 07, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The Suri Family - March 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *In honor of Alvin Lewis, with prayers for the family. Psalms 34:18
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are
crushed in spirit.*

Jason and Stephanie Dillon - March 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *Dear Helen & Family - We are so sorry for your loss. We hope that
your memories bring you comfort in this difficult time. All our best.*



Michelle & Orlin Oroschakoff - March 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *We are thinking of you during this difficult time. With our heartfelt
condolences*



Craig, Kate and the Catilize Team - March 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *I've always felt honored to have had Alvin for a friend. I don't believe
that I have ever met a kinder, friendlier man. This world would be a
much better place with more folks like him. I'll miss our visits Alvin.*

Darol Wester - March 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. Alvin will always be in our thoughts.

Cliff Heitz - March 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Alvin lived life well. A good example of a Christ centered life. Much loved.

Chris & Emi Loogman - March 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Alvin was a good friend and highly respected. One day I told him of a set of buck horns that my Uncle Hooper had had for many years that was handed down to me. The deer was taken in the early 20's and had about 34 points, more or less, Alvin said he was familiar with the story and shared with me what he remembered about the deer and it was wonderful to fill in some of the blanks. Alvin you will be missed but not forgotten.

Larry Maplesden - March 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Praying for Gods peace and love to blanket your hearts during this season. Alvin will forever be in some of our most fondest memories.

Ken and Laura Dysert - March 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Alvin Grant Lewis - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *A very nice man.*


Roy Smith - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *He was always so nice and always had a smile on his face.*

Angie Mcknight - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *He was such a good guy!!* 

Crystal Erickson Arnot - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *He was such a kind man. Always had a smile*


Lissa Huffman - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Condolences to the family,
Alvin was a very kind gentleman,
Never new him to have a rude word about anyone. He was a courier
for
Siskiyou Telephone for awhile when I worked there.*

Karen Ross Brown - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *I am so sorry to hear this
My sincere condolences to our family* 

Marsha Farley - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Lord, we lost a good one today. Alvin was a great example of a champion. Always full of joy and a zeal for You, he modeled what a true man of God is to be. He displayed honor, courage, and a strong work ethic in everything he did. May we all-especially the Men of Issachar with whom he was a regular participant-glean from Alvin's godly example. Bless our beloved Helen and his family with peace, rest, and strength that only You can provide right now. May every memory and story point to You. Alvin, we miss you but we celebrate you...dancing in heaven. See you soon!

Dave McDaniel Men of Issachar Aglow International - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Love my dad

Rosaland Waters - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ With love and hugs,

Mary Byrne - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Oh this makes my heart sad. Alvin always had a smile on his face and a Giants hat on. He delivered for me at both the auto parts store and at the Auditor's Office. I will miss visiting with him and his funny stories.

Diane Olson - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ One of my favorite people. 💜💜💜💜

SusanLarry Henninger - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Our condolences and prayers are with you all. An amazing person, that made a difference to many.*
Rad Hockaday.

Liz Hockaday - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Such a kind man!*

Jessica Mac - March 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM