



Lewis Alvin Ames

July 7, 1936 - June 15, 2024

Lewis Alvin Ames, 87, went to be with his heavenly father on June 15, 2024. Lewis was born in West Point on July 7th, 1936.

Lewis is survived by his loving wife of nearly 66 years, Rita Dixon Ames, his children, Mark Ames (Kimberlee), Wendy Ames, Janine Ames (Craig Bamsey), 6 beloved grandchildren, Aidan Welch, Alex Ames, Shea Welch Maher (Andrew), Stefan Ames, Colin Welch, and Connor Bamsey; great-grandchildren, Josie Maher, Emmett Maher; and sister, Barbara Horsley. Lewis was preceded in death by two siblings, Douglas Moskalski and Patricia Snow.

Lewis retired from the West Point paper mill owned by Laurent Paperboard, Inc., formerly Chesapeake Corporation, after more than 30 years. As a salesman covering the Northeast, he particularly enjoyed his frequent trips to New York and Boston. Many of his longstanding customers became good friends.

Lewis and Rita enjoyed traveling in their spare time, especially cruises, train trips, and walking the beach and golfing on Hilton Head Island. Lew was happiest when outdoors. He was an avid golfer and hunter and a passionate fisherman. He spent many hours on his dock on the Mattaponi River seeking the ultimate catch and enjoying the peaceful surroundings.

Lew served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher and on many committees at West Point First Baptist Church, where he and Rita were longtime members.

Services will be held 1 PM, Saturday, June 29th, 2024 at the First Baptist Church, 414 Main Street in West Point, Virginia with reception to follow in the church fellowship hall. Memorial contributions can be made to the First Baptist Church general fund, <https://www.fbcwestpoint.org/online-giving>.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of West Point
414 Main Street
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Chrystal Welch lit a candle in memory of Lewis Alvin Ames*



Chrystal Welch - July 09, 2024 at 01:29 PM

PJ

“ *Pam Jackowski lit a candle in memory of Lewis Alvin Ames*



Pam Jackowski - June 30, 2024 at 02:20 PM

BS

“ *Rita, Wendy, Janine and Mark,
We are so sorry for the loss of your husband and father. He was such a gentle spirit and a special man. We are thankful for the precious memories we had spending summer vacations together and many Friday nights picking crabs together and feasting at your house. We loved his smiles and he always kept us laughing with his dry sense of humor. And I'll never forget eating country steak when visiting which was really a result of Lewis' hunting skills - venison! We know that he will be missed terribly. Please find comfort in the loving memories you have and know that he is already in heaven. God bless your family with comfort and peace at this time. With much love, Ruth Hooper, Becky Seckora and Sharon Minor*

Becky Seckora - June 29, 2024 at 01:47 PM



Thank you for your wonderful message. memories sustain us particularly when they are so good. The Lord blessed us with 66 years of happiness and I am thankful for every year. Love you all and God Bless you and yours!

Rita Ames - July 09, 2024 at 08:49 AM

PK

“ *Rita, Mark, Wendy and Janine,*

We are so sorry for your loss. I will miss our Food Lion conversations and his positive outlook on all things discussed. I always walked away from those encounters with a smile on my face. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Paul and Beth Kelley

Paul Kelley - June 28, 2024 at 11:26 AM



Thank you for your kind words! He enjoyed talking with you also. God Bless you and yours! Enjoy being grandparents!!!!

Rita Ames - July 09, 2024 at 09:05 AM

SP

“ *Sue (Miller) Perry lit a candle in memory of Lewis Alvin Ames*



Sue (Miller) Perry - June 26, 2024 at 08:44 PM

MF

“ *Mike Fazio lit a candle in memory of Lewis Alvin Ames*



mike fazio - June 26, 2024 at 01:27 PM

CB

“ *When you think of that quintessential American archetype of the honest, humble and remarkably capable southern man, that was Lewis Ames.*

Whether it was skinning a muskrat or fixing a lawnmower or farming oysters or leading Sunday School or selling paper products to sophisticated Northeast clients, Lewis would quietly get it done.

When you needed someone reliable, rain or shine, someone you could trust, someone who would show up and chip in without question or quibble, Lewis would be there.

When you needed someone who could be short on words but long on actions when it came to proclaiming their love of family, God and country, Lewis would swell your heart.

When you needed a reminder of the understated greatness that dignifies a life, Lewis would never fail to show the way.

We have lost the immediate presence of this treasure for now - but his example lives on in everyone who interacted with him. One could not help but be inspired and reminded of what truly matters in life when around Lewis. His legacy shines within all of us who knew him, and we are all the better for it.

Until we meet again, Lewis. We will do our best to keep our light as bright as yours in the meanwhile.

Craig Bamsey, Son-in-law

Craig Bamsey - June 25, 2024 at 06:52 PM

RA

Thank you Craig for such eloquent words ! He loved you too. We are so happy you joined our family!

Rita Ames - June 26, 2024 at 08:58 PM

RC

“ *Lewis will be missed here at the West Point Family Barbershop . He had such a sweet soul, and always laughing. God Bless the family.* ”

Rebecca Carter - June 25, 2024 at 10:39 AM

JG

“ *Joan And Charles Gordon lit a candle in memory of Lewis Alvin Ames* ”



Joan and Charles Gordon - June 25, 2024 at 12:24 AM

CI

“ *Cindy lit a candle in memory of Lewis Alvin Ames* ”



Cindy - June 21, 2024 at 01:28 PM

KW

“ *Karen Wolford Wright lit a candle in memory of Lewis Alvin Ames* ”



Karen Wolford Wright - June 20, 2024 at 10:19 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - June 20, 2024 at 07:39 AM

RC

“ *RT Croswell And Donna Croswell lit a candle in memory of Lewis Alvin Ames*



RT Croswell and Donna Croswell - June 20, 2024 at 06:48 AM

LS

“ *Rita and family, my Love and Sympathy to you all. I enjoyed so much the days/years of working with Lew at the mill. 💔*



Linda South - June 19, 2024 at 07:25 PM

JR

“ *John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Lewis Alvin Ames*



john and vickie roane - June 19, 2024 at 06:54 PM

SL

“ Aunt Rita. I'm so sorry to hear about Uncle Lew. You have both been so kind to me even after I left the family. My heart goes out to you and your family. I know how it feels to lose a Father and a Husband. Love that someone named their little boy Emmett. I truly loved Uncle Emmett & Aunt CaCa. Prayers & healing

Susan Brizendine Langley - June 19, 2024 at 10:56 AM

TG

“ Tina Gulley lit a candle in memory of Lewis Alvin Ames



Tina Gulley - June 19, 2024 at 09:40 AM

CB

“ Dear Rita and Family. We will miss getting together with Lou and you on your Florida trips and seeing you in West Point along with playing cards together. Our Deepest Sympathy, Clarence and Char



Clarence Bristow - June 19, 2024 at 07:06 AM

PC

“ Pamela S Carter lit a candle in memory of Lewis Alvin Ames



Pamela S Carter - June 18, 2024 at 11:58 PM

BA

“ *Brenda Anerton lit a candle in memory of Lewis Alvin Ames*



Brenda Anerton - June 18, 2024 at 09:33 PM

WW

Rita & family So sorry to hear about Lou he was such a southern gentleman in all aspects he loved to hunt fish and many other things he will surely be missed I can know how you feel but your faith in God will help through Billy

william wills - June 20, 2024 at 10:55 AM

RA

Thank you Billy! You are still in our prayers! And you are right- Our faith will sustain us

Rita Ames - June 26, 2024 at 08:36 PM

AW

“ *Avril & Gerald Williams lit a candle in memory of Lewis Alvin Ames*



Avril & Gerald Williams - June 18, 2024 at 09:21 PM

GC

“ Dear Rita, Mark, Wendy, Janine, family and friends,
I am sorry for your loss. Lewis was always such a kind gentleman and neighbor.
Cherish your precious memories.
With heartfelt sympathy,
Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)



Gloria Couch - June 18, 2024 at 05:56 PM

JP

“ Lots of wonderful memories of the times we shared with Rita and Lew. We send our love and sympathy to all of Lew's family.

Judy and Glenn Palmer - June 18, 2024 at 04:16 PM

FS

“ FAITH SILVA lit a candle in memory of Lewis Alvin Ames



FAITH SILVA - June 18, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ Margaret Ogg lit a candle in memory of Lewis Alvin Ames



Margaret Ogg - June 18, 2024 at 12:44 PM

HW

“ *HENRY WARD lit a candle in memory of
Lewis Alvin Ames*



HENRY WARD - June 18, 2024 at 10:04 AM