



Lewis Joseph Ameel Jr.

November 15, 1942 - October 15, 2020

Murrells Inlet, SC... Lewis Joseph Ameel, Jr., 77, died Thursday, October 15, 2020 at his residence surrounded by his family.

He was born on November 15, 1942 in Kansas City, Missouri to the late Lewis J. Ameel, Sr. and the late Opal Gregory Ameel.

Lewis remembered his adventures growing up on his grandparent's farm with great fondness. He often described the responsibility of being the eldest of his four siblings. Moving often due to his father's Air Force career, he planted his roots back in the Midwest where he attended university in Illinois. Lew worked as a news producer before segueing into work in cable television and real estate. He was particularly proud of his time spent educating new realtors about fair housing and providing foreclosure intervention counseling.

But nothing topped being a husband, father to three, "Coach Lew" to a variety of young athletes, and "Papa" to his grandsons. Lew loved watching every sport (Go Packers!), walking on the beach, observing nature and birds (especially his egrets and blue herons). He also loved reading mysteries, studying history, and traveling.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Jane Byers Ameel; two sons, Matthew Patrick Ameel of Chicago, IL and Michael Joseph Ameel of Los Angeles, CA; a daughter, Sonia Maribel Ameel of Milwaukee, WI; three grandsons, Aidan, Adrian and Isaac of Milwaukee, WI; a daughter, Megan Elizabeth Ameel and her child, Riley; two brothers, Mark Ameel and wife, Chesta of St. Louis, Missouri and Craig Ameel of Chicago, IL; a sister, Carolyn Jonsson of

Chicago, IL; and a brother in law, Edward Byers of Greensboro, NC.

There will be a private family memorial service. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, Murrells Inlet, SC is assisting the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or a charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

NF

“ Dear Jane and children: Phylis and I were shocked to recently hear of Lew’s passing. A friend told Phylis about Lew’s funeral and we looked up his obituary.

On behalf of our family please accept our sincere condolences for the loss of your husband and father. Lew will be remembered by us as a friend who genuinely cared about his community and friends and most importantly, his family. He will be missed by us and all his friends from Waukesha and beyond.

If there is anything that we can do for you, please let us know.

Ness Flores - June 17, 2021 at 10:18 PM

FD

“ My condolences to the family in the loss of Lewis, I wish you the best of luck.

Frans Depaepe Zwevezele, Belgium



Frans Depaepe - November 28, 2020 at 12:27 PM

MG

“ 18 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Marilyn M Goerler - October 20, 2020 at 10:00 PM

FG

“ Goodbye dear friend and thank you for our 30 years of friendship. I have too many memories to pick just one, so my "memory" is my impression of this man.

Lew was a modern day Renaissance man, a man who seemed to have an ability to do almost anything. Amazingly he had career stints in news production, cable television, real estate and banking. He went to college as a music major and was an accomplished pianist and had a good singing voice. He had an abiding interest in history and an intuitive feel for politics. He was also an avid reader, a gourmet cook, and a Mr. Fixit around the house. He coached some of his kids' soccer teams, though he never played the game. I know no other person with this breadth of interest and abilities.

And he was an optimist, a practical optimist. Although he was clear-eyed about life's warts and difficulties, he was positive and always saw the possibilities in things. His view was that life was for the taking and for the shaping. He was a hands-on guy and I suspect that his diverse interests stemmed from always wanting to know how the world worked and to apply that knowledge by trying his hand at things. Life was there to be sculpted.

And he was my friend, an old-fashioned type of friend, who was loyal and supportive. He enjoyed conversation and we had countless get togethers over our 30 years. He gave of his time in friendship. A memory: Together we put in a wood floor in my house, and by "we" I mainly mean Lew. He was warm, easy to talk to and someone I could count on.

Goodbye dear friend and thank you.

Fred Gutierrez - October 18, 2020 at 08:48 PM

JP

“ From the moment my friend, Jane, introduced me to her future husband, I liked Lew. One of my favorite memories is Lew and my daughter playing together. Lew would spin the most fantastic stories, swing her in the air, and treat her like a princess. My daughter, on the other hand, was willing to give Lew her full attention, as well as share her pop-bead necklaces and all of her toys. What a great memory! Then there were all of the fun gatherings at the Waukesha County Fairs, when Megan, Lew’s older daughter, came to visit. And recently, we met Jane and Lew for our last gathering in Savannah and Hilton Head. Thank goodness for great memories! Lew was a gentle soul, fun-loving, and caring. He naturally enhanced the lives he touched. We will remember our friend with love. May he Rest In Peace. ❤️

Jan Price - October 18, 2020 at 07:01 PM

AI

“ I did not meet Lew and Jane until later in life, when my husband and I retired to SC and wound up living a few houses away from the Ameels. After a hurricane scared us "Southern newbies" in 2016, we vowed to be better prepared for the next storm.

Armed with coupons and consumer reviews, a few of us from Groveway Ct. took a road trip to Harbour Freight to buy generators. Having the largest car Lew drove, and we just laughed and laughed-
-all the way there and all the way back. Nothing was particularly funny, but even the salespeople were cracking up as we shopped, rabidly, collecting what we needed for "next time".

We took a few photos of our trip and I'm glad we did. It is my fondest memory of Lew. RIP my friend. You will be missed. XXX
OOO



Audrey Imhoff - October 18, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lewis Joseph Ameel Jr..



October 18, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lewis Joseph Ameel Jr..*



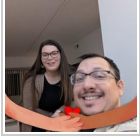
October 18, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ *Having a conversation with Lew was always a delight! He could talk about anything and I particularly loved to talk to Lew about history, I was always amazed at his deep knowledge of a subject that I love, too.*

Lew knew his way around a kitchen; you could always count on a delicious meal when invited to dinner. But most of all, I'll always remember one time when Lew and Jane were visiting. When I started to prepare dinner, Lew jumped into the kitchen and, together, we had dinner prepared in no time. That man knew how to chop!

Kristi Gutierrez - October 18, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“Dad you always had us laughing and smiling from ear to ear. We are celebrating you the way you would have wanted! Some of my favorite memories: I think about all the times you and I worked on your projects around the house and although you would try and teach me I would just watch in fascination and just hold your tools as your little assistant. Always having fun with the stuff we would do when mom was away, like just relax by doing nothing, while watching nascar races, golf tournaments, and the history channel. Other times you would join me and we'd play video games together and watch rated R movies after mom had gone to bed! Funny how sometimes the littlest things are the most memorable. I am glad i got to spend so much quality time with you as a kid.

One thing you and I had in common was being the oldest. I really wanted to live up to the eldest ameel expectation and be a good son, brother and grandson. I often would think about how great of a son, husband, friend, uncle, brother, father you were and gave me such a great example to learn from. You showed me how to be a male, more importantly how to be a man, and even better how to simply be a fine human being.

Love you Pappa Lew! Shine one you crazy diamond, wherever you are in the sky watching over us, we carry you in our hearts and minds always.



Matthew Ameel - October 18, 2020 at 11:45 AM

TH

“ On behalf of all of us at ULS, we are deeply saddened for the loss of Lewis Joseph Ameel. Great people raise great adults.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

*Timothy Horner
ULS*

Timothy Horner - October 18, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ *"Buddy Lew" "Oh That Lew"-these nicknames were given Lew by our children and granddaughter as tributes to his joyous approach to the people in his life. Jane and Lew and we shared many decades of raising our families together. A favorite memory is sharing Lew's delight at introducing his grandson to the ocean. Lew delighted in discovery whether a new place or recipe or book or hobby. He loved the magic of wonder-like Henrietta, we will all miss him.*

Nancy Bicha-Dale - October 18, 2020 at 08:02 AM

SA

“ *Missing you dad so much you were the best dad and papa anyone could have ever asked for. I love you with all my heart.*

Sonia Ameel - October 17, 2020 at 04:08 PM

MR

“ So my baseball friend was a Milwaukee Brewers fan, and I a St. Louis Cardinals fan. We had so much fun bantering back and forth when they were playing each other. Lew was also so helpful to my honey who struggles with Parkinsons. But the best part of their friendship that was Lew and Gary were Banana split buddies, They loved their ice cream! We loved to listen to Lew's stories, whether it be about the children or grandchildren or travels and I will quote, " I have the cutest wife ever". How sweet is that. We will miss you our friend. I will cherish your Magnolia tree in the back yard and think of you as it blossoms every year. Till we meet again..... Marylee and Gary

Marylee Reed - October 16, 2020 at 08:39 PM

SC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Lew's passing. Our condolences to the entire family. It was our privilege to get to know him in Waukesha; he was a wonderful, outgoing guy who loved his family. We are glad that Lew and Jane were able to realize their dream of living by the ocean and to enjoy life together there for several years.

Shirley Chilson and Bill Schulz

Shirley Chilson - October 16, 2020 at 02:22 PM

CH

“ Cynthia Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Lewis Joseph Ameel Jr.



Cynthia Hernandez - October 16, 2020 at 02:22 PM

NS

“ Such a cool guy! Lauren and I met Lew and Jane practically our first day of moving to South Carolina and the four of us became fast friends. He loved good food and cooking- we cooked together for dinner get-togethers- and shared a bourbon or two along the way. Saw Ford vs. Ferrari together, knowing his love of cars and racing. The four of us even went to an opera simulcast and were shocked that we all loved it! I'll never forget his riotous faux-Southern Gentleman impression as he would regale us with Tales of the South. Farewell good friend.

Neal Salminen - October 16, 2020 at 01:22 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear this news, Jane and Lee were neighbors for several years in Waukesha. Lew was a peaceful gentle man. Our condolences to you all.

Jody and Mike Schuenke - October 16, 2020 at 01:21 PM

JS

Auto correct changed Lew to Lee , my apologies

Jody and Mike Schuenke - October 16, 2020 at 01:22 PM

LS

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Lauren Salminen - October 16, 2020 at 10:08 AM

LS

“ Dear Ameen Family,
We only got Lew for four short years, but oh what a wonderful time we had. We will always remember Lew with love, because that is what he brought into the world. We will miss Easter on the Beach, rides over the causeway, Rummikub, Twin Aprons, whiskey shots, and that fabulous smile. We raise a glass in Lew's honor. Thanks for including us in your ride!
Love and hugs, Lauren and Neal

Lauren Salminen - October 16, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lewis Joseph Ameen Jr..



October 16, 2020 at 02:10 AM

LL

“ Jane, Matt, Michael, Mari,
I'm so sorry to hear about Lew's death. I didn't know him well, but I saw enough of you together to see that you loved each other. We were just getting to know you all when you kids were graduating from HS and Lew and Jane were packing up to move. We kept hoping you all would come back for a long time and we could get together again. We're so glad that the two of you were able to travel, have fun and see the kids become adults. Our hearts go out to all of you in this time of grief. May you find comfort and peace in the weeks and months to come, in the love you have for each other and the comfort of many happy memories.

Laurie Longtine and Steve Schmuki

Laurie Longtine - October 16, 2020 at 01:40 AM



“ *Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Lewis Joseph Ameel Jr..*

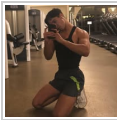


October 16, 2020 at 01:17 AM



“ *I love you dad so much. I'm so grateful that the whole family was here with you during your final moments. I will miss you like crazy.*

Michael Ameel - October 15, 2020 at 11:53 PM



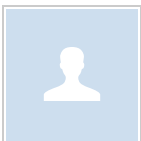
Süfyan Elmoumi - October 16, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lewis Joseph Ameel Jr..*



October 15, 2020 at 10:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lewis Joseph Ameel Jr..*



October 15, 2020 at 10:35 PM

JF

“ I don't remember if I ever met Mr. Ameel during the short time Michael attended ULS, but if he was even half as kind, thoughtful, and compassionate as Michael is... then we've all lost a great man.

John Fritzke - October 15, 2020 at 10:34 PM

MA

Thank you so much John for your beautiful message. You are right, we lost an amazing man.

Michael Ameel - October 15, 2020 at 11:54 PM

MG

ODE TO MY BRO

Lew, L – E – W not L – O – U, was a friend, like a brother.
No one kinder, no one wittier... he was a man like no other.
With that shirt collar flipped up and his Khaki pants pressed,
He always showed up looking his best.

Although we miss him, each memory stays
Of his accents and acting and such funny ways.
How he loved to charm us with his butler routine,
Towel on arm, champagne in hand, the server pristine.

Each royal wedding or new baby Brit
Sent Lew running to make scones; for the Queen they were fit!
And then was his dream of a Charlestonian guide
In Civil War garb, at a carriage helm he'd ride.

Southern historian, his accent so true;
How he'd regale his passengers – yep, that was Lew!
“I do declare!” he'd greet all at the start.
“Enjoy your tour, y'all, and bless your heart!”

Your "Sis", Marilyn

Marilyn M Goerler - October 20, 2020 at 09:16 PM