



David Neil Lewis

May 29, 1930 - May 17, 2025

David Neil Lewis, 94, was born in Buffalo, New York in 1930 and passed away in The Villages, Florida, on May 17, 2025.

Dave grew up in the Philadelphia suburbs with his parents and brother. After graduating from Lower Merion High School and attending art school, David married Gladys Mae McCrea in 1951 and raised four children, William, Charles, Laurie, and Susan.

Dave was an Air Force veteran and a talented Interior Designer. After serving his country, Dave moved his family to the Lewis farm in Indiana. Here he tried his hand at farming, a variety of sales roles, and ultimately, interior design. Beginning at Montgomery Ward, Dave moved to Harry Sharp, then Kaplan Furniture, and at last LS Ayres. He finally opened his own business, Lewis Interiors Incorporated.

Dave held leadership roles in the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), including serving as President of his state chapter. He won numerous awards for his work including placing in the top 3 at the Parade of Homes in Fort Wayne for ten straight years, as well as several awards at the Decorator's Showhouse in Indianapolis.

In addition to design work, Dave had a calling as a gourmet chef. He could replicate any dish, rarely using a recipe. He took a delight in entertaining,

travelling, and was a good and true friend. This remained a constant in his life – in his later years he truly treasured his time with friends, often at the American Legion!

Dave was preceded in death by his parents Myron and Geraldine, his brother Myron Jr, his son William, and his wife Gladys. He is survived by his son Charles, daughters Laurie and Susan, as well as seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

A celebration of life will be held in The Villages