



Lewis Martin

December 19, 1948 - December 20, 2025

Lewis “Lew” Martin, age 77, passed away on December 20, leaving behind a lifetime of cherished memories, contagious laughter, and the kind of friendships that feel like family.

Born on December 19, 1948, in Wyandotte, Michigan, Lew had a rare and genuine gift because he made everyone feel at home. His door was always open, his heart even more so. Known for his warmth, quick wit, and easy smile, Lew was the person who brought people together and made moments memorable. His gatherings were legendary, filled with laughter, storytelling, and friendly competition especially when sports were involved.

A proud graduate of Lincoln Park High School, Class of 1967, Lew was a natural leader. He played both football and baseball and served as class president, roles that reflected his lifelong love of teamwork, camaraderie, and bringing people together.

Lew deeply cherished his family and friends, valuing time spent together above all else. A devoted sports fan, he passionately supported Detroit teams but found joy in watching almost any game, especially when shared with good company. He found happiness on the golf course, peace while fishing, and true contentment at his northern Michigan home, where he embraced the beauty of nature and the animals he so dearly loved.

Never one to miss a good party, Lew was well known for his love of karaoke, particularly his unforgettable rendition of "Pretty Woman." With his own carefully prepared set list in hand, he delighted in entertaining others, spreading joy, and making sure everyone felt included in the fun.

True to his wishes, Lew would want his life remembered as a celebration full of stories, music, laughter, and love. His legacy lives on through his wife and children, in the countless lives he touched, the friendships he nurtured, and the joyful moments he created. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Lew is survived by his wife of 47 years, Kitty (Catherine Hope) Martin; his children Laura (John) Freeman, Lewis Martin, Amanda (Mike) Anderson, and Brett (Maria) Martin; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He is also survived by his brothers Ken Martin and Ron Martin; his sister Janie Calpin; and many sisters- and brothers-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ira and Clara Martin; his brother, Don Martin; and his daughter-in-law, Michelle Martin.

A celebration of life is planned for Saturday, January 31 in the Detroit area. In lieu of flowers, please share your favorite Lew Martin story by sending them to rememberbiglew@gmail.com or donations may be made in his memory to Michigan Trout Unlimited, an organization that serves the Northern Michigan environment that he loved so dearly.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ I have so many great memories of Lew
He had a great smile and loved to sing
We had a group of friends from McLouth that
hug out. We are still friends over 50 years now.
My fondest memories of Lew and Kitty are their
unique Halloween costumes. We loved to party
and have fun
I will miss him dearly. My heart goes out to Kitty and his family.
Char Johnson



Charlene Johnson - January 17 at 02:46 PM

JM

“ I worked at McLouth Steel and served on the Management Club
Committee with Lew. We had a ball putting social events together.
He was also a big part of the group of co-workers who hung out
together. Lew and I shared a canoe ride together on the AuSable
river. In the pouring rain. "Black Water" will always remind me of
him.
I wish Kitty and his family peace and lots of great memories.

Judy Manning - January 16 at 10:07 AM

VS

“ I'm so sorry Laura and Lewis that you lost your dad. He was a great
person with a lot of love for you both. Remember your great times
with him. My thoughts and prayers to you all.

Vicky Shropa - January 01 at 11:13 PM

SB

“ Karaoke in Allen Park - he really wanted to do a duet together and it took a lot of persuading to get me to join him on the stage. His enthusiastic performance was contagious. We sounded great together. I got caught up in the song and convinced myself that I was a rock star! Then I lost my breathe & went totally flat. If he noticed, he didn't say. He made me feel like we had performed live at Pine Knob with thousands of adoring fans giving us a standing ovation.

Lew was a special human. I will miss him, but am so grateful for the many years of memories he left behind.

Syd Bastos - December 30, 2025 at 12:33 PM

AC

“ Kitty, thinking of you and wishing you peace and the comfort of this lifetime of memories with your husband. Ann-Marie Crawford

Ann-Marie Crawford - December 28, 2025 at 09:47 PM

KP

“ Lew was such a good guy. In addition to attending the same church, we played softball together for over 20 years. There was no better teammate. Rest in peace in God's loving embrace, my friend.

Keith Provost - December 27, 2025 at 04:05 PM