



**Gordon G. Lewis**

Born August 13, 1936, to Gordon Elmer Lewis and Ruth Henrietta DeMousset, passed away on March 1, 2012, at his home in Sonoma, CA. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Fetter Lewis; former wife, Joan Cook Lewis Lane; son, Edward Lewis; daughter, Sharon Lewis Sala; step-children: Cynthia, Scott, Anthony and Sean; sisters Virginia Martino and Dian Barkan; brother Ronald Lewis; nineteen grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his brother, Lawrence Lewis, and nephew, Gordon Martino. A veteran of the U. S. Air Force, he went on to study at Skyline College; retired after 32 years with PG&E, the bulk of his time as a sub-station operator. In retirement he loved every minute of being an accomplished woodworker, engraver, and award-winning published writer. In 2009 Gordon was inducted into the Polytechnic High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame for winning the Hearst 6th Army High School Rifle Match in 1955. To date he is the only R.O.T.C. student to achieve this honor. He was a volunteer Reserve Police Officer in Pacifica. He also volunteered at the Glen Ellen Community Church on various repair projects and gave many haircuts as a licensed barber at the City Kids' Festival. Gordon had an innate ability to use humor throughout his life, even if it was the same joke, again and again. He made sure he did what he thought was right and he made sure his family also did what he thought was right! He gave his life to the Lord in 2011. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 10, at 2 p.m. in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church at 16290 Arnold Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Glen Ellen Community Church, P.O. Box 41, Glen Ellen, CA 95442, in memory of Gordon Lewis would be appreciated.

## **Gordon Lewis - The Fun N Sun Years**

Gordon and Marilyn Lewis first visited Fun N Sun in the 2002-03 Winter Season at the invitation of their life-long friends, Bob and Carolyn Ross. They returned every season through 2008-09, except one, until health problems prevented their travel.

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## Gordon Lewis - The Fun N Sun Years (continued)

Both Gordon and Marilyn said they found many activities at FNS to enjoy along with new friendships they cherished. Mail Call, an informal gathering of friends every afternoon, introduced them to residents and Winter Texans with differing backgrounds and hobbies—all retirees with big smiles who were living the good life and soon became fast friends with the Lewis'.

Their list of friendships grew as they pursued their favorite RGV, Encore parks, and FNS activities which included: Sunday Worship Services with Vance Greek, Writers Group, Mail Call, Round Dancing and Square Dancing, Tennis, Golf, Computer Club, many different computer classes, and trips to Progreso. Through Marilyn's involvement in genealogy classes, Gordon was able to identify and locate relatives who lived in Texas.

The last winter Gordon and Marilyn visited FNS, Gordon participated in the Jalapeno 100 Bike Ride on the 25 mile course. He was so proud to finish, but did whisper to friends how mortifying it was to have women and children—and a few old men—whiz past him during the ride. After returning to California, he spent several months getting into shape, visiting the local fitness centers, and taking long rides on his bike so he'd make a better showing the following year. And he seemed to achieve his readiness, but unfortunately his health deteriorated—they could not return the following year.

Marilyn and Gordon told their California friends just how much they loved FNS, and talked about perhaps someday buying a place at the park. Also, Gordon didn't miss a beat in telling family and friends back home about how cheap you could eat breakfast for in deep South Texas. He was proud to save a buck whenever he could.

Obituary in the Press Democrat (Santa Rosa, CA)

There is also a guest book, if you would like to sign.

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