



Lewie Pilcher Thomas III

October 5, 1958 - August 25, 2024

In Loving Memory of
Lewie Pilcher Thomas III

Lewie Pilcher Thomas III, 65, of Hagerstown, Maryland, passed away on August 25, 2024, in Augusta, Georgia. Lewie was born on October 5, 1958, in Augusta, Georgia, to the late Lewie Pilcher Thomas, Jr. and Marguerite Thomas Wynn. He was the fifth child of seven children in that union. Two siblings, Karen Thomas and Shirley Iris Randolph, preceded him in death. Lewie graduated from Governor Thomas Johnson High School, Frederick, Maryland, in 1976. He also graduated from Frostburg State University with a degree in Recreation. In his early years, Lewie worked in Frederick for the Parks and Recreation Commission for two years and in the Sheriff's Office for six months. He worked seven years as the Correctional Recreation Supervisor at the Maryland Correctional Training Center in Hagerstown. From there, he became a Group Counselor at Victor Cullen Academy and was later selected as the Athletic Director. After retiring from the State of Maryland, he continued to work with the Washington County Highway Department.

Lewie had a great love for sports and was very competitive. He played semi-pro basketball for Craig Paving and for the Frederick Flyers. Lewie, aka Big Lew, was involved with several softball teams that played route ball on a state and national level, including Livingston Jewelers, Tailgaters, and Funkstown Moose. He was an avid bowler and still holds the house record for duck pin

total game set at Turner's Bowling Alley. He loved the Baltimore Ravens and enjoyed attending games with his friends. He helped to create the Hub City Home Run Derby, which donated over \$20,000 to support the local military and the Wounded Warrior Project.

Big Lew was a loving father, brother, uncle, and friend. He was considered the life of the party, especially if there was a DJ or Karaoke. His getting up to sing was always a crowd-pleaser and would fill an empty dance floor.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his daughter, Rachel Thomas; his son, Lewie P. Thomas IV; four sisters, Geraldine (Lawerance) Bryant, Dianne Thomas-Weedon, Sharon Andrews, and Yolanda Mccoy; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He will be remembered for his love, kindness, generosity, and patience toward everyone. He will be dearly missed.

A Celebration of Life will be at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at Potomac Fish and Game Club, 14241 Falling Waters Rd, Williamsport, Maryland 21795.

Online condolences are accepted at www.chanceandhydrick.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 12. 4:00 PM.

Potomac Fish

Tribute Wall

JA

“ To Lew’s family, i had the pleasure of getting to know Big Lew at the YMCA 30 and under basketball games. Lew was always kind, and a smile was usually on his face. I’m so sorry for your loss, and may you find peace with his memories. Jack metzner

jack - October 14, 2024 at 01:45 PM

WP

“ To Lew’s family
I’m so sorry for your loss. I was fortunate enough to have had him as a friend in the softball world. Always full of laughs and a guaranteed good time. He brighten a room. Rest in Peace buddy!
“Go Feet” God Bless

Wanda Gay Poffenberger - October 13, 2024 at 09:14 PM

MB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family during this difficult time and while celebrating his life! I have many fond memories of good times with Lew! Enjoyed his energy and enthusiasm playing sports especially in the Washington County flag football league! Had the opportunity to work with Lew both in Frederick County and State of Maryland Corrections. Always had your back! Just a stand up guy who will be sorely missed! Regards, Mark Benner

Mark Benner - October 11, 2024 at 04:37 PM

RF

“ *Dear Rachel and Family,
We are sending prayers to you on the loss of your dear Dad. May
the memories of him sustain you and bring you comfort. Hoping all
is well with you.*

*Love,
Mike, Ranelle ,Ryan and Rachel*

Ranelle Flurie - October 11, 2024 at 02:43 PM