



Lewis B. Sprague

March 5, 1948 - February 27, 2019

ADRIAN – Lewis B. Sprague, age 70 of Adrian, passed away Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at University of Michigan Hospital.

Born March 5, 1948, in Adrian, Michigan, he was the son of Bernard and Esther (Dohm) Sprague. Lew was a 1966 graduate of Adrian High School and earned an Associate's Degree from what is now Jackson College. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War.

On May 28, 1994, he married Tommie Oliver Percy, and she survives.

Lew was a master electrician for Service Electric for 28 years. In his retirement he continued working as an electrical inspector for Cambridge Township, the Village of Blissfield and Riga Township. For several summers, he and Tommie also worked events at Michigan International Speedway. Lew was a member of IBEW Local 8, IAEL, and the Brewster Society as well as a former member of Civitan of Lenawee. He mentored many students at the LISD and also served on their advisory board. Lew shared his love of origami with family, friends and others he taught at the Adrian Senior Center. He and Tommie enjoyed traveling extensively and collecting kaleidoscopes.

Lew was devoted to his family and will be greatly missed by those surviving including Tommie, his wife of almost 25 years; children: Tammy McGhee of Macon, GA, Matthew Sprague of Tecumseh, Darci (Terry) Francoeur of Onsted, Kathy (Todd) Brewer of Clayton, Beth (Mike) Bowden of McKinney, TX; a sister, Neva Kinney of Cheyenne, WY; 11 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; numerous nieces; 1 nephew and a multitude of friends.

At Lew's request, cremation will take place. A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at Adrian First Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Michael Wood officiating and military honors conducted by the VFW Annis Fint Post #1584 and American Legion Post #97. Visitation will be held at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian on Monday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Contributions in memory of Lew are suggested to Melanoma Research at University of Michigan Hospital at <https://victors.us/lewisbsprague>, Lenawee Humane Society or Hope Community Center. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Memorial Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Adrian First Church of the Nazarene
50 Industrial Drive
Adrian, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Lewis B. Sprague*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I always treasured my correspondence with Lew about kaleidoscopes. I am saddened by his passing. I realize this is very late, but my sincerest condolences. I'm not completely sure but there maybe audio tape of Lew and I discussing kaleidoscopes. I hope I am not causing new sadness by posting this. Joe Mathis*



Joe Mathis - August 03, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ *Tommie ,Family , Friends of Lew , I am honored to have served with Lew in the USN during the Vietnam War . We served together in Attack Squadron 22 . Although we were not together the full 4 years , Lew fit in from the time he arrived . When we worked, we all worked . When We had fun , we all had fun .We have had the pleasure of them visiting S.C. and Navy Reunions .That little smile (smirk) will always be remembered . Those bonds from 50 years ago are still with me . Rest in Peace Brother Lew Joe &Carolyn*

Joe/Carolyn Whitener - March 18, 2019 at 02:11 PM

BI

“ *BRENDA IMM lit a candle in memory of Lewis B. Sprague*



BRENDA IMM - March 05, 2019 at 03:49 PM

SM

“ *Shawna Miller lit a candle in memory of Lewis B. Sprague*



Shawna miller - March 05, 2019 at 12:19 AM

LC

“ *It hurts my heart that this ever-smiling very nice guy has left us so soon. I am so sorry for yet another loss to this wonderful family. 💔 It is always too soon to say goodbye.*

Linda Raines Cline - March 04, 2019 at 09:59 PM

MS

“ *MIS Maintenance Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lewis B. Sprague.*



MIS Maintenance Staff - March 04, 2019 at 03:28 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Lewis B. Sprague.*



March 04, 2019 at 11:19 AM



“ *Dear Tommie, I am sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Bev Clement*

Beverly Clement - March 04, 2019 at 09:08 AM



“ *Cambridge Township Office purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lewis B. Sprague.*



Cambridge Township Office - March 04, 2019 at 08:35 AM



“ *Louie was always a ray of sunshine when he came. He will be missed. Sympathies to the family.*

Kelly Veterinary Clinic - March 04, 2019 at 08:11 AM



“ *Patti Bailey purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Lewis B. Sprague.*



Patti Bailey - March 03, 2019 at 06:18 PM

CF

“ We will miss Lew and his great sense of humor, infamous hugs and his joy for life. Every time I would see him he always had a big smile and hug to share. We are so very blessed for the time we knew him and we were able to spend with him. He will be missed deeply. Peace and love to all who are grieving his loss.

Cathy Fox - March 03, 2019 at 05:21 PM

SM

Lew was the person who could make your day better In a matter of 5 minutes! Hes was such a genuine nice man. Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him was truly blessed! Uncle Lew will always be thought of with a smile and a warm feeling in the heart. Peace to all who loved him and are grieving during this difficult time. All my love and prayers are with you.
Shawna Miller and family

Shawna miller - March 05, 2019 at 12:14 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lewis B. Sprague.



March 03, 2019 at 05:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lewis B. Sprague.



March 03, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ 120 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wagley Funeral Home - March 03, 2019 at 10:57 AM

DS

“ *Tommy, it was so sad to hear of the passing of Lew. We had a lot of great canoe trips up north and he was a great inspiration to me and my son Brian. He will be sadly missed but fondly remembered. My condolences to all of Lew's family and friends. Dave Shulters*

Dave Shulters - March 03, 2019 at 10:20 AM

GB

“ *Tommie, I am so sorry to hear of Lew's passing. He was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. He was always great to be around, always bright and Cheerie .*

With heartfelt condolences

Gary Bice

Gary Bice - March 02, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lewis B. Sprague.*



March 02, 2019 at 10:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lewis B. Sprague.*



March 02, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ *Lou was always a friendly and positive guy. He was on our advisory committee and involved with several students at the Tech Center. He was a willing helper and a good influence on the students he was in contact with.*

Larry Schroeder

Larry Schroeder - March 02, 2019 at 09:19 AM



“ *My favorite memory of Lew was dressed as the apple man hawking apples for donations to Civitan! He was a special person and will be missed.*



mary vallad - March 01, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Lewis B. Sprague.*



March 01, 2019 at 03:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lewis B. Sprague.*



March 01, 2019 at 02:39 PM



“ *DEAR TOMMIE AND FAMILY,
SO SHOCKED AND SADDENED TO SEE ABOUT LEW'S DEATH.
I'VE BEEN VISITING DEB OLIVER AND SHE NEVER
MENTIONED ANY PROBLEMS. YOU WERE BLESSED TO HAVE
SUCH A WONDERFUL AND ATTENTIVE PARTNER WITH A
GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. MAY HE REST IN PEACE AND GOD
BLESS YOU.
BARB SELL*

BARB SELL - March 01, 2019 at 02:24 PM

D5

“ Darrell, Mark and the guys at sites 5/6 purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lewis B. Sprague.



Darrell, Mark and the guys at sites 5/6 - March 01, 2019 at 01:09 PM

TF

“ The Matthews and Rhinehart families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lewis B. Sprague.



The Matthews and Rhinehart families - March 01, 2019 at 12:02 PM

JB

“ My prayers and condolences to all of Lew's family. I originally met Lew because he and his crew from Service Electric did lots of electrical work in my school building over the years. He and I would always talk not only about the work in progress, but he made sure if there were any special concerns he would note that and get it taken care of. Since those years I would see him all over town, and we had a running joke whether my wife and I were following him and his wife, or whether was it vice versa. Bob Evans, Big Boy, Meijer, and other places were our "hangouts", and we would always see him and his wife somewhere in town nearly every week. Lew did have a great smile, and a great sense of humor. He always made me laugh. (I will still be looking for him everywhere I go... and know that I will probably see him again somewhere... May the Lord Bless him dearly!)

Joel Beutler - March 01, 2019 at 11:47 AM

SM

“ Lew was a wonderful friend. I worked with him at Service Electric. He helped Tony and I wire our new addition. Such a happy vibrant man. Always smiling and joking around. He will be missed. Shelley Merillat

Shelley Merillat - March 01, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lewis B. Sprague.



March 01, 2019 at 08:40 AM

JA

“ I worked at McDonalds (the one that was taken down on Main Street) in high school. I met Lew when I worked there. He was one of the nicest guys I have ever met. He was always polite, smiling and a joke or some goofy thing to share with his hands. I always enjoyed talking with him! He was a great man. He will always be with your family and watching over them.

Jennifer (Smith) Alcock - March 01, 2019 at 06:29 AM

JC

“ Lew was the brother my best friend Neva. I was able to spend some time with him in Cheyenne and back in 1996 when Neva and I made a trip to Adrian. We stayed at his home for a few days. I once told Neva, "If you don't want your brother, I'll take him." He was such a nice man; so kind and friendly. The world was certainly a better place with Lewis Sprague present.

Janet Cunningham - February 28, 2019 at 09:56 PM

KC

“ Karen Craven lit a candle in memory of Lewis B. Sprague



karen craven - February 28, 2019 at 09:45 PM

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karen craven - February 28, 2019 at 09:44 PM

CG

“ Tommie my heart aches for you and your family, and to all who knew Lew, (that's "Jerry" to me) He had a quick wit and great sense of humor. Your love for each other is an inspiration, it has been an honor to witness Love to all of you. I'm here anytime Love You H and Carrie

Carrie Green - February 28, 2019 at 09:26 PM

BI

“ We are so sad to hear about Lew's passing. What a wonderful person he was. We just met Lew a couple of years ago but we became great friends. I will miss him when I walk by his place in Florida and yell out LEW LEW and he would come out laughing. Our prayers go out to you Tommie and your family. God bless you all at this sad time

Barb and Dick lott - February 28, 2019 at 07:58 PM

TH

“ *The Hepperlys, the Hades and the Hunts purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lewis B. Sprague.*



The Hepperlys, the Hades and the Hunts - February 28, 2019
at 07:32 PM

SJ

“ *We first met Lew and Tommie 6 years ago when my husband offered me a trip to Hawaii or a NASCAR race for our 40th Anniversary. Not a tough choice, I chose the races and decided on going to MIS. After we told Tami and Cathy at Turn 2 Retreat camp ground that spread like wild fire. Lew and Tommie were there in no time and made our anniversary so special. He took us all around the track, showed us places most people could never go to and every year since that time we were able to see more and more. They treated us like family. Lew and Tommie as well as Tami and Cathy are such caring people and made each person staying at MIS top priority and made our stay there the best. Lew will be missed by everyone there. Thank you for making our times at MIS the best ever. Dale & Sonya Jones from Franklin, PA, Monica & Garey Forehand from Chesapeake, VA May you rest in peace, until we meet again!*



Sonya Jones - February 28, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ *Patti Bailey lit a candle in memory of Lewis B. Sprague*



Patti Bailey - February 28, 2019 at 06:09 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lewis B. Sprague.*



February 28, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ *Absolutely one of the nicest guys I knew from my long past. I remember him as always being so kind, so nice and being absolutely genuine to me as a youngster. His smile said everything about him. Even though I have not seen Lewis in many years his passing is heartbreaking that such a great man is no longer on this earth, but no doubt smiling over each and every one of us. Brings tears and a very sad day.*

Rodney Leonard - February 28, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ *Tommie, I am so sad and sorry about Lew's passing. Too sudden and young. I know your family and friends always will be there for comfort and support. Deepest condolences, Kathy Baillargeon*

Kathy Baillargeon - February 28, 2019 at 03:01 PM

JK

“ So sorry for your loss
*I worked with him at Service Electric for 9 years. Always smiling and
of course joking & giving me a hard time . Lots of great memories
he will be missed. Hugs & prayers for the family*❤❤

Janice Kimling - February 28, 2019 at 02:49 PM

VA

“ Prayers to all during this difficult time. Ginny
Alvers



Virginia Alvers - February 28, 2019 at 02:12 PM