



Lewis Wayne Van Bebber

August 2, 1949 - June 15, 2023

A blond-haired, blue-eyed boy entered this world in his own way, if not of his own accord, and much the same, he left it on his terms. Lewis wished for his life to hold meaning beyond the scope of his death, and so he donated his organs to help others in need.

His passing leaves a huge hole in the hearts of those who entered his life. Louie amused - and sometimes frustrated - us with his contrary, stubborn, and cantankerous spirit. No one could be more determined and ornerier than Lewis when he was in the mood to be headstrong, and it seems that most people who knew him well have a story to that effect! But we were also blessed that he shared his generous, caring, and downright funny self with us, too.

Lewis grew up in Kansas City, and it was there he learned to love horror movies, bowling, Worlds of Fun, barbecue, the Royals, and his beloved Chiefs. It was rare to see him in cold weather without a hat or jacket with the Chiefs logo.

When Louie moved to Miami, Oklahoma, he had no idea he'd end up working at the Chevy dealership for forty-nine and a half years! Roger Michael became not only his boss but also a friend, mentor, and comrade. Roger still thinks of LouBob as his son, and we are forever grateful for thar relationship.

Lewis had a knack for making strong friendships, and his own personal Dream Team is proof of that. John Bekemeier, Todd Fletcher, Danny Garner, and Bill Thompson formed the core of Louie's social group, and he was always happy when they would go out to eat, catch a ball game, or let him complain about the Royals! It may have seemed simple and small from the outside, but the strength of their friendship and depth of care for one another speak loudly to the power and quality of the bonds they had.

"My little buddy Louie is gone," Pat Sills wrote when he heard Lewis had left us. Westco had been like a second home to Lewis and Pat, the largest part of that. One of the highlights of their friendship was going to an OU game together. Louie was happy to talk about the experience, but he told Pat he'd never go to another game. "Too many people!"

Lewis was always comfortable and at home with family. He dearly loved children, and that became clear at the births of his nieces, Terrie and Dawn. By the time his sister Vickie's children, Nicole and Matthew, were born, he was an exceptional uncle, and he continued to become the best possible great uncle. Uncle Louie will always be loved and cherished by "his" kids.

Lewis, when you were happy, you were HAPPY. When you were mad, well, we all certainly knew! You lived your life openly and honestly and on your own terms. Danny says you wouldn't ride with the guys anywhere unless you got to sit up front! You were always a character, and the world is a little duller after your loss.

Thank you, brother of mine, for allowing us to be a part of your life on this earth. We can only hope we repaid you adequately for all the smiles, laughter, and love you gave to us.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



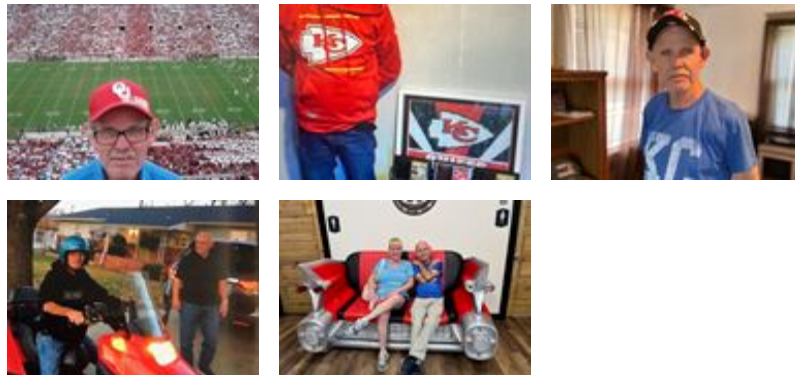
“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Lewis Wayne Van Bebber*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - June 20, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ *40 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - June 20, 2023 at 11:18 AM

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“ *Sweet Lou! He watched all of our baseball games. When he worked for Roger Michael, he would come with Roger to watch us play ball and he always went with us to the KC Royals games. He was always fun to be around. Rest easy Sweet Lou!*

George Briscoe - June 19, 2023 at 06:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lewis Wayne Van Bebber.



June 17, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ I met Lewis when he and I worked with the Animal Welfare Society years ago. He would always joke with me telling me he was going to put me in a cage and someone would probably adopt me! 😊. He was such a sweet guy! I will see you again my friend!

Shannon Huffman - June 16, 2023 at 09:23 PM



“ Louis was a joy to know, always polite and kind. I don't believe he ever had a bad day. R.I.P.

Karen Downs - June 16, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ Louie was one of the best neighbors and friend anyone could have. You had a huge heart and You always remembered my kids on their birthdays, Christmas and every holiday, big bags of candy for halloween and fireworks for the 4th of July. They will always remember that. You would always let me know when the bad storms were coming and when the Chiefs were playing. You were very special to us. We love you and will miss you.

Melissa Cornog - June 16, 2023 at 05:09 PM

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Louie, I have been blessed to shared all the great games and dinner with you. I'll keep rooting for our Kansas Chiefs and Royals. Till we met again in Heaven. God Bless Todd Fletcher

TODD FLETCHER - June 17, 2023 at 02:18 PM

DG

“*Louie we have been friends since Roger Michael hired you at the Chevrolet dealership almost 50 years ago and before it was when you came from Kansas City. I am glad our paths crossed on this earth I will see you again someday. Glad we're friends. 🙌👍👉*
Danny Garner.

Danny Garner - June 16, 2023 at 03:56 PM