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Owen Lee Lewis, Sr., 80, of Rossville, Georgia, passed away on Monday, August 18, 2025. He was born to the late Malcom and Mary Lee Lewis in Danville, Virginia. Owen lived most of his life in the Chattanooga – Northwest Georgia area, except for his time in the United States Army. Owen was an American Hero. He honorably and selflessly served our country in the United States Army in Korea and Vietnam, and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Army Commendation with Valor. “In authorizing the latter decoration, Col. George S. Beatty, Jr., chief of staff, headquarters, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), said of the Danville soldier: 'His aggressive spirit, personal bravery, and immediate response while under heavy fire resulted directly in the safe withdrawal of his comrades who were severely wounded. Specialist Lewis' unselfish devotion to duty, alertness, and concern for his fellow soldiers were in the highest tradition of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.” Owen was a member of the Church of Christ in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, #3679 VFW Life Member, American Legion #40 Member in Ringgold, Georgia, and a member of the Disabled Veterans Red Bank, Tennessee Chapter. Owen was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was a hard worker, a great teacher, and an example. When the family was asked what they would like to say about

Owen, without hesitation, Mrs. Bettie said, "He was our hero!" His wife, family, and friends dearly loved Owen, and he will be greatly missed.

Owen is preceded in death by his son, Owen Lee Lewis, Jr.; parents, Malcom Owen and Mary Lee Lewis; step-mother, Rachel Lewis; step-brother, George Hughes; and step-sister, Francis Hughes.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Bettie Croson Lewis; children, Aaron Wayne (Cristy) Lewis of Martinsville, Virginia, Kevin Thomas (Allecia) Lewis of Rock Spring, Georgia, Robert Lebron (Hillary) Lively of Ringgold, Georgia; daughter-in-law, Rachel Lewis Cicero; sister, Brenda Rose Summer of Henderson, North Carolina; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family has arranged for a time to remember and honor Owen. Friends and family are invited to join us on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday, August 21, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The funeral service, a time to celebrate Owen's life, will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the funeral home chapel with Minister Larry Gordy and Minister Lowell Hillis officiating. Following the service, we will proceed to the National Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tennessee, for the pavilion service and burial at 1:00 p.m. The family appreciates your prayers and support during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Tennessee State Veterans' Home in Cleveland, Tennessee, in memory of Sgt. Owen Lewis, Sr.

An Online guest book can be found at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, is handling the funeral arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404
(423) 855-6590

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 20. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742
(706) 866-5555
info@wilsonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

AUG 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 21. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

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Burial

AUG 21. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Very special family. He will be missed greatly. Love you Ms Betty and praying for you*

Sheila Skiba - August 24, 2025 at 07:28 AM

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“ *I am very honored and blessed to have had the opportunity to take care of Owen. Betty and the family are in my prayers and thoughts.*



Shannon Christian - August 22, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ *Mr. Owen was the sweetest man. I was their neighbor these past few years and the love between Mrs. Bettie and Mr. Owen was so special and so beautiful. I enjoyed listening to their stories & helping with whatever I could. Not enough people show respect to those who severed for our freedom. It was an honor to have met and been friends with Mr. Owen. Mrs. Bettie, I'm covering you in prayers. He's dancing with Jesus now!!! What a wonderful day that will be for us all.*

Tiffany Boyd Oliver - August 20, 2025 at 03:04 PM

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“ *The Lewis Family are a fine example of dedicated people, who deeply cares for their family. Mrs. Lewis came to visit Mr. Lewis and was by his side at all times. She was kind to us while she had her visits to the nursing home to care for Mr. Lewis and it showed the compassion they had for others! May the Good Lord keep you strong!*

Mark Ogle - August 19, 2025 at 09:50 PM

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“ *Richard & Jo Ann Grainger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Owen Lee Lewis Sr..*

Richard & Jo Ann Grainger - August 19, 2025 at 06:52 PM

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“ *Richard & Jo Ann Grainger purchased the A Full Life for the family of Owen Lee Lewis Sr..*



Richard & Jo Ann Grainger - August 19, 2025 at 06:52 PM

JG

“ *Rich and I send our condolences to Betti and all of Owen's family. Rich served with Owen in the Military and they remained friends for the rest of their lives. We both loved Owen and Betti and will miss Owen greatly.*

Richard and Jo Ann Grainger

Jo. Ann Grainger - August 19, 2025 at 06:41 PM

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“ *To know him was to love him. I am very blessed and honored that I had the opportunity to care for Owen. I will greatly miss him. All my love and prayers to Bettie and family!*



Nicole Strange - August 18, 2025 at 10:11 PM