



Merrill Donovan Lewis

October 2, 1937 - October 11, 2025

Merrill Donovan "Louie" Lewis, age 88, passed away peacefully on October 11, 2025, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, at Ball Hospice House.

Born on October 2, 1937, in Bismarck, North Dakota, Merrill was the son of Margaret and Donovan Lewis. He pursued higher education at North Dakota State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree—laying the foundation for a distinguished and varied career.

Merrill began his professional journey at the first nuclear power plant in Idaho, contributing to a pivotal moment in American energy history. He later applied his mechanical engineering expertise in the oil fields of Bakersfield, California. Eventually, he transitioned into a teaching role that allowed him to share his knowledge and passion with others.

Throughout his life, Merrill was known for his kind and generous spirit. His great laugh and pleasant demeanor left a lasting impression on those fortunate enough to know him. Whether enjoying a round of golf or relaxing with jazz and classical music, Merrill embraced life's pleasures with enthusiasm. He also loved traveling and boating and was an avid football fan.

He is lovingly remembered by his daughter, Carrie (Tom) Beaudry; son, Michael (Tracy) Harrow; grandsons, Logan Reed and Sean Harrow; sister,

Joanne (Rod) Kaiser; brother, Bruce (Sandy) Lewis; sister, Donna (Tim) Larson; as well as extended family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

Merrill was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Carole Lewis; parents, Margaret and Donovan Lewis; son, James Harrow; sisters, Norma Hoberg and Connie Whitcomb; and dear friend, Patricia Carroll.

In accordance with Merrill's wishes, there will be no formal service.

Those who wish to honor his memory may consider a donation in his name at the Ball Hospice, 308 W. 12th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783.

May Merrill's memory bring comfort to all who knew him.

Family Life Funeral Homes – Sault Ste. Marie assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.
Obituary as submitted by family.

Tribute Wall

BA

“ I enjoyed Mr. Lewis as a teacher, who did a great job with me. I asked many questions and he was always patient and professional and thoughtful. I got to know him as a father when I became friends with Mike. Then I got to know him as friend after college. My dad was a co-worker and a friend for many years. He was always a gentleman and a caring teacher. He will be missed by both of us

brian ausdemore - October 27, 2025 at 09:09 PM

RN

“ Merrill was one of the kindest, sweetest people that I have had the privilege to know. He was also a most knowledgeable man and cared deeply about our world and the people in it. I have had the most glorious and delightful conversations with Merrill and have shared many of his views. He certainly will be missed and the world could use many just like him.
Roy Nason

Roy Nason - October 18, 2025 at 05:02 PM

PH

“ Don Hakala and Merrill just clicked for so many years. Sad but thankful for the good years. Boat trips, Counselors, sports, politics, and more.

Pat Hakala - October 17, 2025 at 03:42 PM

DB

“ I'll always remember you Mr Lewis you were always one of my favorite teachers one of few that were ever able to teach me anything also one of the few who actually called me DJ good journeys to you my friend till we meet again.

Dj Benoit - October 14, 2025 at 08:55 AM

JS

“ Had the privilege of working w/ Merrill at Sault High. always a pleasant, positive man who cared deeply about the kids he served. My sincere condolences to the family. May they find comfort in the knowledge their father led a good meaningful life, helping so many others. God Bless till we meet again.

john w sawruk - October 14, 2025 at 06:05 AM

DB

“ I will never forget him as he was my high school counselor. After graduating from Sault Area High School, I would see Me. Lewis and he would always call me by name and we would have a short visit. Always respected him. RIP SIT

Daniel Buhro - October 14, 2025 at 01:33 AM



“ For you Mr. Lewis. You will be in my memory forever 💔



Darlene Lee Goldacker - October 13, 2025 at 05:44 PM