



## Cole Edward Lewis

August 22, 1948 - July 28, 2023

Ridgeway – Cole Edward Lewis, age 74, of Ridgeway, passed away on Friday July 28, 2023 at Pine Valley Community Nursing Home in Richland Center, WI. He was born to the late Gomer and Lavon (Love) Lewis, he was born on August 22, 1948, in St. Louis MO.

Cole was known to many by many different names, Ed, Eddie, Little Ed (Ed Love his uncle was Big Ed), Cole and Leo's granddaughters called him "Lewis" because he was always stealing their candy.

Cole served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany then sent to Vietnam, where he was in the Army Corp of Engineers building roads.

Cole enjoyed traveling and lived in many places, Missouri, Alabama, Arizona, Florida and most recently back home to Wisconsin. His working career covered many types of jobs. Bartending, Bar Manager, Copy Shop Manager, handyman, Advertising Truck driver and his best life was lived being the captain of his boat.

Cole had an exceptional sense of humor, and he was quite a storyteller. Anyone who ever heard him tell a joke or story was left in tears. A couple of his most notable were Dance-a-rella and the Bengal Tiger. He also loved to tell stories of his antics and shenanigans as a young man. To hear some of those stories most people probably thought he was making them up or at the very least embellishing them. But his cohorts in crime, Leo, Scott or Rex could

substantiate exactly what was being told. He was told by many he should of wrote a book.

Cole is survived by his sister Edith (Edie) Jacobson of Ridgeway; his brother-in-law, Ronnie Evans of Dodgeville; his sister- in-law Norma (Kay) Henderson-Lewis of Stoughton WI; his best friend and partner in crime Leo (Karen) Klosterman of Dodgeville; many nieces and nephews, cousins and friends, especially the folks at the apartment complex where he lived.

Cole was preceded in death by, his parents, a sister Jeannette Evans, a brother Alan (Buzz) Lewis, a brother-in-law/surrogate father figure DuWayne Jacobson, his beloved dog Gipper and cat Booger along with many other family and friends.

Cole's wishes were for no formal funeral service.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, September 10, 2023 from 11:30 until 2:00 p.m. at the RIDGEWAY AMERICAN LEGION HALL, where stories, laughter and good food will be shared to honor a life well lived.

# Cemetery Details

## Eastside Ebenezer Cemetery

County Road H  
Ridgeway, WI 53582

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **10**. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ridgeway American Legion Hall  
309 West Farwell Street  
Ridgeway, WI 53582

# Tribute Wall

BI

“ Cole used come over to see me at old TORQUE gas station and would give me a fanciful line of something or another, and I would loan him my car for the day. He was always willing to help whenever I needed it! Always was upbeat and ready for anything. He will be missed by everyone who new him!!!

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**Beckwith B Walls III** - August 04, 2023 at 03:26 PM

JE

“ I visited Cole at his Ridgeway apartment a few months back .He met in the hallway with a great hug and a;pat on the back. All was right with the world again. We sat on his couch/bed with his cat guarding him. He was physically quite frail but mentally his wit remained and laugh was loud. He told me he was happy and safe and Leo always checked on him. they both were lucky to have each other as long time friends throughout. Redroom and Summer Blues and the combo of Cole and Leo kept is laughing guessing what the hell was next. In Coles case the ship went down before him. Thanks for the smiles. Joel Egan

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**Joel Egan** - August 03, 2023 at 01:36 PM

PF

“ I think I was a freshman when I met Eddie. We would do doubles on the trampoline in the gym under Coach Winnie Wilson. We dated for a while, both of us moved on with our lives. I had the pleasure of visiting him in Ridgeway in 1922. We talked about the good old days and laughed about all the things we did. I will miss you and your family Eddie.

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**Patti Cutler Fellenz** - August 02, 2023 at 06:33 PM

DH

“ Ed's family-so very sorry for your loss. Ed was quite a guy. When he & John got together they would talk about the shenanigans the two of them pulled. I'm sure they are together and still talking. RIP Ed!

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**Diane Hermanson** - August 01, 2023 at 10:54 PM

LK

“ Ed and I met in 1971 at the Redroom bar. We hit it off so well it became a lifetime friendship. No matter what either one of us said the fun games began, nothing was spared and no one. I will miss him. Rest in peace.

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**leo klosterman** - August 01, 2023 at 12:22 PM