

Brian Edward Lewis, son of Benjamin Harding (1936-2018) and Shirley Ann (Bonham) (1936-2012) Lewis Jr., was born 10 August 1963, Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan. He graduated in 1981 from Okemos High School after a stellar school athletic career.

Brian forged a livelihood in the insurance field. He was the father of 3 children. Brian died 27 January 2019, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada.

D. S. Temrowski & Sons Funeral Home, Warren, Michigan

Brian Edward Lewis, age 55, died Sunday January 27, 2019, at the Kindred Hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada. Brian was born August 10, 1963, at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, and was the son of the late Benjamin Lewis Jr. and the late Shirley (nee: Bonham) Lewis.

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Brian Lewis

Called by Coach Stan Stolz one of the best pure shooters on the team. His excellent attitude in practice and during games was contributing to outstanding season for Chieftains. Very popular with teammates. The 6-foot-2 senior forward battled hard for starting position all season and despite losing his chance, remained on as one of the bench cheerleaders.

Brian's very early years were spent in Royal Oak, Michigan and later in Okemos, Michigan. Brian was a 1981 graduate of Okemos High School where he was a standout athlete. Brian loved all sports from a very early age. He shared this passion with his father who was Brian's biggest cheerleader throughout his life. Over the years Brian's father coached and mentored his son to become a great athlete and golfer.

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Brian Lewis

Sexton's Kris Nicholoff and Okemos' Brian Lewis emerged as the top golfers in the Capital Area Conference and Capital Circuit, respectively.

Brian was a member of the Okemos High School's 1981 State Basketball Championship team and was recognized as one of the best high school golfers in the State of Michigan. Recently Brian and his fellow Okemos basketball teammates were inducted into the Okemos High School Hall of Fame. Following high school Brian entered Indiana University with a golf scholarship; however, Brian did not stay

Wins junior amateur honors

Lewis low qualifier

Brian Lewis of Okemos shot a two-over-par 73 to take low qualifier honors at the Michigan Junior Amateur sectional competition played Monday at Forest Akers West Golf Course.

Lewis, who will attend the Indiana University on a golf scholarship in the fall, is working at Forest Akers this summer and he put that home course advantage to good use as he rolled in four birdies and defeated second-place Jon Kosier of Mason by two shots.

THREE OF Lewis' birdies came on the front nine as he matched par 36, then he played the back in 37. Despite placing among the leaders in many area junior tournaments this summer, Lewis had become dissatisfied with his game and had taken a week's layoff from golf before Monday's tourney. But he showed no signs of rustiness in leading the area's contingent of players

who now will go into state competition.

The state meet will be held Aug. 18 at the University of Michigan Golf Course. A total of 16 of the 26 players participating in Monday's tournament qualified for the state meet.

CARY CAMPBELL of East Lansing and Geoff Park of Lansing tied for third place behind Lewis and Kosier by shooting 77. Eight players in the tournament broke 80 on the 6,812-yard Forest Akers layout, with the highest qualifier shooting 85.

Michigan Junior Amateur Sectional Qualifier At Forest Akers West State qualifiers

- 73 — Brian Lewis
- 75 — Jon Kosier
- 77 — Cary Campbell, Geoff Park
- 78 — Bill Harris, Doug Koenigsnecht
- 79 — Jay Gill, Mike Ulrich
- 80 — Jeff Kropschol, Ron Feeley, Tom Desimini
- 81 — Doug Gschwind
- 82 — John Saker
- 84 — Todd Augenstein, Jerome Swain
- 85 — Mark Burzych



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Steve Wakulski, Brian Lewis, Brian Kennedy
Publinx Junior Golfers

When scores were posted in the Greater Lansing Publinx Junior Amateur Golf Tournament last Tuesday, the cream of area linksmanship had again surfaced to the top. Webberville's Brian Kennedy and Eastern High grad Steve Wakulski, who have dominated this summer's junior events, finished 1-2 with a 74 and 75, respectively, at the Forest Akers West layout. Okemos's Brian Lewis, one of only two other players to break 80, led the rest of the qualifiers for the state tournament Aug. 19 at Forest Akers.

at IU long before he moved to Florida to play on the professional mini satellite golf tours.

Brian returned home to Michigan and joined the workforce. He followed in his father's footsteps working as an insurance agent for AAA insurance. When he was not working, he continued to golf with his father and friends at Walnut Hills Country Club, caught all the Michigan State University sporting events he could, and hung out with his

little brother, Brad, and their many friends.

Brian was a very intelligent and kind person whom his brother remembers as a big brother who always included him. Even though Brad was 7 years younger than Brian, the two forged a brotherly bond where Brian taught Brad everything about sports, especially basketball. Brad always looked up to Brian and sought his advice when it came to sports and things during his youth. When the two brothers were young, Brian would take time to teach Brad how to shoot the basketball, throw the football and swing a golf club the correct way. He was very patient and a good teacher, mentor, and big brother to Brad that he will forever cherish those memories. In addition to his brother, Brian was also very close with his sister Sandy. The two shared many of the same friends throughout high school and college.

Brian, loved his family and his friends, had an affinity for finding stray animals. It seemed over the years Brian would collect different animals, from dogs to cats, and bring them home to care for.



Brian is survived by his children: Reanna, Ashley, and Alex Lewis all of Nevada. He was the brother of Sandy (David) Temrowski, and Bradley (Laura) Lewis. He was the uncle of Ben Temrowski, Kelly Temrowski, Will Temrowski, Jackson Lewis, and Olivia Lewis. His aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends further survive Brian. Brian was predeceased by both of his parents.

Laurel Winkel '68 kindly informed the Alumni Association of Brian's passing.