

## **Paul Schmid Lewis** — April 26, 1938 – May 19, 2014



Paul Schmid Lewis Sr., a long time resident of Houston and recently of Tomball, TX, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, May 19th, 2014.

He was born on April 26th, 1938 in Tarrytown, NY. to the late George and Emma Lewis. After graduating from Peekskill High School, he attended the SUNY Maritime Academy at historic Fort Schuyler. Integrity, honor, concern for others and a pursuit of excellence in all things were evident in the life that followed.

In 1964, while working for Gulf Oil, Paul arrived in Port Arthur, Texas on the Gulf Princess and was taken in by the Catholic community. It was there that he met the love of his life, Donna Carabine. On August 8, 1964 they married and spent 50 wonderful years together.

In 1972, he left Gulf Oil and arrived in Houston to work for C. J. Thibideaux Co. He quickly became a Texan buying a ranch near Huntsville where his family shared some of their best memories. It was in 1986 that he courageously stepped out and created his own company, L&R Chartering. He retired from L&R in 1999 and it remains a successful business today. Paul valued things well done; he was an avid collector of Model A Fords and known to have one of the largest collections of Gulf Oil memorabilia in the world. His many friends and family knew him as a craftsman, pilot, rancher, hunter, fisherman, golfer, antique car enthusiast, animal lover and intellectual. He believed that if you loved something, you should put time and energy into making it all it can be. This was evident in his commitment to his wife, children and grandchildren.

Paul was a dedicated member of every organization he was involved in. This included serving as Past President of the Piney Wood Model A Ford Club, as Vice President of The Model A Ford Foundation, a member of The Model A Ford Club of America, Greater Houston and The Golden Triangle as well as the Model A Restorers Club. In addition his passions were, The Gulf Oil Historical Society, The Knights of Columbus as a 4th degree knight and most importantly The Roman Catholic Church. Donna now survives Paul along with their beloved children Paul S. Lewis Jr and his wife Robbye, Kristin Lewis and Stephen C. Lewis and his wife Allison. He so loved his 6 granddaughters Reagan, Kendyl, Sydney, Grace, Lauren and Ellana as his grandson Colton. He is also survived by his older brother George and his younger brother Robert.