



Daniel Arvalee Lewis

Daniel A. Lewis, 96, died at Appling HealthCare System on Sept. 30, 2008, five days before his 97th birthday.

He was born Oct. 5, 1911 in Appling County to his parents, Patrick Ross and Josephine Evelyn Miles Lewis. Daniel is the oldest son and second child in a family of 13 children.

His training as a farmer began early in his life. At age five, his job was to separate the calves from the mother cows so his mother could do the milking. When his mother would get up to empty the milk pitcher, he'd try his hand at milking. Unfortunately the milk went in the dirt rather than the milk pail - she promised him that he'd get plenty of opportunities to take care of the milking and he did. As a young boy, Daniel worked on the family farm and cut and sold firewood. When he was 15, he hauled fill dirt in a mule drawn wagon to assist in the construction of U.S. Highway 1 through southern Appling County.



Lewis graduated from Red Oak School and then studied Agriculture at Middle Georgia College and worked in the dairy barn to supplement his tuition. He returned home to help out on the family farm and soon after began farming his own. He started out selling tomato and cabbage plants to hardware, feed and seed stores throughout Georgia. Not only did he plant, nurture and harvest his plants and produce but also delivered them to market. He began selling plants wholesale at the Atlanta Farmers Market about 1936 and continued for over sixty years selling plants, watermelons, and green beans until his retirement at age 89. Lewis worked hard his whole life and thoroughly enjoyed his work. To his nieces and nephews, his watermelons were the best in the world. Everyone that knew him will

remember the great joy he had in giving fruits and vegetables to those he met and knew. He was a hard worker and a generous man.

His sisters, Joan DeCulty of Miami, Fla., Willene Crozier of Brunswick and Wynnell Sebree of Coral Gables, Fla, survive Lewis. He is survived by his brothers, Edsel Lewis and Robert Lewis, both of Baxley; many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, each who have their own special remembrances of their uncle D. A.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, the former, Getha Mae White; sisters, Ione Edgerton, Leone Lewis, Ethelene "Pat" Ray and Alvada Williams; brothers, Dupree, Patrick Jr. and William Newton Lewis; and a niece, Evelyn Martaniuk. Lewis was a member of Satilla Baptist Church in Appling County.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at Swains Funeral Home Chapel in Baxley. The Rev. Roger Taylor officiated. Burial was in Omega Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Van Troxell, Walter Williams, Mathew Williams, Ethan Lewis, Ken Lewis and Douglas Perry.

Remembrances may be made to Gideons International, P. O. Box 403, Baxley, GA 31515. Kim Powers, Lafayette Crosby and Tammy Nix rendered musical selections. Arrangements were under the direction of Swain Funeral Home.