

The Personal Side of Lewis E. Sharpstone



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Lewis came to Los Angeles in 1986 from London, England, where he was born and raised. He became a naturalized US citizen in November 2000.

Lewis became a CPA because his father was a CPA. Lewis grew up seeing how much his father loved being a CPA and how good he was at being one. Lewis figured he would love being a CPA just as much. This has turned out to be the case.

Lewis is married to Sheri, who herself is a naturalized US citizen from Japan. Lewis has five children, born 1987, 1989, 1999, 2000, 2002.

They live in the Valley and although Lewis understands why some people don't like living in the Valley, he really likes it personally and for many reasons.

Lewis is Jewish and active in his reform temple. He likes his temple for its inclusiveness.

Lewis loves the ocean and has an old boat named "the Bumpy". He named the boat Bumpy in memory of his grandpa Dave, with whom Lewis was very close. Dave a.k.a. "Bumpy" loved the ocean and named his own boat "Lewis".

Lewis is an avid reader and his reading interests constantly change. His favorite novel is To Kill A Mockingbird. At the moment, he is into science magazines. He also enjoys Sudoku.

Lewis is a world-expert on the TV show "Columbo" and knows every scene of every episode and much, much more. In 2003, Lewis met "Columbo" actor Peter Falk in person and can recount every word of the amazing conversation they shared.

Lewis really enjoys movies that are thought provoking or have a good twist or are visually interesting or well written or funny or based on a true story. One of Lewis' favorite movies is "Memories of Me" with Alan King and Billy Crystal.

He conquered his fear of heights by doing two solo parachute jumps. On the second jump, the parachute opened with one of the steering toggles tangled, so Lewis gently spiraled down. He subsequently took up hang gliding instead but his license qualifying flight was his last flight ever because of a near crash.

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Lewis loves cars. He still has his model car collection from when he was a kid which he stores at home. His favorite model car was an E Type Jaguar, 2+2 hardtop which he keeps in his garage in the glove box of the *real* 1969 E Type which Lewis bought in 1995.

He still has the same car he bought when he joined SLGG in 1989, a Ford T Bird. Today with over 300,000 miles on the clock, it still has its original engine and transmission and runs great.

Lewis enjoys a music room at home with a small collection of guitars and a piano which he used to play fairly well. He still plays for his kids (although he doesn't play as well as he used to) and he loves music of all kinds but especially live music.

He used to relax by making furniture and carving wood. Lewis made the fireplace mantle in his home, into which amongst other things he carved a three foot scale model of Chicago's Sears Tower. He dedicates every piece he makes.

On April 17 1993, Lewis was the Best Man at seven separate weddings. As far as anyone knows, this is a world record.

On the trivial side, his favorite number is 2 since it is the only even prime number *and* it was the house number of his childhood home. His favorite color is blue because it makes him feel peaceful.

If Lewis won the lottery, the first thing he would do is permanently charter a jet so that his parents could fly out from England in total comfort to see their grandchildren whenever they wanted. Thereafter it would be philanthropy all the way.
