



Lewis Compton Paine III

April 29, 1952 - June 26, 2024

Lewis Compton Paine, III, 72, died unexpectedly on June 26, 2024 at his home in Greer, S.C.

A native of Staten Island, N.Y., Lew was born April 29, 1952. After graduating from Staten Island Academy, he earned a B.A. from Emory University in Atlanta, where was a member of Chi Phi Fraternity.

Lew had an accomplished career in corporate marketing. He worked for Nestle for more than 16 years in Atlanta, Los Angeles and in its world headquarters in Vevey, Switzerland. He held several positions including vice president of marketing and new business development for Nestle USA.

After leaving Nestle, he founded and served as the first CEO for Opta Food Ingredients, Inc., in Cambridge, Mass., a company he led for 10 years. Lew later served as senior vice president for consulting – consumer and restaurants – at GFK Custom Research N.A. in Minneapolis, Minn. Lew sat on several national boards that advised the food, grocery and restaurant industries on a variety of issues including food safety.

Lew was a talented photographer, an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, and enjoyed genealogy research and mentoring. Lew had recently moved to Greer from the Charleston, S.C. area, where he had resided for several years.

The son of the late Lewis Compton Paine, Jr. and the late Anne Westall Paine, Lew is survived by one son, Samuel Avery Paine; a sister, Linda Paine Langston of Norwalk, Conn., and two brothers, James Sinkler Paine of Superior, Colo., and Robert Wiley Paine of New Bern, N.C. Lew was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas Allen Paine.

A memorial service is being planned for the fall in Asheville, N.C.

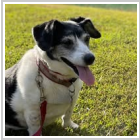
In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to be made in Lew's memory to The Historic Charleston (S.C.) Foundation at www.historiccharleston.org/donate.

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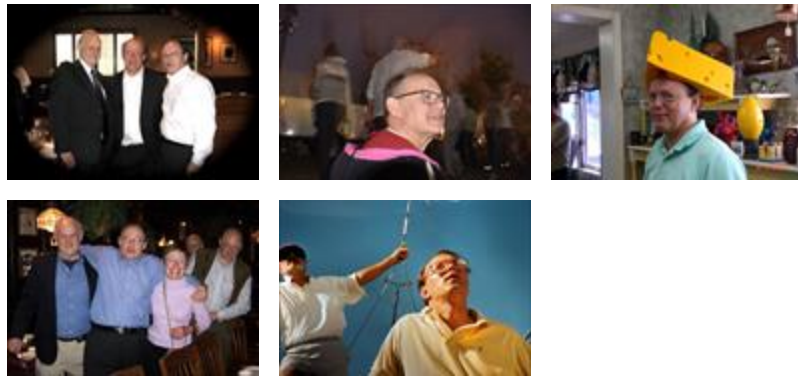


“ *This makes me sad. I have many fond memories of working with Lew at Carnation. Always had a smile on his face, but of equal importance, he always had a stash of Carnation Bon Bons! I smile every time I see his face on FB.* ”

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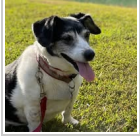


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“Lew was a great friend of mine and spent a fair amount of time at my house on 42 Boulevard. My mom loved him because he was such a capable person and so well rounded and mature and was always game for any discussion or friendly argument despite his youthful age. She found out all kinds of interesting reasons from him why we were in Vietnam and why AUH2O had been such a great candidate. (Liberal joke from the era—In 9/1964 a Democrat and a Republican, friends, were arguing over the upcoming presidential election and finally, exasperated, the Democrat warned the Republican that if he voted for Goldwater, within two years we’d have a half million troops in Vietnam, up from the current 40,000, in an endless war. A few years later the two friends met again after not seeing each other since then and the Republican profusely apologized to his Democratic friend saying, “You were so right! I voted for Goldwater despite your warning and now we have a half million troops in Vietnam in an endless war!”) My mom admired what a go-getter Lew was despite only being in High School, such as already having a job, at the DMV. Whenever any of her 6 children had a traffic or license plate issue she’d just tell us, Go talk to Lew Paine.” And he always had good advice that led to a quick solution. 😊❤️

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Thanks for posting these Rob! Great photos of Lew.

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