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Bonnie J. Lewis designs homes for the lives they must support years from now. As principal of Bonnie J. Lewis Design in Scottsdale, she has built a mission-driven practice around well-aging, helping clients preserve independence, dignity and longevity without sacrificing beauty.

Her work challenges a common assumption: that a home will naturally carry its owners through every stage of life. Lewis believes proactive design can change that outcome, especially when aging-in-place expertise is incorporated into a remodel for a client in their fifties or sixties. Even in the seventies, she notes, it is often still possible to remain rooted in the home and life someone has built.

"The home we live in shapes how well we age," she says.

Recent recognition has underscored the power of that philosophy. Lewis received the 2025 National Association of Home Builders Best in American Living Awards Gold for Best Remodel for Aging in Place and the Modern Luxury Mountain 2026 Best of Design Award for Best Renovation for Aging-in-Place Interior Design. Since founding her firm in 2013, she has earned 56 design excellence awards for luxury residential, aging-in-place and universal design and commercial senior living and health care projects.

What matters most to Lewis is not the number, but what it proves: beautiful design and lifelong livability belong together. Her advice to young women entering the field is to understand that interior design is not decorating. It is art and science, grounded in health and safety.

Lewis credits her mother, a strong and independent woman, with instilling the morals, values and work ethic that guide her today. "I always strive for excellence and believe that it is the result of high intention, sincere effort and intelligent execution," she says.

