



Pearla Allene Wells

March 14, 1923 - August 29, 2022

Frankfort - Pearla Allene Wells, 99, widow of Ralph Emerson Wells, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 29, 2022. She lived by the motto “I make the best of each day” and her smile could light up any room. She was born in Mary, KY on March 14, 1923, to the late Ernie Ray and Edith Patton. She was the oldest of fourteen children and is survived by her two youngest sisters, Priscilla Patton Collins of Cincinnati, Ohio, Patricia Patton Alexander of Campton, KY, and many loving nieces and nephews.

During WWII, she worked at General Electric in Owensboro, KY, making radio tubes for the Army teletype machines. Years later, she became known as Mama Wells when she opened a daycare in her Frankfort home where for twelve years she cared for and loved each child as she did her own four children. In 1980, she began working for the State Department for Community Based Services, Division of Family Support-Field Services. She walked to and from work each day and became a beloved friend and colleague to many before retiring at the age of 85. She was a member of the Frankfort First United Methodist Church and faithfully served weekly in the church nursery for 40 years.

She loved spending time with her family and hosting them for home-cooked Sunday meals where her fried chicken was a favorite. Other specialties included her infamous grilled cheese sandwiches, fried apple pies, homemade

donuts, cinnamon toast, gingerbread, and fudge. She enjoyed tending to her home garden and passed her love of gardening on to her children and grandchildren. After the passing of her beloved husband, she went on adventurous vacations with her son and daughters.

She is survived by her daughters Phyllis King (Monta), Alabaster, AL, Gwen Phipps (Jack) Frankfort, Mary Hudson (Mike) Frankfort, and son, LTC(R) Ralph D. Wells (Sang), Huntsville, AL; her grandchildren, Traci Tidmore (Matt), Jeremy King (Amber), Tina Gentile (Josh), Evan Hudson (Brittany), Kelly McClanahan (Ralph), Emily Mullins (Nic), Noel Hudson, and Nicole Wells; and her great-grandchildren, Olivia, Felicity, Caleb, Connor, Lyla, and Lily.

We request that any visitors kindly wear a mask. Visitation will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and at Porter and Sons Funeral Home in Campton, Kentucky, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2, 2022. Services will be held at Porter and Sons Funeral Home in Campton, Kentucky, at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, conducted by her granddaughter's husband, Pastor Matt Tidmore.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jack Phipps, Jeremy King, Noel Hudson, Trent Catilla, Nic Mullins, and Marvin Allen; honorary pallbearers will be Caleb and Connor King.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Team Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief Fund, Public Protection Cabinet, 500 Mero Street, 218 NC, Frankfort, KY 40601 or online at <https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/finance/EKYFloodRelief>

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home &

Crematory.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-4526
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

Visitation

SEP 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Porter & Son Funeral Home
769 E MAIN ST
CAMPTON, KY 41301

Service

SEP 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Porter & Son Funeral Home
769 E MAIN ST
CAMPTON, KY 41301

Tribute Wall



“ *Pearla Allene Wells*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Mrs. Wells and family; how does one thank you for all that you have done for them. Words that should have been said while you were with us on this earth but never expressed, I am truly sorry for that. You not only raised our son during those early years, but you helped us grow up as parents also. Shelley and I could not have had a more caring, loving, and Christian woman to keep Chris. Chris loves you and always will, as we do. Mary, Phil, Gwen and David, your mom will always be in our hearts. She touched so many lives. I can only imagine what her and Shelley are talking about in Heaven. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love you guys.*

Harold Purvis - September 04, 2022 at 03:06 PM



Thank you, Harold, for your touching and kind words about our Momma. She loved you, Shelley, and Chris. She told us the sweetest stories about Chris. I have no doubt she was warmly welcomed into heaven by your precious Shelley. Mary and David enjoyed your visit so much. Thank you for keeping each of us in your thoughts and prayers as we miss our most special Momma. Love to you, Chris, & Whitney, Phyl, Gwen, Mary, David

Phyllis Wells King - September 04, 2022 at 10:50 PM



“ *Mrs Wells babysat me in her home about 68 or 69. Beautiful lady inside and out. Prayers for the family.*

Ralph Sandlin - September 01, 2022 at 11:28 AM

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Thank you for letting us know your special connection to our amazing Momma. She loved and enjoyed each child who entered her life through her Day Care. Thank you for your prayers our family. She will always be greatly missed by each of us.

Phyllis Wells King - September 01, 2022 at 10:37 PM



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Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - August 30, 2022 at 01:39 PM

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“ *I worked with Allene in Family Support. She was one remarkable lady. I remembered she walked to work and arrived looking like a million dollars. She continued to “dress up” even after most other employees started to “dress down”. I moved away after retirement so I hadn’t seen her since our working days but I’m not surprised she made it to 99.*

Brenda Bush - August 29, 2022 at 03:44 PM

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Thank you for your sweet comments about our stylish Momma. She remained so even after retirement. She so enjoyed her years in Family Support and each of her coworkers.

Phyllis Wells King - August 29, 2022 at 10:43 PM

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“ *Sending love and prayers to all her family and friends. I hope you find some measure of comfort in knowing the world is a better place because of her life.* ”

Greg Barnett - August 29, 2022 at 03:37 PM