



## Stewart Waits

October 13, 1924 - October 30, 2021

Stewart Lucas Waits, 97, of Bald Knob, KY, passed away at home on the farm October 30, 2021, surrounded by family. Born October 13, 1924, he was the youngest child of Curtis Austin and Molly Blankenship Waits and a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. He graduated in 1942 from Bagdad High School as class salutatorian and served stateside in the Army Airforce from 1942-1946. A 1950 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, he started his career by teaching a Veteran's Administration Class going farm to farm in the Bridgeport area, followed by a lifetime of farming alongside his wife, raising mainly tobacco and beef cattle. He was awarded Franklin County's 1999 Pioneer Farmer of the Year. He was a charter member and first President of the Bald Knob Ruritan Club where along with other members, he constructed a softball field on Dry Ridge Road and organized leagues for youth, women, and men. He retired from the Frankfort Post Office in 1986 as a rural mail carrier serving both Bald Knob and Evergreen Road routes. He and his wife then became known as "The MUM People" at the Frankfort Farmer's Market for over 20 years. He remained an avid UK fan and loved spending time with his entire family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother Bertha Deakins Waits and siblings, Edmond Waits, Florence Waits Thurman, Frank Waits, Annie Waits Tyre Lee, and Ullman Waits. He is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Irene Hughes Waits; daughters, Marilyn Waits Owens (George) of

Louisville, Phyllis Waits Bailey (Mike) of Bagdad, and Sandy Waits Phillips of Bagdad; five grandchildren, Gregory Lucas Bailey, Clinton Owens (Randi), Ellen Bailey Berry (Brandon), Rebecca Owens (fiancé Brian Leonard), Jeffrey Stewart Owens (Emily) and six great-grandchildren, Emma and Tucker Berry, George and Hank Owens, Frannie and Wyatt Owens.

Pallbearers will be his grandchildren plus Brandon Berry, Richie Tyre, and Jim Pryor Morse.

Honorary Pallbearers will be his nephews, Don Tyre, Garry Waits and Steve Waits; his nieces, Dorothy Louise Thurman Hulette and Joan Dale Tyre Tipton; George Owens, Mike Bailey, Joe O'Connell, Kenneth Watkins, and Wayne Shields.

The family wishes to thank Cathy Spencer for her loving care and guidance over the past several months.

Services will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Mike Napier officiating. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. The family requests that all visitors wear masks while in attendance of visitation and services.

Flowers are welcome, and expressions of sympathy may be made to Hosparus of Louisville, 3532 Ephraim McDowell Dr, Louisville, Kentucky 40205.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## Frankfort Cemetery

215 East Main Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-2403

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Waits*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I remember Stewart and Irene made it their mission to see that every kid in the community had a way to the ball field. We rode in the back of his truck, and transportation to the ball field was as much fun as practicing and playing. One time that I specifically remember the skies opened up with a sudden downpour. I know they could not have gotten one more kid crammed in the cab of that pickup truck.*

**Susan Lee** - November 04, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *Mr. Waits was a friend of my Grandfather Harvey Lee. I remember him when going to Flemme Estes grocery store as a kid. He was a good friend and a gentlemen.*

**Harold Purvis** - November 04, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *Stewart has been a good friend to me since I moved to Bald Knob. He is the essence of the man who makes up the strength and beauty of our country. I keep his strength in mind. My sympathy to the family.*  
*John Hay*

**John Hay** - November 03, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ He and Irene raised the biggest tobacco I ever put in a barn.. They are good people. Donald goins

Don Goins - November 02, 2021 at 12:06 PM



Donnie, they loved having you and Ronnie around. Still talk about you often. Thought so much of your mom and dad.

marilyn owens - November 02, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ Yellow Peony and Calla Lily Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Stewart Waits.



November 02, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - November 02, 2021 at 09:40 AM

JH

“ To a life well lived, 97 years. The best brother in law a person could ever ask for or look for. The best man I have ever had in my life of 79 years. This man never cursed, drink, or talked bad about another person. The best family man, loving husband to my sister, raised 3 beautiful daughters, the best farmer, cattle man. Loved sports, took me to ball games, fishing, soft ball games. Stewart would stop by on Christmas and give me a few bucks in my younger years, I always knew when he sold his tobacco, Stewart and my Sister Irene have lived the perfect life, simple, killed their own meat for many years, always raised a garden, caned. Raised mum to allow them to visit with people at the farmers market, and to deliver to locals and visit. It has been my pleasure to know Stewart Waits, for all these 79 years. There is no doubt in my mine where Stewart Waits is today,

Jerry T. Hughes - November 01, 2021 at 08:39 PM

MD

*Sending prayers for Irene and Family. Been a wonderful neighbor for 40 years. Going to be missed by everyone.*

Mary Desmond - November 02, 2021 at 06:37 AM

JJ

*My sincere condolences to a loving family in your loss of husband, father, grandfather, father in law. A man of high integrity and full of Christian Brotherhood love. A true friend of public education, my wife Jean True and I was always appreciative of the loving support received from the Waits family.*

James M Johnson - November 03, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ All Time Favorites Gift Box was purchased for the family of Stewart Waits.



November 01, 2021 at 05:58 PM