



William E. "Bill" Lewis

May 30, 1922 - March 26, 2018

Frankfort – William Elliot “Bill” Lewis, age 95, passed away Monday, March 26, 2018, in Wilmore, Kentucky. Services for Mr. Lewis will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home Friday, March 30, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. with Dr. Ray Holdren officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Thursday, March 29, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Bill was born in Frankfort on May 30, 1922 to the late Robert Alexander and Rachel Scott Brawner Lewis. He was united in marriage to his loving wife, Betty Carol Whallen Lewis, of Frankfort. He was truly a man of many talents and trades. He was a WWII Veteran of the United States Navy and an Elder of Millville Christian Church. In his earlier years, he was the Owner and Operator of Horseshoe Dining Room and worked in construction, as well as operated heavy equipment. Traveling to various surrounding states to build many golf courses, Bill decided that he would rather fly than drive - so, he got his pilot’s license. He worked many years as a Realtor. As an avid outdoorsman, he loved spending time on the farm, hunting, fishing, or training his beloved bird dogs. He was also the Founder of the Franklin County Sportsmen’s Club. He served as a Magistrate on the Franklin County Fiscal Court. Throughout his memorable life, his passion and love for his community and family never wavered.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Charles, Elbert, Robert, Henry, and Harry Lewis, Frances Moore, Tommie Hockensmith, Dorothy Henry, and Lura Edith Brown.

Along with his loving wife, he is survived by his children, William E. Lewis, Jr. and Scottie Belle Lewis; step-children, Marcia Garmon (Jack), Karen Robbins (Mark), and Mike McDonald (Beth); siblings, Jimmy Lewis and Virginia Lee Sharp; grandchildren, Melanie Baker, Ray Scott Baker, William David Baker, Fred Allen Baker (Karen); Kate Vermillion, Michael Garmon, Olivia Robbins, Sam Robbins, Dan McDonald, Ben McDonald, Margaret McDonald, and John Davis. He was also blessed with many great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

His grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Millville Christian Church or a charity of one’s choice in Bill’s memory.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

3250 Versailles Road
Versailles, KY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
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Service

MAR **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William E. "Bill" Lewis*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *You all are in my thoughts and prayers bill was such a sweet man I all ways look forward to him coming in to rite aid he was a card he will be missed*

vickie stucker - April 01, 2018 at 03:25 PM



“ *What a great man. I can only be lifted by his friendship, hunting and golfing and story telling. There is a dog on point and a birdie somewhere in the sky today.*

fred meyer - March 31, 2018 at 12:15 PM

BM

“ I remember when I was about 7, living on Westover Rd. Meeting our neighbor Bill Lewis when he stopped by to pick up my Dad to go quail hunting. All I could think about was how cool it would be if I could go with them. When Bill stopped by he was always full of life and it seemed like he and my Dad Fred Meyer were always having a big time, going on fishing and hunting trips. I just wanted to be like them. I remember Bill helping us look for my first Bird Dog Snow when she ran off. We found her hit by a car on 421. I cried. I remember when I was old enough to go on my first Dove Hunt and my Gun jammed. Bill loaned me his gun and sat with me watching for Doves. Fast forward after graduating from college. I got back into English Setters and Bird Hunting. Raised a couple litters and let Bill have pick of my second. He chose the biggest orange and white male and named him Bradley. Our interest in Bird Dogs was a strong bond. Bill helped teach me about Bird Dogs, and Bird Dogs taught me about life. Fred, Doc Green, and I went on trips to Kansas with Bill literally until they physically couldn't make the trip any more. We have many stories. I have memories of those trips burned vividly in the hard drive of my mind. His setter Bradley to this day made one of the Best retrieves on a crippled Cock Pheasant I've ever witnessed. Bradley was a helluva Dog. Bill was one of my mentors and a wonderful friend with a big heart. He made the best quail gravy I've ever tasted. I remember stopping for lunch at a Hardee's in Clay Center Kansas when Bill asked for a burger cooked medium. The lady taking his order said "sir we can't cook burgers medium". Bill replied " Let me come back there and I'll show you how to cook a burger medium" 😊. Another lunch stop in Wakefield KS Bill ordered some vegetable soup. Waitress brought his bowl of soup with regular spoon. Bill said "Miss could you bring me a soup spoon?". She said "that's the only kind of spoon we have". Bill replied " I'll wear my arm out trying to eat a bowl of soup with this spoon!!" 😊. We hunted hard and laughed a lot. Bill always talked about Betty and how much he loved her. What a wonderful man that lived life to the fullest and filled others full of life. Bill we will all miss you!!!!

Bradley Meyer

Bradley Meyer - March 29, 2018 at 04:40 PM

EB

“ I knew Bill for over 50 years. Considered him a good friend. I will miss him - prayers to his family. Elwood Bingham

Elwood Bingham - March 29, 2018 at 12:25 AM

JD

“ My first memories of my papaw were spent on his farm and my father letting me drive the truck down the gravel drive to the cabin where papaw lived. It was the best feeling ever.

When we got there He was always involved in a project like working on a boat motor or fixing a tractor Things a kid thought impossible. But he would always get them running and make it look so simple doing it. Later when I started wanting to hunt and fish like him he took me to Millville to get my first hunting dog! Papaw and I ended up hunting together from Kansas, Indiana , Michigan and all over Kentucky and fishing as many places. These memories seem like yesterday and are priceless to me. His common sense approach to life is what made him what he was and everyone knew it. Very witty, funny and smart, he loved to make people laugh and he was good at it. All I can say is that words cant describe how much he meant to me and how much I'll miss him!!

john Davis - March 28, 2018 at 10:01 PM

TM

“ My father, Herb Manley, was friends with Bill and later so was I. One of my first flying experiences was with Bill and my father on a windy day. I still remember that landing! As I recall Bill looked at me and said "Well we got her down!". It was exciting to say the least. I still have a TV stand I made from oak from Bill's farm. I remember him as always happy and very interesting to talk to. He lived an interesting life and I will miss him greatly.

Taylor Manley

Taylor Manley - March 28, 2018 at 04:01 PM

RI

“ Uncle Bill would come and pick me up at school and off we would go to Fort Myers Florida to go fishing (this started in the fourth grade at Bridgeport school) more times than not he wouldn't let Mom and Dad know until we were well on our way, we had many of these fishing trips to Florida and many bird hunting trips as well. I have many great memories of Uncle Bill that will last a life time. Rest peacefully and I will see you in the Happy Hunting Ground, Uncle Bill was one of my favorite fishing and hunting partners and we always kept each other laughing. You will be missed by many.

Robert A. Lewis III

robert a lewis III - March 28, 2018 at 05:56 AM