



## William Turnor Lewis

March 15, 1921 - May 24, 2022

William Turnor Lewis III, 101, passed away at his residence on May 24, 2022. He was born on March 15, 1921 to the late William and Charlotte (nee: Bush) Lewis.

Bill served in the United States Navy from May 22, 1942 until April 27, 1943. He was a graduate of University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Bill was united in marriage to Ellen Nielsen in 1949, she preceded him in death in November of 1990. He later married Josephine McNeill in March of 1993, she preceded him in death in March of 2006.

He will be missed by children, Claudia (Myron) Hawryluk, Corinne (David) Drexler, William T. (Charlotte) Lewis IV, Thomas (Laura) Lewis, stepdaughter, Barbara (Gary) Landa; grandchildren, Erica, Jason, Jenny, Dakota, Montana, Lynette, Ben, and Lauren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Bill is preceded in death by his wives and his siblings, Peggy, Nancy, James and stepdaughter, Carol Skorupan.

Memorial service will be held at St. Lukes Episcopal Church, 614 Main Street, on Friday, July 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. There will be a visitation at the church from 10:30 a.m. until time of service. William will be laid to rest with his wife Ellen in Oshkosh in a private ceremony.

Special thank you to his faithful caregivers and his many wonderful neighbors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 15. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
614 Main St  
Racine, WI 53403

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Turnor Lewis*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - July 11, 2022 at 01:38 PM

AS

“ *It's a sad day to lose a friend and neighbor of over 25 years. Bill lived across the street from us for twenty or more years after he married Jo. We shared dozens of meals with him at our home, at the country club, eating 'chop suey' or ribs from his favorite takeouts at his house, going to brunch at Honey Bs on Douglas, "our place" for breakfast. We even celebrated his 90th birthday dinner on the Ides of March at our home with a bunch of his elderly buddies. The consummate gentleman, he rarely arrived at our house without a box of Russell Stover chocolates. We saw him care so lovingly for Jo until she passed away and then we saw him embrace life as a single man, upbeat and never complaining about his declining health... after all he "was programmed to 100, and after that, (he didn't) give a damn." He was a people person - never without a warm smile, a very hearty handshake or a joke to share. He spoke so fondly of his first wife Ellen and the Landa family. He was always proud of his four children. Bill will always occupy a very special place in the hearts of the Sanchez family, and we are sad that we cannot be there to give him a final send-off. We'll miss you Bill. Alix and Francisco Sanchez*

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**Alix Sanchez** - July 15, 2022 at 01:14 PM

JE

“ JeanMarie lit a candle in memory of William Turnor Lewis



JeanMarie - July 14, 2022 at 07:32 PM

JC

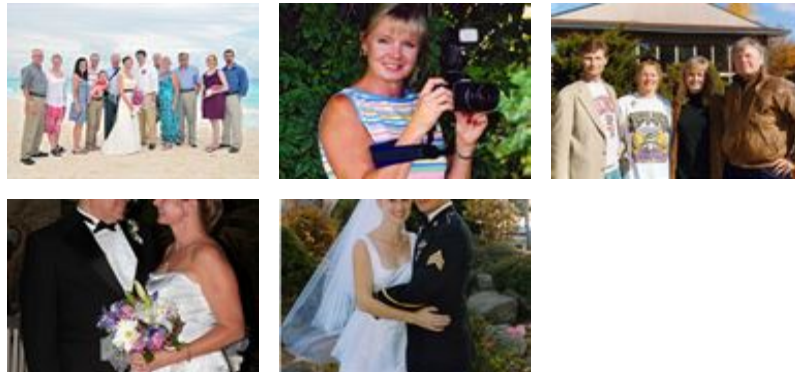
“ If you where fortunate enough to have met Bill you will never forget is wit and sense of dry humor. Always a joke to share with others. It was my pleasure to not only be his caregiver but to have him as a friend. Rest in peace, JeanMarie



JeanMarie Chalik - July 14, 2022 at 10:49 AM



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Sturino Funeral Home - July 11, 2022 at 12:35 PM

KJ

“ We the Fox family, have known Bill, Elen, and their 2 daughters Claudia, Corine and son Billy, for many years. We were their next door neighbors for many years on Liberty St. My father Olin Fox and Bill were the best of buddies. They went and got their "Ham" radio license along with my brother Ron in 1951. My brother just talked to your father a week ago---my brother kept in touch with him a lot. He live a long colorful life. He will be missed. May God be with you at this time.

*Kathy (Fox) Janaky and Ron Fox*

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**Kathy Janaky** - June 01, 2022 at 12:55 PM

RO

*Farewell my long and dear friend " BILL " K9AJF " from your " ham " buddy RON " K9AKH " . Bill and my dad K9AKG all took and received our Federal Amatuer license the same time in the 1950's . We lived next door to Bill and Eleen on Liberty St. I checked in with Bill very often and last enjoyed our visit two weeks before his Heavenly graduation. Please know I will miss Bill very much. I pray Bill will say hello to my dad K9AKG and I bid him " 73's and will check in with him when I complete my earthly journey and join him and Dad for a sharing of old times. 73 my friend !!!*

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**Ronald** - July 10, 2022 at 08:33 PM

RO

*Dear Family, I will be unable to attend the memorial service as I will be out of town but I wish to experss my love for you and the family as "BILL " was a dear friend and close "HAM" buddy.*

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**Ronald** - July 10, 2022 at 08:42 PM

JE

*Anyone who was fortunate to have met Bill knows he would not let you get away without hearing his joke of the day. It was my pleasure being chosen as his caregiver and gaining a friend in return.*

*JeanMarie*

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**JeanMarie** - July 14, 2022 at 07:22 PM

CA

*I am so sorry to find out that William T. Lewis has passed but not surprised at all that he lived such a long, full life!*

*I worked in the same real estate office as Bill back in the mid 80's. I just thought of him a few minutes ago (what made me google him) as a coworker and I were discussing a drawing that our company was having (prize being a huge TV). I told my coworker that many years ago Bill showed me how to increase my chances at winning any drawing. He would take his business card and simply fold it in half and toss it in the container at whatever establishment was having the drawing. I have used this advice countless times over the years and it actually works more often than not! The reasoning being that the person's hand or finger would most likely "snag" on that folded card, thus being the one that they pull out. Anyway, Bill was a super great person all around and always had a quick answer or bit of advice to throw my way.*

*He also insisted that everyone pronounce the word "realtor" correctly. 2 syllables, not 3, lol! Most of the people he was correcting were actually in the real estate business.*

*Real-tor, not real-a-tor!!*

*Wasn't he a senator as well, at some point?*

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**Carol** - February 29, 2024 at 01:29 PM