



Lewis K. Kelso

October 7, 1915 - September 15, 2009

FOUNTAIN TOWN— Lewis K. Kelso, age 93, died Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at Major Hospital in Shelbyville. Born on October 7, 1915, he was the son of Fred and Jessie (Krammes) Kelso. He graduated from Morristown High School in 1934 and attended IUPUI for two years earning an Associates Degree in Building Construction. He married F. Lavaughn Hawkins on December 14, 1941 in Morristown.

Lewis worked for Geupel-DeMars in Indianapolis as a purchasing agent for 28 years. He was a member of Grace Community Church and the American Legion Post #102 in Morristown. Lewis served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII in the 28th Infantry Division. He was a POW during the Battle of the Bulge.

Surviving him are his wife, Lavaughn; sister, Eloise Harrison of Greenfield; nephew, Robert Clark of Fountaintown; great-nephew, Kim (Margie) Clark of Morristown; great-niece, Beth (Rick) Keffaber of Fountaintown; brother-in-law, Carl (Avis) Hawkins of Greenfield; and several other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Max Kelso.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 17, 2009, from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary in Greenfield. Funeral services will take place on Friday, September 18, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Community UMC in Fountaintown. Burial will follow at Fountaintown Cemetery with full military rites.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Community UMC or the Alzheimer's Association with envelopes available at the mortuary. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.erleweinmortuary.com or e-mail condolences to sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com.

Comments



“ Dear Family and friends of Lewis,
Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of Lewis to this earth. I know he is in a happier place, but we will miss him.

I only got to know Lewis seven years ago when I introduced myself to him via telephone (I live in California.) I was beginning to research the genealogy of the Kelso's, and he was most gracious to share pictures, stories, and family tree information with me. We share the same great- grandfather (2nd cousins) and he began to tell me about his POW experiences in WWII. Over time, I encouraged him to put down in writing, what had occurred, and helped him put words to paper.

Through our many phone conversations, we developed a connection, and I really felt a deep affection for this dear, quiet, unassuming, and gentle man. He was proud to have served his country and is an outstanding representative of "the Greatest Generation." His remarks were always very matter-of fact and understated, but it was evident he suffered a great deal during his imprisonment. He was stoic and accepting of all life's ups and downs; and as age took its toll on him, he faced it with courage and dignity.

He was a fine man, and I was happy to have known him. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely,

Margaret (Kelso) Gerard

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“ Kim and Margie, Please accept our deepest sympathy on the passing of your uncle. We know how hard it is to lose someone that we have had with us for years. We no longer live in Indiana but please feel free to email us at anytime. You will be in our thoughts and prayers in the days to come. May God be with you and your family thru this sorrow....

Thinking of you,

Rick and Agnes Wilcher

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