



Mr. Bobby Lewallen

March 4, 1930 - January 26, 2021

Robert Alvin (“Bobby”) Lewallen, Sr. passed away peacefully in his home on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Linda Anne Gardiner Stewart Lewallen, and his sons Robert Alvin (“Al”) Lewallen, Jr. (Vanessa) and Steven Walker Lewallen (Amanda). He is also survived by step-sons James Donald Stewart, Jr. (April), Stanley Gardiner Stewart (Courtney), and David Russell Stewart. His grandchildren are Nancy Lewallen, Kathryn Lewallen, Lauren Lewallen, Kali Stewart Huff (Matt), Jamison Stewart Worley (Matt), Bri Stewart Buchanan (Tom), and Chloe Stewart. He is also survived by three great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his wife, Jacquelyn Cheek Lewallen.

Bobby was born on March 4, 1930, during the height of the Great Depression in a two-room house in rural Banks County. He proudly served as a Corporal in the Korean War where he was stationed at the 38th Parallel north of Seoul, South Korea. After the war, Bobby attended Piedmont College, where he was a pitcher on the baseball team, and the University of Georgia, where he obtained a Master’s degree in Education. He then began a long and prestigious career as a teacher and school administrator, including serving three terms as the Banks County Superintendent of Schools. Among his accomplishments were the desegregation of the county schools and the beginning of the Banks County High School football team.

Bobby was devoted to his family, church, friends, and community. He was a devout member of the Homer United Methodist Church, including serving on

the administrative board and as Sunday School teacher. He especially enjoyed his role as church historian and writing his columns on Homer history. He was also extremely active in the community as a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Gideons, the National Rifle Association, and the American Legion, as well as an organizer of the Sunday School Celebration and the Homer Fall Festival. Bobby was a skilled marksman, an avid bird watcher, and an all-around outdoorsman. He especially enjoyed going fishing and playing in a card game of "setback" with friends. Bobby was also a season ticket-holder and enthusiastic fan of the University of Georgia Bulldog football team. Bobby will always be remembered as a friendly, honest and humble man who touched many lives around him. He will be sorely missed by his family and all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations and gifts be made to the Homer United Methodist Church in Homer, Georgia.

Graveside service will be held Friday, Jan. 29th at 3:00 PM from Banks Memorial Gardens with Rev. David Collins officiating. Those planning on attending the service are asked to social distance and wear a mask. Bobby will be opened for viewing for friends at the funeral home on Thursday from 11-4:30 PM.

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Banks Memorial Gardens

Athens St
Homers, GA 30547

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Little-Ward Funeral Home
115 State Street
Commerce, GA 30529
(706) 335-3175
lwfh@windstream.net
<https://www.little-wardfuneralhome.com/>

Service

JAN 29. 3:00 PM (ET)

Graveside at Banks Memorial Gardens
Athens St.
Homer, GA 30547

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Bobby Lewallen*

October 09, 2023 at 05:17 AM



“ *My Uncle Bobby Lewallen was a true Southern Gentleman. He was the last of an amazing generation of the “Cheek” family... once married to our Aunt Jackie. He will be greatly missed and always remembered for his acts of kindness, his gracious hospitality, his Sunday calls to check on us in the North...he always said “This is your Southern Call” , his love of family, his love of the Georgia “Dawgs”, and his infamous /delicious Brunswick Stew. He always told my sister and me ...”Come on down... I’ll make you some stew and barbecue”! He was greatly loved and will be greatly missed. ❤️ ❤️❤️ Sending our love to his wife Linda Lewallen , sons Al Lewallen, Steve Lewallen, and families❤� With Love. Vicki Miller*

vicki miller - January 30, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Linda and family. Bobby was a wonderful person who will be missed by all.*



Ethel Lambert - January 28, 2021 at 11:38 AM

JD

“ *A treasured memory of Bobby was an accidently meeting at the Ga-Fla game. We discovered a place a short walk to the game on street parking. We set up our stuff and Bobby walked up. Bobby was and will remain a Banks County hero to me. One of the foundation stones of all we love about Banks County. His faith in Jesus showed in every part of his life.*

James--Joan Dumas - January 28, 2021 at 09:53 AM

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“ *BOBBY THANKS FOR ALL MEMORIES. HELPED JOHN YATES WITH BASEBALL AT COMMERCE IN 1955 or 1956.*



Billy Davis - January 28, 2021 at 07:04 AM

MM

“ *Bobby was one of the first ones*

we met and came to love when Jim and I came to be his Pastor and Pastor's wife in 1997 at Homer UMC. I am sending to all his family and friends

Love, thoughts , and prayers. God truly blessed us when he brought Bobby Lewallen into our hearts and Our lives. Going to miss you , my friend, until we meet again! Rest in peace! Marilyn McLendon

Marilyn McLendon - January 28, 2021 at 12:53 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Bobby Lewallen.*



January 27, 2021 at 09:51 PM