



Lew E Lovell

January 21, 1930 - October 28, 2015

Lew E. Lovell, 85, of Benton Township, died at his home on Wednesday October 28, 2015.

Services celebrating his life will be held on Monday, Nov. 2, at 11:00 a.m. at the Apostolic Tabernacle, 1881 Greenley Ave in Benton Harbor with Pastor Billy Long officiating. Visitation with the family will be on Sunday from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor. Memorials may be made to the Apostolic Tabernacle or Hospice at Home. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Lew was born on Jan. 21, 1930 in Aplin, AR to Will and Tishie Lovell. He was a veteran of the US Army during the Korean War. On Dec 20, 1958, he married Almeda Vondran in Benton Harbor and together they have celebrated 56 years of marriage. Lew was employed at the Skidmore Corp. for 25 years before retiring in 1995. He was a longtime faithful member of the Apostolic Tabernacle in Benton Harbor. He enjoyed hunting and fishing especially at Lake Van Auken and he was a lifetime member of the NRA. Lew was a devoted cubs fan and he loved to laugh at his silly jokes. Along with being a good Christian man he was an honest hard worker and good provider for his family. He enjoyed shaking hands with people. He loved his family especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Almeda; his children, Keith (Jane) Lovell of Hartford, Paula (Brian) Abner of Crossville, TN and Kevin (Rene) Lovell of Ashland, OH; 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 926-7222
staff@florin.net

Service Celebrating His Life

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Apostolic Tabernacle
1881 Greenly Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Tribute Wall

PD

“ *To the Lovell Family,*

So sorry to hear of Mr. Lovell's passing. He always made me smile, even when he would tell Kevin to get off the phone and change the oil in the car! :) He was such a handsome man and so dedicated to his faith, which I always enjoyed talking with him about. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Warmly and With Love,

Paula (Kurtz) Dronen

Paula Dronen - January 07, 2016 at 10:35 AM

JF

“ *I was very sorry to hear of Mr. Lovell's passing. I went to Pearl School with Kevin and lived around the corner. I used to love to drive by and see him sitting in the swing in the front yard. He would always have a friendly wave & smile. Driving down Meadowbrook hasn't been the same since. Praying for peace and comfort.*

Jennifer Fry

Jennifer Fry - November 09, 2015 at 01:50 PM



“ We have some good memories of when we were going to church together , first he always would shake our hands and smile, and he would ask me how my mom and dad were doing after they moved to ark.
But we enjoyed his testimonies he would give, back then testimonies were a part of the service , and while he would be talking about God , the spirit of the lord would come on him and he could barely get out what he wanted to say when the spirit moved on him.
Randy and Brenda allred



Brenda Allred - November 01, 2015 at 11:09 PM



“ *Sending Prayers and Condolences to the Lovell Family.*

*Love
Janet Foster
Retired Benton Harbor Area Schools
Bus Driver
#24*

Janet Foster - November 01, 2015 at 03:56 PM



“ *Karen McAndrew lit a candle in memory of Lew E Lovell*



Karen McAndrew - October 31, 2015 at 07:22 PM

VP

“ I lived next door to Uncle Lew and Aunt Almeda for almost 15 years..he was always funny and would call you by a silly rhyming name....he loved going to church and would always mention the love of God to everyone ..he believed in discipline and wouldnt think twice using that razor strap he had but he and Aunt Almeda taught his kids the difference between right and wrong and they can be so proud of the adults they turned into...my heart goes out to my Aunt Almeda and my cousins Paula, Keith, Kevin and their families but we know his destination is with the Lord.....I love my family and I feel like we have the best family in the world and I wouldn't change them for anything...rest in the arms of God Uncle Lew!!

Vickie Potts - October 30, 2015 at 08:44 PM

PA

Vickie, Just one little thing we never actually got the, "razor strap" he threatened a lot, used a belt a lot,lol, but he did keep the razor strap out as a visual reminder lol which created a healthy enough amount of fear to behave LOL. Oh, the razor strap? right at this minute still hangs on the outside of his bedroom closet door, for real :) We're leaving it there for future generations as a conversation piece LOL :)

Paula - October 31, 2015 at 08:15 AM

KG

“ What a great guy! Lew was a great friend and encourager to my Dad and Mom.....thanks for being such a great friend. I loved to hear his contagious laugh and see his brilliant smile. Seems like yesterday Lew, Keith, my Dad and I were walking the fields hunting pheasants and eating bologna sandwiches for lunch. Our loss, but heavens gain....he will be missed but never forgotten! Praying for all of the Lovell family.

Keith Griffin

Keith Griffin - October 30, 2015 at 08:26 PM

PA

Thank you for the kind & meaningful words we really appreciate them. I think our fathers were a mutual help & comedy relief for each other and our families. I remember many evening spent at the Griffin's at a hot Uno match.

Paula - October 31, 2015 at 08:19 AM

Laura
McAndrew

“ *I remember Brother Lew was always smiling & that smile showed throughout his entire face; it was like a beacon of light. Brother Lew loved the Lord and his family; he was a shining example to us all. Like my brother said, if there were more like him the world would be a better place. Brother Lew will be greatly missed, but he has received his greatest reward. Those he left behind, though they feel sorrow & pain, find peace in knowing that Brother Lew is in a far, far greater place for he is with our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.*

Prayers & condolences for Sister Almeda & family

Laura McAndrew - October 30, 2015 at 08:22 PM

Laura
McAndrew

“ *Laura McAndrew lit a candle in memory of Lew E Lovell*



Laura McAndrew - October 30, 2015 at 08:02 PM

DM

“ Bro Lew was one of my favorite people in my growing up years. I am blessed to consider him more family than friend. There are so many memories. Whether he was hitting balls to Keith , Kevin and I. Or coming to pick up Keith in the pastors for acting up in Sunday school (really?) Ps. It was his fault lol. Or him picking us up in junior high from detention. (Again his fault, think second story fire escape). Or when we would ride in his truck with the radio on and Keith would start singing loudly he would turn off the radio and say we'll listen to you then. Bro Lew was a good man if there were more like him the world would be a better place. I am glad he has finished his race and is in a far better place.




Donny McAndrew - October 30, 2015 at 06:47 PM

PA

Second story fire escape??? I don't know that story & I'm the sister so.....do tell me what thou speakest of??? Love ya, Paula

Paula Lovell Abner - October 30, 2015 at 08:12 PM

 Laura McAndrew

I'm with Paula on this...I'm the sister too on the other side & don't know that story!

Laura McAndrew - October 30, 2015 at 08:28 PM

DO

Love you too Paula. Miss you and wish I could be with you all. About the fire escape ... Short version. Keith throws teachers eraser out the escape door cons me in to running and getting it while he keeps an eye out. Wink wink as I am halfway down the stairs he yells Donny is outside. What a friend. Your dad acted less than happy about detention but looking back I think he kind of appreciated our plight lol

Donny - October 30, 2015 at 11:22 PM

PA

The Dynamic Duo. Still not as good as the LMC story when the, "WHOLE" gang showed up at the house eating a whole crock pot of calico beans & someone's sister called in for Chris Williamson to be excused & getting busted for doing so by the school, Chris's parents and the sister's parents & she was 21. That was Laura, right? LOL

Paula - October 31, 2015 at 08:02 AM

DO

Sounds about right.lol I can still remember that day like it was yesterday. Good times.

Donny - October 31, 2015 at 03:51 PM

DM

“ Donny McAndrew sent a virtual gift in memory of Lew E Lovell



Donny McAndrew - October 30, 2015 at 06:18 PM

KS

“ Dear Almeda & Family,
Sincere sympathy to all of you. Remember, it's not goodbye, it's see you later.
Thoughts and prayers,
Kathy Schermer

Kathy Schermer - October 30, 2015 at 12:11 PM

SM

“ Uncle Lew was always smiling and loved to laugh. I loved how he would call me "Sondry". He told me that when I was a baby, he would hold me in his arms and point to flies and tell me they were airplanes. Even though I don't remember that, it is such a sweet image of his love for me as a child which carried on throughout my life. He was such a prayer warrior and faithful saint of God. I will miss him. Much love and prayers for Aunt Almeda, Paula, Keith, Kevin and family. I love you all!



Sondra McAndrew - October 30, 2015 at 09:56 AM

PA

Sondry,
We all love you very much and appreciate ALL that you have done, it is very much appreciated
Love, Paula

Paula - October 31, 2015 at 06:02 PM