

Bernard Edward "Ed" Lewis

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Bernard Edward ("Ed") Lewis of Port Richey, FL, formerly of Indian Head, MD, passed away on August 26, 2016, at the age of 90. Ed was born on his grandfather's farm in Lewiston, NC. He spent his childhood and early youth in Newport News, VA. As a young man, he moved with his parents and sisters to Charles County in Maryland. Ed was a World War II veteran who served under the command of U.S. General Dwight D. Eisenhower in the European Theater of Operations. He was a member of the Anti-Tank Company of the 47th Infantry Regiment and participated in the Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns. As a 19-year-old, Ed participated in the American Liberation of a Nazi concentration camp outside Dachau, Germany, in April 1945. Though the scenes he witnessed there affected him deeply and in many ways stayed with him for the rest of his life, his faith in God and the goodness of humanity never wavered.

In 1951, he married his beloved, the love of his life, Dora Agnes Jones. He and Agnes were together for 64 years, until her death on Aug. 26, 2015. Exactly one year later to the day, his beloved Agnes took his hand and lifted him up to be with her once again. Ed worked for many years as the Supervisor of Construction at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Washington, D.C. He retired in 1985. Ed was an active and founding member of the Potomac Heights Baptist Church. He faithfully served there as a deacon and board member until he and Agnes retired to Florida in the mid-1980s. In Florida, he regularly attended the First Baptist Church of Elfers.

Ed is survived by his loving daughters, Kayt Lewis and Vickie Lewis Grow; grandchildren Sarah Grow Butler (Joseph) and Samuel Edward Grow; and great-grandchildren Emmry Harlow Grow ("Sweet Pea"), Madyson Grace Butler ("Sweetie Pie"), and Mason Lewis Harold Butler ("Spitfire").

Family and friends are welcomed for a visitation on Friday, September 2, from 10 a.m.-12 Noon at the Hunt Funeral Home, 3035 Old Washington Road in Waldorf. A funeral service will be held on Friday, September 2, 12 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will take place immediately



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following the funeral service at Trinity Memorial Gardens, 3221 Mattawoman Beantown Road in Waldorf.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (www.charhall.org/content/donations) and Hospice of St. Mary's (www.hospiceofstmarys.org/ways-to-give).




The family is deeply grateful for all the kindness, care, and support given to Ed during his residency at Charlotte Hall and for his peaceful, pain-free, and comfortable departure. He left us easily, knowing he was supported and surrounded by people who loved him.

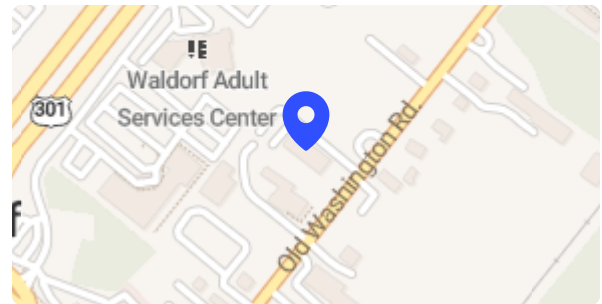


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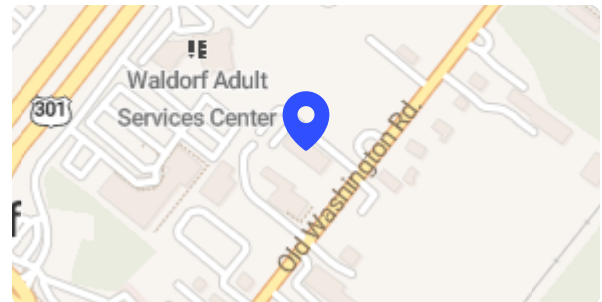
Visitation

-  **Friday**, September 2, 2016
-  10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
-  **Huntt Funeral Home**
3035 Old Washington Road, Waldorf MD 20601






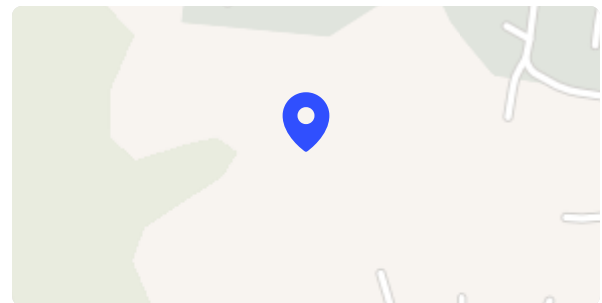
Service

-  **Friday**, September 2, 2016
-  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET
-  **Huntt Funeral Home**
3035 Old Washington Road, Waldorf MD 20601



Internment

-  **Friday**, September 2, 2016
-  1:15 PM - 1:45 PM ET
-  **Trinity Memorial Gardens**
3221 Mattawoman-Beantown Road, Waldorf MD 20601





Deb Shuman posted:

I didn't know Mr. Lewis for very long, but in the short time that I did know him, I grew to love and respect him. In some ways I felt closer to him than I ever did to my own father. What always impressed me most about Ed was how he was his own man, for good or bad. I had the privilege of sitting with him one afternoon while he regaled me with stories from his life. As a young man, he spent much of his time on his grandfather's farm in North Carolina. He told me that his grandfather, known as Bro' Walter in those parts, was widely respected, and his advice was often sought. When you came to consult Bro Walter, he might ask you to come up onto the porch to sit with him, or he might speak to you while you stood on the ground below him. If he invited you up, that meant that he thought well of you. And in the early 1900s in North Carolina, some of the people he invited up on his porch were white, and some were black. It may not have always gone over well with many of his neighbors, but he took people for who they were and what they did. Nothing else mattered. Bro' Walter passed those values on to his grandson. Ed told me about how, when he was a foreman in the position of hiring and promoting staff, he would do so based on the work that his people did. In the face of dressings-down from his superiors, he continued to do what was fair and promote those who deserved it, black or white. He had his own internal moral compass that couldn't be swayed by external pressure. And he passed on this inner sense of right to his children and his grandchildren. Ed, we could use more men like you in the world today. Rest in peace, dear Pop. We will always love you, and we'll continue to keep your values alive in the world.

September 3 at 2:28 PM



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