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William Earl "Bill" Lewis, Sr.

AAFA #1179

January 24, 1928 – February 21, 2013



Col. William Earl "Bill" Lewis, 85, passed away peacefully on February 21, 2013 in Thomasville, N. C. Bill was born in Thomasville, Georgia on January 24, 1928 to the late Vasco Earl Lewis and Bessie Alford Lewis. He graduated from Knightdale High School in 1945. He Joined the Army and proudly served his country with 28 years of service. He also graduated from the University of Maryland. After his military service, he and his family retired in 1977 to Wake County.

Funeral Service: 3:00 pm, Sunday, February 24, 2013 at Knightdale Baptist Church, 15 Main Street, Knightdale, NC 27545.

The Lewis family will receive relatives and friends from 1:30 to 2:45pm in the Family Life Center of Knightdale Baptist Church.

Burial: New Knightdale Baptist Church Cemetery, Mailman Road, Knightdale, NC.

Surviving:

- Wife of 61 years: Mary Frances Conyers Lewis
- Children: Carol L. Purcell (William) of Reedville, Va., Gail L. Alley (Jim) of Rocky Mount, Cheryl L. Massengill (Lloyd) of Brentwood, TN, Bill Lewis, Jr. (Ruth Ann) of Wake Forest, John Lewis (Frances) of Raleigh; fourteen grandchildren, five great-grandchildren
- Brothers: Robert Lewis, Curtis Lewis
- Sisters: Frances Cooke, Janet Hardee, Faye Hurst and Lyn Troxler
- A host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, William was preceded in death by his sisters, Doris Poole and Evelyn Godley and brother, Stan Lewis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Knightdale Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 21, Knightdale, NC 27545.

L. Harold Poole Funeral Home, February 21, 2013.

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Obituary copied from the Tributes.com web page.

Birth: 24 Jan 1928
Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, USA
Death: 21 Feb 2013 (aged 85)
Thomasville, Davidson County, North Carolina, USA
Burial: Knightdale Baptist Church Cemetery
Knightdale, Wake County, North Carolina, USA
Memorial ID: 105668259



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Family Members

- Parents
Vasco Earl Lewis, 1899–1992
Bessie Mae Alford, 1905–2009
- Spouse
Mary Frances Conyers (m. 1951)

- Siblings
 - Doris Voliva Lewis Poole, 1930–2012
 - Robert Glenn Lewis, 1934–2018
 - Evelyn Alford Lewis Godley, 1935–2012
 - Lynda Carole Lewis Troxler, 1942–2015
 - John Stanley Lewis, 1944–2010
 - Frances Lewis Cooke
 - Janet Lewis Hardee
 - Faye Lewis Hurst
 - Curtis Lewis
- Children
 - William Earl “Bill” Lewis, Jr.
 - Mary Carol Lewis Purcell
 - Gail Lewis Alley
 - Cheryl Lewis Massengill
 - John Lewis

Information copied from the [Find-A-Grave](#) and [Ancestry.com](#) web pages.

AAFA NOTES:

1. His mother’s Alford lineage: Bessie Mae 1905 NC¹, John William 1881 NC², Benjamin Joseph 1854 NC³, Henry Hardy 1826 NC⁴, Exum 1788 NC⁵.