



William Nile Wheeler

November 17, 1934 - January 31, 2022

William Nile Wheeler, 87, passed away Monday January 31, 2022. Born November 17, 1934 in Breeding, KY and lived in Scottsburg, IN for over 20 years. He retired from Lorillard Tobacco Co. and was a body man by trade. He had a love for drag racing and tractor pulling.

Preceded in death by his parents Thomas Bert and Beatrice May Wheeler; brother Leon Wheeler, and sister Bonnie Wheeler.

Survived by his children Brenda Sue Jeffries (George) of Butlerville, IN, Sharon Staples (Chris) of Corydon, IN, Tommy Wheeler (Annette); brother Donnie Wheeler (Michelle); and sisters Frances Jessee (Bobby) and Wynemia (Greg) Arterburn; sister-in-law Rita Wheeler; six grandchildren Andrea Jeffries, Mary Young (Darren), Clark Staples, Morgan Pearson (Kyle), Dalton Wheeler (Natalie), Garrett Thibodeaux (Brianne), four great granddaughters Emily, Hannah, Avery, Raegan. Special family friend and caregiver Cathy Phillips.

Funeral services will be Monday February 7, 2022 at Owens Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy, Louisville KY 40216. Visitation will be from 3:00-7:00pm with a service at 7:00pm.

Cemetery Details

Cremation to Follow

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
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Louisville, KY 40216
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Owen Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of William Nile Wheeler



Owen Funeral Homes - February 05, 2022 at 07:14 PM

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*My name is Doug Bishop and I lived at my Grandma's house (Mary Norris) at 5004 Cane Run Road. Wheeler (the neighborhood boys called him Wheeler) was a once-in-a-lifetime kinda man. He could build anything that had wheels. I can still hear that twin-engine (V-12) Allison Aircraft Hot Rod Tractor... when he started and ran it, my Grandma's windows would shake! How cool is that! He was very patient with us neighborhood boys/teens. He paid us a little money to sand cars and clean up the shop. He took us on crazy through the wood rides in his homemade off-road vehicles and to a few tractor pulls. In the winter of 1978 he used his 4-wheel drive to pull my car up the driveway to the road. Occasionally Wheeler would take us neighborhood boys to lunch at a local diner in Shively. Wheeler also gave us nick names and some of them stuck: Hotrod was one of them... Big E.... and more. You won't believe this... once Wheeler took a bunch of us to Ohio Valley Speed Way... we didn't have any money, so he hid us in the trunk of the car... we had a ball! Lastly, Wheeler had a big heart... he talked to you as a big brother... a friend... an uncle... I will never forget Wheeler nor his brother, Leon. Back then Tommy was a little guy, but it appears that he has grown into very big man. Rest in peace Wheeler... You set the bar high for those Cane Run Road boys who grew up to be men. I moved away from Cane Run Road in 1981 and served 22-years in the Marine Corps. Now I live in Flahery, KY (Meade County) Wheeler played a part in my upbringing... I will never forget Wheeler...
Semper Fi*

Doug Bishop - July 22, 2024 at 12:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Nile Wheeler.*



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“ *I remember Uncle Nile was always working on cars and doing races. He didn't talk a whole lot but he was always nice. I know he will be missed by so many people. My heart goes out to you all - my cousins. Sending love, light and hoeing! ❤️🙏❤️*

Linda Christine Hubbard - February 02, 2022 at 08:52 PM