



William "Wild Bill" E. Lawson Sr.

November 4, 1929 - October 15, 2020

LAWSON, William "Wild Bill" E. Lawson, Sr., 90, of Louisville, passed away Thursday, October 15, 2020.

He attended Minors Lane Baptist Church and was a gospel singer and was an Army Korean War Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha (Ballard) Lawson; parents, Wilbur and Julia Lawson; sisters, Betty Rose Lawson and Marie Otteman; brothers, Eugene, Robert, and Carl Lawson.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joyce (Wells) Lawson; William E. Lawson, Jr. (Stephanie); grandson, Ryan Christopher Lawson (Jessica); great-grandsons, Lincoln and Lexington Lawson; sister, Margaret Jean Pace; step-children, Elizabeth Wint (Charlie), Johnathan Wells and Kevin Wells; and several nieces and nephews.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy with entombment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Owen Funeral Home. Gospel singers are invited to come and sing as a memorial to Bill on Friday at 7 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

4623 Preston Hwy
Louisville, KY 40213

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

OCT **23**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
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Service

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ Dear Joyce and Family,

The Gospel Music Family has lost the Pioneer of Gospel Music. Wild Bill was one of a kind. He always had a joke or something funny to say and his love for God resonated through his singing. He will be missed by all of us ,but Heaven has gained an Angel with red socks. God Bless you all. Thanks for the times we have had together singing for the Lord. We will always have fond memories of Mr. Bill and Ms. Joyce beautifully singing at the Conventions. Prayers and God Bless you all. Danny and Barbara Smith of the Trinity Heirs

Danny, Barbara Smith & the Trinity Heirs - October 24, 2020 at 11:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Wild Bill" E. Lawson Sr..



October 22, 2020 at 03:41 PM

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“ TAMMY NORRIS-CALDWELL purchased the Fair rest of All for the family of William "Wild Bill" E. Lawson Sr..



TAMMY NORRIS-CALDWELL - October 20, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Wild Bill" E. Lawson Sr..*



October 19, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ *We met Bill and Joyce singing. We will never forget his red socks his laughter his jokes but most of all his love for the Lord. We know where Bill is singing now and will see him again. We love Joyce and so proud to be called her friends. We love you so much. God bless and keep you! Tina and Ray*

Tina Johnson - October 16, 2020 at 07:15 PM



Prayers for family. We traveled with Turner Family. We met Him and his loving wife. His Red Sox. Very friendly person. May Phelps Late husband Jay prayers

May Phelps(Turner Family G. Singers) - October 16, 2020 at 10:55 PM



Peggy Devore Miles(The Ambassadors)

i've known Wild Bill and Joyce for 53 years. The ambassadors were teenagers, when they took us under their wings to encouraged and help us get started in the Gospel Singing 🎤 world. I have never known such a loving and committed man with a song in his heart as he was. I know he walked proudly into Heaven showing off his red socks! My prayers go out to Joyce and family.

(Peppie) Peggy Jean Devore Miles - October 17, 2020 at 11:45 AM

MN

Bill was a member of Keys ferry Baptist church when God saved me and he would encourage me sing the Bass and play drums for God. He would say to me...Mike always be prepared to sing or play for the Lord.and now tell young people the same thing Amen. I well always remember Bill and his crazy loving ways.

Mike Newhouse - October 17, 2020 at 02:00 PM

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I am saddened at the loss of our friend, "Wild Bill". I am confident however, that he is rejoicing and praising The Lord in a restored and youthful body, no longer riddled with pain and for that, I am thankful! I have so many memories of wonderful, happy times spent with Bill and Joyce and I will cherish them always! I pray God's comfort for Joyce and the family during this sorrowful time. I love you all! Sheila Denham

Sheila Denham - October 23, 2020 at 09:47 AM