



Cleo Edward Lewis

October 15, 1938 - August 18, 2018

Cleo “Cotton Boll” Lewis, 79, lifelong Bartlesville resident, died Saturday in Tulsa.

Cleo or “Cotton Boll” was born the son of Herbert William Lewis and Mary Elizabeth (Marshall) Ivy on Oct. 15, 1938, in Bartlesville. He was raised by his grandmother while his father was serving in WWII. Once his father was back from the service along with his step mother Louise Lewis they lived in Glenoak. He attended Nowata Schools graduating in 1956. Although he never considered himself a veteran like his father Cleo served many years in the Army National Guard. A mutual friend encouraged Cleo to visit Lois Jean Postrach at her home one day. Not long after, they married and lived in Bartlesville, moving to their current home in 1962. Cleo started his 39.5 year career with Reda Pump in 1959 in the foundry retiring as machine maintenance supervisor in 1999.

When Cleo retired at age 60, his only request was for all the grandkids to be dropped off at his house every day. He kept them busy riding bikes and picking blackberries. Cleo was not gifted with good balance so he used a 3 wheeled bicycle. Even though he didn't ride at the time, in 1984 he saw a unique trike in Caney, KS, so he bought and worked on it a bit. Once he hit the open road, a true rider, he rode year round and in many parades and toy runs over the years, including as Santa Claus in the local toy run on his signature yellow trike for 10 plus years. Cleo and Lois enjoyed trips to Branson and in later years, family gatherings. He never missed the grandkids activities and gave each their own nickname. He loved pitching horseshoes and the outdoors, working hard in his garden and giving away the fruits of his labor to friends and charities like Agape Mission. On his final ride Cleo was doing what he loved - riding and blessing others with vegetables from his garden. He will be dearly missed by his family and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Cleo is survived by his loving wife Lois of the home, two children, Deborah Jean Mattox; and Edward Lee Lewis and Mary, all of Bartlesville; siblings Leonard “Butch” Lewis and Pam of Sedan, and Karen “Kay” Whitting of Wichita; nine grandchildren, Tommy Keener and Jamie, Tyler Crawford and Crystal Vick, Travis Crawford and Tristina Sutton, Dawson Davis and Victoria, Chance Harper, Ashley Robinson and Ray, Andy Lewis and Amy, Clint Lewis and Tabatha Harlow, and Logan Lewis; and 15 great grandkids, Kacey, Lexi, Noah, Ryan, Tucker, Brelynn, Aydon, Brycen, Dayson, Theresa, Sarah, Annalee, Colton, Payton

and Pasley.

Visitation will be held Thur. 10-8, and Fri. 9-12. at the Davis Family Funeral Home – Walker Brown Chapel, 918-333-7665, 4201 Nowata Rd, Bartlesville.

Funeral services will be held 2 pm on Friday, Aug. 24, at New Harmony Baptist Church, with Rev. Lonnie Hoelscher officiating. Interment to follow in the White Rose Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home – Walker Brown Chapel.

Cemetery Details

White Rose

804 west 11th st
Bartlesville, OK 74003
<http://www.cityofbartlesville.org>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel
4201 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-7665
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Visitation

AUG 24. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cleo Edward Lewis*



Davis Family Funeral Home - August 22, 2018 at 01:57 PM

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“ *Dr. Tamara Hill, M.D. purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Cleo Edward Lewis.*



Dr. Tamara Hill, M.D. - August 22, 2018 at 10:23 AM

PW

“ *Cleo and Paul had the best time when they were riding together. Cleo also was a very special person and a true friend to the family. We will miss him very much.*

Paul and Phyllis Waller

Paul & Phyllis Waller - August 21, 2018 at 05:49 PM

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“ *Cleo was a classmate of mine in Nowata graduating class of 1956 and he was always a nice, good guy, always happy and caring about others. We would see him some riding his trike around Bartlesville and thankful he was doing what he loved, not suffering a long drawn out disease!!! God's blessings to Cleo and all his family, he will be missed by no yellow trike found! Wilma Frauenberger*

Wilma S. Frauenberger - August 21, 2018 at 04:37 PM

CP

“ I remember the first time I met Cotton Boll was at a REDA Pump picnic. My husband (Flash) told me this is the guy I talk about with the long curled mustache. I couldn't believe it was so long but he wore it well. Then when he got the yellow bike we loved to watch him in the parades. Jerry thought a lot of him I think they were jokesters at work to. I know he will be missed by many but mostly by his family. We lost Jerry 2 yrs ago this Oct. God Bless all of you and the family. Rest In Peace Cotton Boll

Connie Pearsall - August 21, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Cleo Edward Lewis.



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