



Walter E. Lewis, Jr.,

August 21, 1926 - November 30, 2011

Walter E. Lewis, 85, of Louisville, Kentucky passed away Wednesday, November 30, 2011. Walter was a member of Christ Church United Methodist in Louisville, Kentucky. He worked for General Electric as a design engineer for 40 years and had 17 patents to his name, including design of the first microwave oven and first self-cleaning oven. Walter E Lewis (known as "Cotton") and his two brothers, Ken and William (both also deceased), were raised during the Great Depression on a small farm on New Harmony Road near Crystal Springs, Mississippi. His father was known to many as Walter "Cheese" Lewis. His mother, "Tensie", was a Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs for over 50 years. While serving in the Army during World War II, Walter received the Bronze Star for his bravery during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. Upon discharge from the army in 1946 he entered Mississippi State University and earned a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. After retirement from G.E. in 1991 he continued to live in Louisville, having seen all 4 children; 2 boys and 2 girls, earn college degrees. Walter is survived by his wife, Martha Lewis; children Gary Lewis (Karen) of New Orleans, La; Walter E. Lewis III (Sandy) of Hazel Green, Al; Terri Lewis of Campbell, Ca; and Cindy Lance (Bobby) of Orlando, Fl, as well as six grandchildren. Walter will be laid to rest on Saturday, December 10th at Poplar Springs Cemetery on Harmony Road with a graveside ceremony at 11 AM. All friends are welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: The Gideons International at www.gideons.org for

Scriptures to be placed in Dad A€™s name.,

Tribute Wall



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