



Roy Lewis "Louie" Howell

November 6, 1928 - November 30, 2023

Roy Lewis "Louie" Howell, 95, of Bedford, Passed away on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at IU Health Hospice House in Bloomington.

Born November 6, 1928 in Huntington, West Virginia, he was the son of Roy Jennings and Ethel Louella (Bluhm) Howell.

Roy was a Quality Assurance Technician for NSWC Crane, retiring in 1988. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bedford. Roy was an amateur radio operator for 74 years; he made violins as a hobby and had a love for aviation. He was one of the founding members of the Shawnee Airport.

Surviving relatives include: Children, Gary R. Howell (Carla) of Bloomfield, Monty R. Howell (Sharon) of Bloomington and Lisa R. Flater (Michael) of Bloomfield; four grandchildren, Chris A. Howell (Stacy) of Bloomington, Darren R. Howell (Skylar) of Indianapolis, Amy D. Martin (Dustin) of Coatsville and Rachel M. Flater of Bloomfield; six great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Opal Rosetta (Jackson) Howell on October 11, 2000. His second wife, Nora Evelyn (Jones) Howell on August 23, 2018, his sister, Esther Carroll Rayshich and his parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 pm on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield. Interment will follow in Prairie Chapel Cemetery in rural Lyons.

Public visitation will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Thursday at the funeral home.

Online condolences to the family are available at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Prairie Chapel Cemetery

Lyons, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - Bloomfield
421 South Seminary Street
Bloomfield, IN 47424
(812) 384-4212
info@jenkinsfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com/>

Service

DEC 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

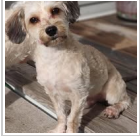
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Tribute Wall

GF

“ I miss you and our talks so much , I hope you're having fun in heaven 🌸🙏

Gina Ford - March 01 at 10:41 AM



“ Jerry Trinkle lit a candle in memory of Roy Howell



Jerry Trinkle - March 07, 2025 at 12:46 PM

JE

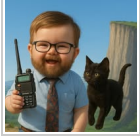
“ I worked for Lewis in QA many years ago. He was the Best.

jerry - September 19, 2024 at 07:33 AM

SM

“ My condolences to Gary and family. Lou was a wonderful friend of my mom & dad for many years. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Steve Harp, Kalamazoo, MI - December 07, 2023 at 10:40 PM



“ *Lewis is how I discovered amateur radio.*

I listened to him and local Charlie talk simplex via my SDR I was using as a FlightAware airplane node. After listening to them off and on for awhile I discovered the hobby, studied, and then took my test.

Lewis was my first radio contact. I waited for Lewis and Charlie to unkey the mic long enough to say hello one night after getting my license. In the end with a mix of mic fright and keying frenzy, I waited until their contact ended and gave a shout. Lewis came back and welcomed me to the hobby, and got a thrill out of the tale. I will miss him and our daily talks since.

I would love to have uploaded a good photo, but couldn't find what few I have, he didn't seem to like me taking photos of anything but Miss Kitty. So I went and took a new one of her just moments ago.

My condolences to the whole family. - 73 from Tom K9ATS (9 Cats) and Lewis' buddy Miss Kitty



Thomas Cosby - December 07, 2023 at 01:53 AM

PI

“ In great memory of Ron "Louis" Howell from his communications over the HAM radio as W9YEA. Louis is an inspiration to anyone knowing of him. His wisdom and depth of character sits well with a person and will continue to do so in this life and beyond. Life is precious and Louis understood that making each moment count. May God watch over you Sir that you will find an eternal life in Heaven. You are remembered well.
73's / SK from Pete Magee KA1GHF

Pete Magee of Mitchell, IN - December 05, 2023 at 07:22 PM

FP

“ From Tod and Pat planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roy Lewis "Louie" Howell.

From Tod and Pat - December 05, 2023 at 12:34 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Roy Lewis "Louie" Howell.



December 05, 2023 at 12:34 PM

SA

“ RIP Lewis, sk, we all miss you on the air
Lewis, W9Sam



Sam - December 05, 2023 at 09:50 AM

TA

I WILL MISS YOU , YOU WERE A GOOD FRIEND,, RIP LEWIS, TOM MARGARET WE WILL MISS YOU GOD BLESS YOU LEWIS TOM AND MARGARET ACHORS KB9RBB AND KB9QNT

TOM AND ACHORS - December 05, 2023 at 04:59 PM

MA

“ *Hello I am very sorry to about Lewis passing away I am an Amateur Radio Operator. I had many really good conversations over the years on the air. I deeply miss Lewis. KB1JXU~ Matthew*

Matthew - December 04, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Roy "Louie" Howell*



Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - December 02, 2023 at 12:44 PM

BA

Sorry for your loss

Barbara Abrams - December 02, 2023 at 12:59 PM

TA

WE WLL MISS YOU LEWIS YOU WERE A GOOD FRIEND TOM KB9RBB AND MARGARET KB9QNT THE ACHOER RIP LEWIS GOD BLESS YOU

TOM AND MARGARET ACHORS - December 05, 2023 at 05:24 PM

PM

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73's / SK from Pete Magee KA1GHF

Pete Magee - December 05, 2023 at 07:38 PM

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Pete Magee - December 05, 2023 at 07:51 PM

LW

Louie, I first met you when you worked for Lockheed and was stationed at Crane. I too, was a Ham, WA9HNV, but was never very active but we shared many aviation experiences together. I last saw you at a memorial service for Ray Clark, long time flight instructor at Washington, IN airport.

Last time we talked, probably 4 or 5 years ago, we talked about me getting back in to ham radio, but my hearing was so bad we never got back together. Just a few days ago I was thinking of you and wanted to try to contact you again since most of my hearing has been restored. I will miss you, Louie, now silent key W9YEA

From Larry Wheelock, WA9HNV

Larry Wheelock - December 06, 2023 at 04:43 PM