



## James (Dolan) Lewis

August 3, 1920 - July 31, 2017

James (Dolan) Lewis, age 96, of Salem, and formerly of Selbyville, died Monday, July 31, 2017, at the River Oaks Nursing Home in Clarksburg. He was born on August 3, 1920, in Randolph County, a son of the late Sheridan Greenbrier and Connie Beulah Crites Lewis. On September 1, 1996, he was united in marriage to Veta M. Flanigan Balis Lewis, who survives. Also surviving are one daughter Connie and husband Kerry Crosby of Buckhannon; one step daughter Mary and husband Richard Earl of Tennessee; one stepson Edwin Balis and wife Garnett of Salem; three grandchildren: James Card and wife Sarah of Downingtown, PA, Wendy Dugas of Morgantown, WV, and Dori and husband Rob Filippi of Frankfort, IL; one great granddaughter Sheridan Card of Downingtown; and one sister Hilda Long of Buckhannon. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother Denver Lewis.

Mr. Lewis was a graduate of Pickens High School and entered a career in the U.S. Air Force which spanned 31 years, throughout WWII, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was a member of the American Legion and VFW, the CCC, the Beech Mountain Sportsmen's Club, and the Newlon United Methodist Church, where he was an avid churchgoer. He will long and lovingly be remembered as a cheerful, giving man, and a "people person" whose story- and joke-telling abilities were unmatched, and whose beautiful voice brought a blessing to many people who benefited from his love of singing. The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 3, 2017, from 5-7:00 PM,

at the Heavner and Cutright Funeral Chapel. The funeral will be held on Friday, August 4, 2017, at 11:00 AM, at the funeral chapel with Pastor Edwin Balis officiating. Interment will follow in the Pleasant Dale Cemetery where the Upshur County Honor Guard will conduct military rites.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Dale Cemetery

Selbyville, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 3.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services  
940 Route 20 South Road  
Buckhannon, WV 26201  
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## Funeral Service

**AUG 4.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

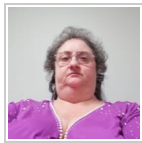


“ *Jeanne Williams lit a candle in memory of James (Dolan) Lewis*



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**Jeanne Williams** - August 07, 2017 at 08:10 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about his passing. Me and Roger will be keeping the family in our prayers.*



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**Teresa D Tenney** - August 03, 2017 at 04:48 PM

“*The Friends of James D. Lewis at the West Virginia Civilian Conservation Corps Museum, Quiet Dell, Harrison County will deeply miss Jim, CCC Boy, and Fine Human Being. He was a wonderful man and was proud of being part of our CCC Museum, and proud to have served in his younger years in the CCC.*

*The West Virginia State Civilian Conservation Corps Museum Association is proud to announce that James Dolan Lewis was inducted into the West Virginia State CCC Hall of Fame on Saturday, October 19, 2013 during ceremonies at the Fall CCC Jubilee held at the Quiet Dell United Methodist Church, Quiet Dell, West Virginia.*

*Mr. Lewis was born on August 3, 1920 on the family farm at Selbyville, West Virginia, near Rock Cave and Buckhannon, West Virginia. He is the son of Sheridan and Connie Crites Lewis. James and his wife, Veta Balis Lewis, today reside on farms at Salem and Selbyville, West Virginia. He has a daughter, Connie Dugas.*

*Our Inductee joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1937. He served at Camp DG 19 Delmues #590, Projects #2597 and #3238, Pioche, Nevada. Mr. Lewis then was transferred back to West Virginia to Ronceverte, SCS5, #3510, Camp Lewis, near Lewisburg, West Virginia, in the Greenbrier Valley.*

*While serving in the CCC in Nevada, Lewis drove a truck. The CCC Boys helped keep the big ranch viable by building and maintaining roads. During his stay at Camp Lewisburg, he was a laborer. Our inductee remarked: “While out there in Nevada on the big ranch, we got really good food. I was very impressed that the CCC leaders had much better control than the regular military. They were number one and we were expected to be number one, too. They made a man out of me. Lots of boys came in the CCC just out of high school. Some of those boys didnt know how to work, but I did because I was raised on a farm. The CCC taught them city boys how to work and work hard.”*

*After our Honoree left the CCC, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and served during World War II. He three years duty at Andrews Air Force and later transported to the Philippines, Icashima near Okinawa where he was in a support role in maintenance of aircraft. He received the Good Conduct Medal and various campaign ribbons. Our Honoree was serving in Japan when the Japanese Envoy landed on Buckman Air Base just before the surrender.*

*Mr. Lewis continued in the U.S. Air Force after WWII and retired as Senior Master Sergeant, having served during the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War. He commented. "I have had so many experiences while in the Air Force all over the world. I really enjoyed it and learned from it." He added. "I also served in England and Turkey in maintenance and support of the most modern of aircraft at the time."*

*In retirement, James and Veta spend their time taking care of two farms at Helvetia and Salem, West Virginia. The couple travelled across this Nation and enjoyed a memorable tour of the Holyland. On May 24, 2014, a graduate of Pickens High School, he attended and was recognized during graduation at his alma mater. James and Veta have been active in the West Virginia CCC Museum Association attending many CCC reunions, jubilees, and donating several rare CCC antiques.*

*Taken from the WVSCCCMuseum website. So very proud to have known Jim. Condolences to his wife Veta, and his wonderful family.*

*Sincerely Richard S. Bailey, Secretary, WVSCCCMA*

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**richard s. bailey** - August 03, 2017 at 10:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James (Dolan) Lewis.*



August 03, 2017 at 10:14 AM



“ *With love, Morgan Cressler and family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of James (Dolan) Lewis.*



**With love, Morgan Cressler and family** - August 02, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ *So Sorry to hear that Jim has passed away! I will never forget that we both had the same birthday August 3rd --he always liked to sing on his birthday--guess he will be spending his will the Lord-- sing away Jim God Bless and Happy Birthday in Heaven ! God Bless Harry Sanders*

**Harry Sanders** - August 02, 2017 at 09:18 AM



“ *Veta, Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. You will be in our thoughts and Prayers. Ralph and Lucy Davis.*

**Ralph Davis** - August 02, 2017 at 08:55 AM

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“ Donna Kenney And Mike Perry lit a candle in memory of James (Dolan) Lewis



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**Donna Kenney and Mike Perry** - August 02, 2017 at 07:18 AM

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“ I am truly sadden by Dolan's passing. I remember visiting his parents farm in the 1940's. Uncle Sheridan was my Grandfather Jacob's brother. I spent 24 yrs in the Air Force so we were kindred spirits in a way. In recent years we'd meet and sing at the Newlon Church on Sundays during the summer months when I was in Selbyville. I won't be able to make it to the service, but I'll stop by Peasant Dale on the 8th. My heart felt thoughts go out to the family. In Loving Memory. Roger McDaniels

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**Roger McDaniels** - August 01, 2017 at 10:22 PM

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“ Kenny Bonner lit a candle in memory of James (Dolan) Lewis



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**Kenny Bonner** - August 01, 2017 at 03:46 PM