



## Lemuel Absalom Wells III

January 1, 1943 - October 3, 2024

Lemuel Absalom Wells III (Lem), 81, of Bowling Green, passed away Thursday, October 3, 2024, at Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana, Missouri the result of a farming accident.

Funeral services for Lem will be Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Ashley. Visitation will be Wednesday, October 9th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lem was born January 1, 1943, in Mexico, Missouri to Lemuel Absalom Wells Jr. and Claudia Olean (Jarboe) Wells. He was united in marriage to Judith Ann Fletcher on July 23, 1966, at St. Clement Church.

Lem was raised on the family farm in Middletown, Missouri where he began working on the farm at the age of eight. He attended and graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1961 where he played basketball and was Sentenal in FFA. After high school, he attended and graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Agriculture Short course program in 1963. In 1966, he moved to his current home in St. Clement with his wife. Lem was a member of St. Clement Catholic Church. Farming and hauling was his life. He farmed for over 70 years and trucking for almost 25 years. He also loved spending time with his family, especially his kids and grandkids. Lem enjoyed

listening to good ole' country music, watching RFD, and playing cards. He spent his mornings getting coffee with friends at MemMe's, Hardee's, McDonald's or the Sale Barn to catch up on local news. He always had a smile to offer or a handshake to give.

Surviving Lem are sons, Lemuel Wells IV of Middletown and Matthew (Sheila) Wells of Wildwood; daughter, Karen (Jeff Boland) Wells Branstetter of Chesterfield; grandchildren: Megan (Austin) Powell, Abigail Wells, Andrew Branstetter, Allison Wells, Madison Bumeter, Lemuel Wells V, Brooke Branstetter, Mackenzie (Carson Katz) Bumeter, and Audrie Wells; great grandchildren, Jace Powell, Hallie Powell and Emersyn Katz; brother, Jimmie Lee Wells of Bowling Green; sister-in-law, Susan Fletcher of Bloomington; special friend, Linda Mudd of Olney; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Lem was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Judy; daughter, Kathryn Anne Bumeter; brother-in-law, Jerry Fletcher; sister-in-law, Brenda Wells; and nephew, Robert Wells.

Pallbearers will be Jay Shafer, Jeff Grady, Frank Worthington, Walt Gregory, Joe Paulsmeyer, and Billy Mudd.

Honorary pallbearers will be Steve Geeding, Dale Geeding, Billy Jo Cover, Terry Sheafor, and William Menne.

Family and friends are invited to the Ashley Community Center to share a meal and fellowship time with the family immediately following the burial.

Memorials may be made to Fairview Cemetery or the William Mallory Ag Scholarship Fund.

Online condolences may be made at [www.bibbveach.com](http://www.bibbveach.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Ashley Fairview Cemetery

Ashley, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green  
606 West Main Street  
Bowling Green, MO 63334  
(573) 324-2211  
office@bibbveach.com  
<https://www.bibbveach.com/>

## Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Burial

OCT 10 (CT)

Ashley Fairview Cemetery  
Ashley, MO

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ Lem was a very caring person. He & Judy were so good to my dad for years. Sorry to hear he is gone.

Mary I. Hopke - October 10, 2024 at 07:37 PM



“ 515 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC. - October 09, 2024 at 03:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.



October 09, 2024 at 03:09 PM

HT

“ Heartfelt condolences, Jay, Scott, & Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.

Heartfelt condolences, Jay, Scott, & Team - October 09, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.*



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October 09, 2024 at 10:18 AM



“ *Corey & Tracy Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.*

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**Corey & Tracy Miller** - October 09, 2024 at 10:18 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.*



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October 09, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ *The Fusion Music/Red Light Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.*

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**The Fusion Music/Red Light Family** - October 09, 2024 at 09:32 AM

YF

“ Your COMO Small Group Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.



Your COMO Small Group Family - October 08, 2024 at 01:07 PM

HG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you on the loss of this great man.

Harris and Nancy Guyton - October 08, 2024 at 11:59 AM

EG

“ Lemmie was aa kind and gentle man. He came and visited with Howard regular after he could no longer visit with the morning group. Our Prayers are with the entire Wells family. Ernestine Grimmatt, Tim and Nancy and family, and Jimmy and Amanda.

Ernestine Grimmatt - October 07, 2024 at 10:40 PM

SM

“ Lemmie, as I called him, was always so loving, caring and just a kind soul. He had a special place in my heart, as a second cousin. I loved him and will miss him.

Shelly R Myers - October 07, 2024 at 08:47 PM

TG

“ Tammy Goodman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.

Tammy Goodman - October 07, 2024 at 08:34 PM

TG

“ Tammy Goodman purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.



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**Tammy Goodman** - October 07, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.



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October 07, 2024 at 02:02 PM

CD

“ Carrie D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.

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**Carrie D.** - October 07, 2024 at 01:58 PM

YQ

“ *Your Friends at ADM St Louis & Quincy* purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.



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**Your Friends at ADM St Louis & Quincy** - October 07, 2024 at 01:24 PM

JF

“ Jim and Lori Powell and family purchased the *Vivid Recollections* for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.



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**Jim and Lori Powell and family** - October 07, 2024 at 01:10 PM

JF

“ Jim and Lori Powell and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.

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**Jim and Lori Powell and family** - October 07, 2024 at 01:10 PM

PF

“ Powers, Valley and leif Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.

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**Powers, Valley and leif Family** - October 07, 2024 at 12:39 PM

PF

“ Powers, Valley and leif Family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.



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**Powers, Valley and leif Family** - October 07, 2024 at 12:39 PM

YS

“ Your friends at Allen Seed & Service purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.



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Your friends at Allen Seed & Service - October 07, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.



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October 07, 2024 at 11:14 AM

AS

“ I am still in disbelief. He was a dear friend and a very kind and gentle person and will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences to Lemmy, Matt and Karen and all of the family. I love all of you very much

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Alice Schuckenbrock - October 07, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.



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October 07, 2024 at 10:51 AM

AI

“ All of us at Young Enterprises, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.

All of us at Young Enterprises, Inc. - October 07, 2024 at 09:27 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.



October 07, 2024 at 09:27 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.



October 06, 2024 at 08:32 PM

TO

“ The Cannon Dam Opry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.

The Cannon Dam Opry - October 06, 2024 at 01:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.*



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October 06, 2024 at 01:08 PM



“ *Sending our sympathy and prayers to all. Stephen and Zenda Luebrecht*

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**Stephen and Zenda** - October 06, 2024 at 11:47 AM



“ *Sending all best wishes to my cousins during this difficult time. Anne, Sam and Alex Ganten*

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**Anne Ganten** - October 06, 2024 at 08:49 AM



“ *John and Carol Lovell and family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.*



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**John and Carol Lovell and family** - October 05, 2024 at 05:55 PM

PP

“ My deepest condolences for the families and friends.



Peggy Perkins - October 05, 2024 at 10:49 AM

SC

“ Storm Campbell purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.



Storm Campbell - October 04, 2024 at 11:44 PM

TG

“ Tommy Valaire Gregory planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.

Tommy Valaire Gregory - October 04, 2024 at 11:10 PM

TG

“ Tommy Valaire Gregory purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.



Tommy Valaire Gregory - October 04, 2024 at 11:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.*



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October 04, 2024 at 09:36 PM



“ *Kevin and Jessica Inlow planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lemuel Absalom Wells III.*

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**Kevin and Jessica Inlow** - October 04, 2024 at 09:36 PM



“ *Lennie was one of my favorite customers at Me-Me's. We shared many laughs over the years. He will be missed. My deepest condolences to his family during this difficult time.*

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**Heather Spegal-Ritchey** - October 04, 2024 at 09:00 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you & your family*



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**Chrystal Walker** - October 04, 2024 at 08:11 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.,Prayers*

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**Deanie Ebers** - October 04, 2024 at 07:32 PM

LL

“ So sorry for your loss. Linda Gray Leopold

linda gray leopold - October 04, 2024 at 06:57 PM

CT

“ so sorry for your loss



Cynthia Tolbert - October 04, 2024 at 06:35 PM

TS

“ I always enjoyed in school giving Mrs Judy a hard time about if it's red leave it in the shed and mr wells all the tractor rides , getting to go with him to the stl in the semi getting fertilizer and just visiting sending prayers for you all



Tyler scherder - October 04, 2024 at 06:28 PM

 Karen  
Ralph  
Powell

“ Jimmie I am so sorry for you and your family loss. Keeping you, family members and friends in my prayers 🙏  
Signed Karen Harshman Powell

Karen Ralph Powell - October 04, 2024 at 05:54 PM