



Elbert Leroy Owen

January 20, 1925 - September 29, 2017

Elbert Leroy Owen (Bert) was born January 20, 1925 to Jesse B. and Bessie Ballard Owen, near Owens Cross Roads which was named after his great-grandfather. Bert worked a lot of rocky hills alongside his parents as sharecroppers in Madison, AL. Bert was the middle son of 3 boys (brothers Bernard and Stanley). Bert was saved at 10 years old and was a faithful Christian.

Bert graduated from Hazel Green High School during the middle of WWII. While classmates were drafted, he had a farming deferment which allowed him to stay home for an additional year. Most of his classmates never returned. After his year deferment was up, he was drafted and sent to radio school and served in Philippines under General McArthur as his radio man.

Bert was able to go to Auburn University on the GI Bill and received a degree in electronic engineering. He retired from the U.S. Army Missile Command in 1980. After retirement Bert served as Limestone County Correction Facility bible teacher for almost 25 years. Bert (AK4G) enjoyed communicating with people around the world as an amateur radio operator.

He married Sarah Virginia Atnip in 1949. Bert and Sarah moved to Huntsville, AL and had 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls. Sarah passed away in 1978.

Bert married Elsie Lewis in 1979. They share 22 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. Bert lived in the East Limestone community for the past 60 years.

He is survived by three sons and two daughters, Wayne (Janice) Owen, Richard Owen, Greg (Susie) Owen, Sheila (Dale) Borden and Karen (Jeff) Hodges. He is also survived by two step-daughters, Susie (Augie) Semple and Karen (Johnny) Robison.

Services for Bert will be 2:00PM Monday, October 2, 2017 at Fairview Baptist Church with Bro. George Whitten and Bro. John Hafner officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00-9:00PM Sunday, October 1, 2017 at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. Burial will take place in Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Brent Owen, Ben Owen, Josh Borden, Justin Borden, Phillip Robison and Michael Robison. Honorary pallbearer is Dylan Hodge.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ My name is Dan Roy and I’m an amateur radio operator. I Met Bert through him radio. I stayed with Bert and his wife Elsie back in 1983 in Alabama. I stayed there for about a week. I came back and stayed again in 1985 and 1986. Bert was a really good guy and I just now found out about his passing. I know it happened a long time ago, but I still want to pass along my condolences.

Dan Roy - September 04, 2024 at 10:29 PM

VO

“ My Uncle Elbert was a very interesting and intelligent man. I always enjoyed being around him. He showed me with great pride his ham radio and how it worked. He was a prayer warrior and soul winner. He will be missed until I see him again in Heaven.

Victor Owen - June 19, 2023 at 11:13 AM

LC

“ Steve and I send love and prayers to Elsie and all the family. May God continue to fill you all with more of His love and peace as Brother Bert is laid to rest in Jesus name. Amen.

Loretta Coleman - October 01, 2017 at 11:45 AM

KH

“ Elbert Leroy Owen

Karen Owen Hodges - October 01, 2017 at 10:39 AM

BM

“ Bert, Dad, Appa

Brigitte Borden Miller - October 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Bert was one of the first person we met when we moved to Alabama. He and is wife helped us out a whole lot. We where truly blessed to know and love him and is beautiful wife! Truly a man of God . I thank God for letting our path cross! Blessings and prayers!
Tanksley's Family

Anna - September 30, 2017 at 08:01 PM

BM

“ Bert "Appa" Owen

Brigitte Borden Miller - September 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM