



## Mr James Bud Wells

January 18, 1926 - April 6, 2020

James Bud Wells, 94, was called to mercifully take his place among family and friends who have passed before him. Bud died peacefully at home on April 6, 2020. He was born January 18, 1926 in Donora, PA to James Playford Wells and Annie Elsie Gray. Immediately after graduating from Donora High School, Bud, like many of his buddies, joined in the fight of World War II. He joined the Navy and was stationed aboard the USS Sitka (APA-113) and served as a pilot of a troop landing craft from the attack transport. On D-Day he made numerous trips between the shores of Normandy and the Sitka ferrying many brave men to the beaches and the front lines. He spent the rest of his life as a very proud veteran and was carefully guarded of what he experiences during those times. Coming home to Donora, Bud took a job as a bricklayer in the steel mills of U.S. Steel primarily layering bricks inside the giant Kilns. It was while working for the mills that he met who would become the love of his life, his best friend for life and his wife all in one all in one special person. Bud married Beryl Jean Compton, the boss's daughter from up on the hill on January 17, 1948. While still residing in Donora, they had their two children, Kristine and Timothy.

After the closing of the mill, Bud moved his family to Lenox where he was head of maintenance for the Lenox School for Boys. Reunions for the school tell many, many stories about Bud and Beryl opening their campus home to the boys to watch television, play games and socialize in the warm settings they provided. It was at the school Bud developed a love of hockey that led him to be a manager of not only Lenox School teams but later for the High Lawn Jerseys, a semi-pro team from Lenox.

After Lenox School closed and became Bordentown School, Bud remained for a bit but moved on to take a job as a shipping assembler for Lenox Machine until 1988 when he could not resist his never-ending urge to just travel and to play golf every day that he possibly could. He retired and fulfilled both those urges the best he could. He was an avid Boston sports fan, it didn't matter which Boston team was playing, one could find him watching them on television.

A deeply religious man who grew up attending St. John's Episcopal Church in Donora, carried that faith with him through the war years and to Lenox where he served through the war years and to Lenox where he served faithfully St. Helena's Chapel and Trinity

Episcopal Church.

He also had a special gift of working with his hands in wood. Using knowledge and tools passed by his father, Bud crafted many pieces of furniture which he shared with every member of his family.

Bud is survived by his best friend and wife, Beryl, by his daughter Kristine Warfield (Donald) and their daughters Sara Ordyna (Dennis), Nora Tassone (Aaron) and Keri Kelley (Joseph), by his son Timothy Wells and also by his great-grandchild Quinn Ordyna, Joseph Tassone, Theodore Kelley and Avery Tassone.

Bud was predeceased by his parents, sisters Dorothy Wells and Lillian Wells Hall and was also predeceased by a great-grandson, Conrad Kelley.

Out of concern for those who might attend during this pandemic, there will be no calling hours. A graveside service for family is planned for this week and a public memorial service at Trinity Church will be at a later date. The family is so grateful to Heidi and Mountain View Services and HospiceCare in the Berkshires for all they did to help the family through these times. They were all a blessing to us and we so appreciate their care and compassion. Bud's favorite charity and one that he supported through the years is the Jimmy Fund. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name to the Jimmy Fund or any worthwhile cause that would benefit individuals caught up in these difficult times. Also, a special thank you to the Lenox Volunteer Fire Dept. and Lenox Police Dept. for their assistances.

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“ I had Ed Miller Lenox School 1966 good fortune to know Bud and Beryl during my four years at Lenox School 1962 to 1966. Bud and Beryl were important and steadfast members of the Lenox School community..still meeting annually for Reunions fifty years after the school closed. The Irish have a nice little saying at times like this... May God hold the Wells family in the palm of His hand. Rest in peace Bud.. You were a super guy !!

**edward miller** - April 07 at 10:30 AM

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“ Beryl, I am so very sorry to learn of Bud's passing, however, I am grateful ur is over fir him. You both gave it a good fight. A true gentleman, a humble man who could do anything with his beloved Beryl by his side...always. You are all in my prayers... get some rest my friend. Holler if you need or want anything.  
Love,  
Francie Sheehan Sorrentino

**Francie Sheehan Sorrentino** - April 06 at 07:53 PM