



## **WILLIAM LECKIE "BILL" KELL JR.**

July 22, 1948 - March 30, 2020

William Leckie "Bill" Kell Jr., 71, of Gary, WV, passed away Monday, March 30, 2020 at the McDowell Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Gary. Born July 22, 1948 in Bluefield, WV, he was the son of the late Dawn Absher Kell and William Leckie Kell Sr. He was also a proud great grandson of Colonel Andrew Leckie who helped settle McDowell County.

Bill was a graduate of Paul Blazer High School in Ashland, KY, he went on to graduate from Marshall University where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He received his Master's Degree from the University of Alabama. Bill was a dedicated award-winning educator and taught in the McDowell County School System for 36 years. He taught at laeger Intermediate, Welch Junior High School, and retired from Mount View High, where he was well known as the Voice of the Mount View Golden Knights football team.

William was also a member of The Order of Kentucky Colonels. He was also a former member of the Welch and Kimball Rotary Clubs. He had a distinguished career in scouting and served on the Executive Board of the Appalachian Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and was a member of the Order of the Arrow and held the rank of Vigil Honor. Bill was also the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award the local council can present for service to youth.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his infant twin brother Howard Kell.

Those left to cherish his memories are one brother, Robert "Bob" Kell and wife

Martha of Margate, FL; and his special friends and caregivers Ed and Lynda Evans of Welch and their family.

A Private Graveside Committal Service will be conducted Friday, April 3, 2020 at 12 Noon from the Monte Vista Park Cemetery, Ceres, WV, with Rev. Michael Brown, officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Boy Scouts of America, Buckskin Council, 2829 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25311. Due to the current health situation, there will be no visitation.

The Douglas Mortuary in Welch is assisting the Kell family. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.douglasmortuary.com](http://www.douglasmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Monte Vista Cemetery

Ceres, WV 24701

# Previous Events

## Private Graveside Service

APR 3. 12:00 AM (ET)

Monte Vista Cemetery  
Ceres, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *I graduated from High School with Bill! He was just an all around, good guy!! May he rest in peace!! Berna Harris Hester*

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**Berna H. Hester** - May 09, 2020 at 12:57 AM

AJ

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Alan Johnston** - April 04, 2020 at 06:03 AM

BS

“ *Brett Schuller lit a candle in memory of WILLIAM LECKIE "BILL" KELL JR.*



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**Brett Schuller** - April 04, 2020 at 06:01 AM

MA

“ *Mr. Kell had a great wit and was an inspiration during my years at Mt. View. Always welcoming & supportive; a comforting presence many years later and I will forever remain appreciative of the kind words and gentle spirit of a fine educator & friend. Thankful for the many memories gifted to me and the fine example of a life well lived.*



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**Michael Anthony Armstrong** - April 01, 2020 at 10:04 AM

CT

“Questions, comments, stupid statements?” I will forever remember Mr. Kell saying this at the end of class every day. Such a character, and so kind. You will be missed :(

Crystal (Riffe) Tuttle - April 01, 2020 at 04:21 AM

SS

“ Sharon Short lit a candle in memory of WILLIAM LECKIE "BILL" KELL JR.



Sharon Short - March 31, 2020 at 10:44 PM

RT

“ He was a great teacher one of my favorite teachers fly high Mr Kell you will be missed

Rebecca (Lucion) Tabor - March 31, 2020 at 09:36 PM

TH

“ He was a great teacher! He will be missed 😞 Praying for his family and friends

Terry Perkins Hale - March 31, 2020 at 05:55 PM

CW

“ Charlotte Warner lit a candle in memory of WILLIAM LECKIE "BILL" KELL JR.



charlotte warner - March 31, 2020 at 05:11 PM

DB

“ *Donna Baker lit a candle in memory of WILLIAM LECKIE "BILL" KELL JR.*



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**Donna Baker** - March 31, 2020 at 04:05 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Williams lit a candle in memory of WILLIAM LECKIE "BILL" KELL JR.*



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**Barbara Williams** - March 31, 2020 at 03:52 PM

TM

“ *He was a great teacher and will be missed*



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**Tracy Dickterenko Morsi** - March 31, 2020 at 03:22 PM