



## Max Joseph Lewellen

January 21, 1932 - September 9, 2022

Max Joseph Lewellen was born on January 21, 1932, in Morehead, Ks to Jessica and Marvin (Cotton) Lewellen. He was greeted by his two older sisters, Patty, and Priscilla.

Growing up Max loved sports. He played football and was especially good at baseball. His other passion was his greyhounds that he raised and trained for coyote hunting. In February 1953 Max was drafted into the United States Army and served as a heavy equipment mechanic. He was deployed during the Korean War. During his time in Korea, he shared his love of baseball by teaching a team of Turkish fighters the art of the game. In January 1955 he was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. After his return to Kansas, Max married. His ex-wife Janice, his adopted son Andrew Jason and natural daughter Nancy Jane, all preceded him in death. He enjoyed gardening and was known for his tomatoes, turnips, and corn, which he enjoyed sharing with his friends and neighbors. Max worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation for 30 years, retiring in 1994 as the supervisor of the Altoona office. In 2010, Max was honored as the Four States Hero by KOAM.

Max passed away on September 9, 2022, at 90 years of age and will be greatly missed by his long-time friend and companion Louise Click, friends, family and Callie the cat. He played a special role in all their lives and was

dearly loved.

At Max's request, there will be no services.

Memorial donations in his memory can be made to Countryside Funeral Home for the purchase of children's playground equipment to be placed in the park.

Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th, PO Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Memories: Riding in his big white vehicle with the cool red interior. Looking at his greyhounds. Picking vegetables and fruits from his garden. Getting pajamas from him every year for Christmas, and playing Christmas bingo at his house. See ya later, gpa Max. We'll miss ya. As he would say, "Glad you got to see me!!!"*

---

**Trinnie Bush** - September 29, 2022 at 08:58 PM

MB

“ *Great Grandpa Max & Presley 'Zot' Bowers. Christmas 2012*



---

**Madison Bush** - September 22, 2022 at 06:45 PM

OR

“Max was a special guy to me and my family. He always took special care of my grandma Louise and us. One of my fondest memories was when we visited his house when I was little. I would go out into his garden where the corn stalks grew way above my head. I’d pick, shuck, and steal a few bites of the delicious corn before running back to put a few stalks in the bucket.

Max was always generous with what he had. Whether it be his delicious produce, some money to buy something “purty” or offering you a Mountain Dew as soon as you walked in the door, he always made sure we were taken care of. I would also be remiss if I didn’t mention the Christmas pajamas I got every year from him ever since I was little. It was something I always looked forward to. I am so thankful you were a part of my life. See you again, Max.

---

**Olivia Redlich** - September 22, 2022 at 02:28 PM

HR

“Some of my fondest memories are of Max arriving with bags full of corn for us to shuck, walking timidly alongside him and G’ma while we smuggled his delicious tomatoes into Braum’s, the sweet phone calls I received when I was working in Bartlesville to make sure I was alright, opening the Christmas PJ’s he sent every year, and his famous “finer than frog’s hair” response whenever you asked how he was.

Thanks for looking after my Grandma. I’m sure glad she chose you.

I will miss you, but I know I’ll see you again.

Love you Grandpa Max.

---

**Hannah Redlich** - September 20, 2022 at 07:19 PM

JR

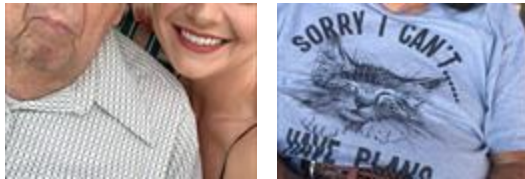
“ I will sure miss Max! He and my mom loved each other, looked out for each other and took care of each other for decades! He would call my mom multiple times a day to check in so I never had to worry about her, knowing if he couldn't reach her, he'd be out looking for her. On wintery nights when I was driving home from college, he'd assure my mom that, when I reached his county, the roads would be clear for my safe passage. I think I spent the night at his home on one such wintery night when the roads were freezing over faster than he could clear them! He was a bonus grandfather to my kids and we have so many fond memories of summer visits! He grew delicious cantaloupe, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, corn and more in his garden. I'm pretty sure he planted his large garden for others to enjoy more than for himself. I do believe he gave most of his abundance away. Max was a care taker of others. Yes, we sure will miss you, Max, but will see you again one day in heaven!

---

**Jennifer R** - September 18, 2022 at 06:23 PM

MB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



---

**Madison Bush** - September 17, 2022 at 08:46 PM

MB

“ Grandpa Max was a special man. He has been a part of my life since birth and I have many fond memories of him. He would load my sister Trinnie, Grandma Louise and I all into the front seat of his white truck to take us to braums for icecream. He would bite a hole in the bottom of his cone and say a mouse ate it. In his truck was a little figurine of a sailor and a scruffy dog. I asked him for that a few years ago but it was long gone. Max was a wonderful supporter of me. He would slip me \$20 here and there when grandma wasn't looking! Every year for Christmas for as long as I can remember , Max would get us PJ's. Im wearing a pair as I type this. The last memory I have of my Grandpa Max was a sleepover and wonderful meal at his favorite restaurant, the Nut Hut. God surely blessed us with a sharp, kind and generous man. He will be dearly missed and forever reminisced ❤️

---

**Madison Bush** - September 17, 2022 at 08:25 PM

JR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories of Max



---

**Jennifer Redlich** - September 16, 2022 at 08:11 PM

JR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories of Max



---

**Jennifer Redlich** - September 16, 2022 at 01:25 PM

JR

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories of Max*



-----  
**Jennifer Redlich** - September 16, 2022 at 09:23 AM

JR

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories of Max*



-----  
**Jennifer Redlich** - September 16, 2022 at 09:14 AM

DP

“ *Grandpa Max was a great man. God broke the mold with Max, or maybe Max broke the mold himself. He was stubborn, but wise, loving and one of the most generous men I know. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for the family.*

-----  
**Dalton Powell** - September 14, 2022 at 10:15 PM

LC

“ *Max gave me a bracelet. It's so pretty. I don't know where I will wear it! I said. I know where you won't wear it, Max responded. Around your neck or around your waist. Loved Max. Loved his humor. He could always make me laugh!*

-----  
**Louise Click** - September 14, 2022 at 07:47 PM

TC

“ I am grateful to have had Max in my life. He was a wonderful addition to our family and contributed to our lives on so many levels. One of the many ways Max touched my life and for which I will always be indebted, is his presence and help in bringing my beautiful son Alex into this world. How, you may ask? By cooking! Only Max’s pork chops, mashed potatoes and corn kept me going when I was too sick to eat anything and keep up my strength. My husband was in the Air Force and stationed far away for training. My mother, could only come to check on me once a week to see how I was faring. During my many weeks of needing home health care and IV nutrition, Max would make the 2 hour drive to Wichita one evening a week to cook for me. He still came with my mom to help her any way he could . Those were the best pork chops and I have never had better since. Alex is almost 30!! Thank you Max for all that you have been and done as a part of our family. We love you and cherish the time we had with you.

---

**Teresa Click** - September 14, 2022 at 05:26 PM