



## Blair Benjamin "Ben" Bellis

May 25, 1928 - November 5, 2021

DUNCANNON - Blair Benjamin Bellis, aged 93, of 2 Bixler Lane, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, November 5th, 2021.

Born in Gratz, PA on May 25, 1928, Blair was one of 19 children born to the late Elmer Eston and Luma May (Hartman) Bellis. He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict (Anti-Aircraft Artillery), whose later assignment as a cook led to his life-long love of cooking. Blair married Ruby Jean Wetzel of Millersburg, and together they raised four children.

A longtime construction worker, he worked on major projects in the Harrisburg area. Blair enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, yardwork, home maintenance, and watching all manner of wildlife. Extremely skilled with his hands, he was adept at keeping his kids' vehicles on the road. He had the tools to complete any project, and the heart to help others complete theirs. He was an avid reader, a news buff and sports fan, and enjoyed puzzles and cryptograms. He was a member of Duncannon VFW Post 255, and American Legion Post 340, and also volunteered as a forklift driver for Bread of Life Outreach in Newport.

Blair is survived by his wife of 71 years, Ruby (Wetzel) Bellis; four children, Gary (Mary) of Newport, PA, Lori (Stephen) Coetzee of Martinsburg, WV, Craig (Wendy) of Washington, PA, and Blair (Wendy) of Albrightsville, PA; 12 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great grandchildren. He is

also survived by five siblings, Esther Schaffner of Dalmatia, Mark of Millersburg, Dorothy Wiest of Matamoros, Marian Memory of Tampa, FL, and Bette Heiser of Millersburg. He was preceded in death by 13 siblings, Jean, Constance, James, Charles, Anna Ayers, Lillian Sitlinger, Mary Bellis, Lloyd, Robert, Mabel Wieda, Donna (Rich) Koppenheffer, Hilda Collier, and June Messner.

Services will be held on Wednesday, November 10th, 2021 at Family Life Center, 27 W Shortcut Road, Newport. A 10 a.m. public visitation will be followed by an 11 a.m. memorial service (co-officiated by Gary and Craig Bellis), with a Fellowship meal immediately following. A private interment with military honors will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Harrisburg, PA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Newport Assembly of God Church, 253 N 6th St, Newport, PA, 17074.

The Boyer Family is honored to handle the arrangements for the Bellis Family.

# Cemetery Details

**Woodlawn Memorial**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Family Life Center  
Shortcut Road  
Newport, PA 17074

### Funeral Service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DH

“ I am sorry to hear of Ben's passing and would like to extend my sincere sympathy to Ruby, Gary, Lori, Craig, Blair, and all of the family. Ben's quiet, kind spirit made a deep impression on me many years ago when I was a guest at their home for several days. Sending my love and continued prayers. Vaughn Harbin, Brampton, Ontario, Canada.

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**D. Vaughn Harbin** - November 08, 2021 at 04:25 PM

EB

“ Evie, Dick & Bob purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Blair Benjamin "Ben" Bellis.



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**Evie, Dick & Bob** - November 08, 2021 at 01:15 PM

JH

“ Jim & Jean Hodges purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Blair Benjamin "Ben" Bellis.



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**Jim & Jean Hodges** - November 08, 2021 at 11:40 AM

EM

“ Visits to Ben and Ruby were choice experiences in my live. Ben was so kind, quiet but had his scheduled activities; favorite snack of peanut butter and honey., John Deere cleanup in their grove of trees, flowers by the walkway, the news. His spaghetti was so good. Between Ben and Ruby food was the finest. They raised a wonderful family of 3 sons and a daughter; these children and their spouses were awesome in the care they gave to Ben and the support to Ruby. The obituary picture is so very nice and matches exactly how I remember him. Blessings to my dear sister Ruby and to the family members. With Love, Evie

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**evelyn mcdanel** - November 07, 2021 at 10:10 PM

TP

“ Ruby, did you live in Harrisburg on Green street? My Mom was Anna Peifer.

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**THOMAS PEIFER** - November 07, 2021 at 12:00 PM

LC

*Hello, Tommy... yes! I used to comb your grandmother's hair out on your front porch just about every day, and dearly loved your Mom. I will be sure to call Mom's attention to your comments. It's great to hear from you, this is Ruby's daughter, Lori.*

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**Lori (Bellis) Coetzee** - November 07, 2021 at 02:22 PM