



Sammye Lawson

September 10, 2012

Mrs. Lawson was born in Hohenwald, TN to the late Everett Lee and Tommie Ruth Black Bates. She was a retired florist owner. Survivors include her husband, William "Bill" Thomas Lawson of Hohenwald; son, Keith Lawson of Lexington; brother, Tommy Bates (Margie) of Columbia.

Tribute Wall

ES

“ *she was a good woman i hate to hear about her pass away everyone love her and she was nice person*

elaine reeves Sep - September 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *I will never forget the first time I met the Lawson family?..it was in the Swiss Cemetery. I was looking for my Great Grandfather?s grave which I knew was in the Swiss Cemetery. I knew it because of the hard work of Sammye, Bill and Keith posting cemetery records on the Internet. I approached two men who appeared to be recording cemetery stones, and I asked if they were the people responsible for putting the records on the Internet. After meeting the two men (Keith and Bill), I managed to understand that there was a third person responsible for posting cemetery records on the Internet and she would like to meet me the next day. That was just the beginning of a wonderful friendship that developed between us. We stopped and visited on our way to Florida and on our way back. One of our highlights was the time we received the Key to Hohenwald which I am sure was a direct influence of Sammye, Bill and Keith. We met many of Sammye and Bill?s friends and always enjoyed the company. Sammye , Bill and Keith showed us what a wonderful and interesting place that surrounded Hohenwald?..Hippies, Elephants, wine vineyards, Mennonites, any many more. Sammye was a walking encyclopedia on the Swiss history of Hohenwald. Although she was not Swiss she had a special interest in the history of the Swiss and I learned a lot about where my Great Grandfather lived from her. I will really miss my friend Sammye. I am so proud I had the experience to know her?..she was a very special friend. Our hearts go out to Bill and Keith?their threesome is broken forever. We wish them quick healing as time goes by. Friends forever Skip and Marlene*

Marlene and Skip Zacher Sep - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *May God's love and grace be with you at this difficult time. Sammye will be greatly missed.*

John and Jeanne Brown Sep - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *To: Bill, Keith and Sammye's brother, Tommy Bates & his family. I am so saddened by the death of a dear friend. Bill if you don't remember me; I'm sure that you remember my sister, Eva Whitehead; The two of you have your photos together in your yearbook!! I remember Sammye being in the class of two of my nieces-Barbara James & Faye Rosson back when they were in 5th grade-I think; anyway; Sammye and I re-connected a few years ago on myfamily sites ; She helped me a great deal with my family research. And I so much appreciate the three of you for all the Graveyard enumerations which you did. IMO; Lewis Co has the VERY BEST information online at tngen.org and you three along w/other volunteers are the ones who should (but probably, don't) get the credit for that. I have missed Sammye Jo greatly during her time in Hospital and have had you all in my prayers. I will miss her even more now that I know we will never be able to exchange those e-mails again. I was so grateful for her help on many fronts; during our times on the Family boards. I now have your family in my prayers; that God will help you through this trying time. If there is ever anything that I can do to ease this; please contact me. To SJ: Go Rest High on that mountain; my friend; I look forward to seeing you again when my time to go home arrives. I love you, friend, Anne*

Anne Whitehead Archer Sep - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *Sammye Jo, a lost cousin that I found late in life researching our grandparents. Oh how I loved to talk with her and share information on our kin. To her family I send my sympathy and let you know I'm praying for you. Bill, Keith, her grandmother, Viene, and my grandfathe, John Hercules [Hirk] were brother and sister. May God be with you in this time of sorrow. Faye Lynch Yates*

Faye Yates Sep - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Sammye was a sweet and wonderful person. We are so sorry to hear of her passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill & Keith at this time.*

Jerry - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *SJ, how much you meant to so many people, not sure you ever knew. My heart goes out to Bill and Keith. May God be with them in this time.*

Joyce Mayberry Sep - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM