



## Melvin A. Lovell

November 29, 1927 - December 28, 2014

Melvin A. Lovell, 87, highly regarded Waverly funeral director and resident of 26 Elliott St. Waverly, NY passed away Sunday morning, December 28, 2014 at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA.

“Mel” as he was known by his family and many friends was born in Catherine, NY on November 29, 1927 the son of Archie and Winifred (Cogsdell) Lovell. He was a graduate of Odessa Central School, Odessa, NY in the class of 1945 and following high school worked on the family farm and also in the plumbing and heating business with his father from 1945 to 1954. He was later employed by Westinghouse Corporation in Horseheads, NY from 1954 to 1960 and served as a corrections officer in Kerhonkson, NY from 1960 to 1968. Mel also served as supervisor for the New York State Department of Youth at the Ernie Davis Center in Syracuse, NY. He was a 1969 graduate of Simmons School of Mortuary Science in Syracuse, NY and was subsequently employed by the Tebbits Funeral Home in Albany, NY and by the A. Carr and Son Funeral Home in Kingston, NY. Mel purchased the Luckner Funeral Home in Waverly, NY in 1973 where he was the owner and director until his retirement there in 2002. He served as a Deputy Coroner in Tioga County, NY for 15 years. Mel presently served as funeral director and supervisor of the Bowen-Farr Funeral Home in Ulster, PA until the time of his death. Mel dedicated his life to helping and serving others in many ways and will be remembered by many for his professionalism and kindness. Mel enjoyed the

outdoors, gardening, farming, fishing and hunting. He loved fishing trips to Keuka Lake and annual vacations to Lancaster, PA.

Mel was a member of the Sayre Elks Lodge, Waverly Lions Club, the New York State Funeral Directors Association and the Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Patterson Lovell whom he married on July 21, 1990, children, Mark Lovell, Denice (Lovell) Clarke and husband Joseph, Patrick Mente and Jill Reid, Joseph Mente and wife Carla and Michael Mente and wife Carla, grandchildren, Jordan Mente, Eric Mente, Christopher Clarke, David Clarke, Jessica Clarke and Melissa Lovell, numerous great grandchildren, dear cousins, Betty Miles of Englewood, FL and Charles Lovell of Catherine, NY, many loving nieces and nephews, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Patricia and Jack Elliott, brother-in-law, Donald Taylor of Waverly, NY, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Edward and Judy Hartz of Wilmington, NC. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Maurice Lovell and sisters, Marilyn Taylor, Wilma Hartz and Ruth Travis Browning.

The family will receive friends Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home 314 Desmond St. Sayre, PA. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 10 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church, Waverly, NY. Interment will follow in St. James Cemetery, Waverly. The family suggests that contributions be directed to the St. James Cemetery Association, 300 Main St., Owego, NY 13827 in Melvin A. Lovell's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. James Cemetery

161 Elm Street  
Waverly, NY 14892

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home  
314 Desmond Street  
Sayre, PA 18840  
(570) 888-2113  
[info@bowenfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@bowenfuneralhomes.com)

## Service

JAN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. James Church  
503 Clark Street  
Waverly, NY 14892

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin A. Lovell*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Melvin A. Lovell*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Melvin A. Lovell*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Melvin A. Lovell*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Melvin A. Lovell*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. It was my pleasure getting to know you. I'm sorry it was under these circumstances. Such a wonderful family! Lori Conrad*

**Lori Conrad** - January 05, 2015 at 11:38 AM



“ *I have so many fond memories with Mel and Sharon at the house on Elliot st. And dancing watching Joes band play!*



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**Mike Grier** - January 02, 2015 at 08:57 PM

PG

“ *Paulette (Kraus) Gay lit a candle in memory of Melvin A. Lovell*



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**Paulette (Kraus) Gay** - January 02, 2015 at 06:26 AM

IP

“ *I was fortunate enough to know Mr. Lovell (I call him that out of total respect), as I met him when I was a teenager. He was one of the kindest, nicest, most gentlemanly men I ever knew. I'm thankful I had the honor to know him.*

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**Ivy Ryan ( Ploth)** - December 31, 2014 at 06:05 PM

AM

“ *Sorry to hear of the death of Mel.....have not seen or heard from him in years, but were great friends in our early family lives....may God rest his soul*  
*Ann Mott*

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**Ann Mott** - December 31, 2014 at 12:39 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Melvin A. Lovell.*



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December 31, 2014 at 11:35 AM



“ *Uncle Mel was a consistent influence on us, the Travis kids - sharing his humor, wisdom, information, and values. Early memories are riding the tractor or doodlebug, hanging in the milk parlor where he'd squirt milk in our mouths from 12 feet, riding down Montour Hill watching him from the backseat, maneuver his car with only the steering wheel knob.....and moving to his constant support of all of us as we grew to adults. He was especially important to my Mom as she waned in years, and the example of a most loving husband. He's left his mark, for sure, and I'm glad he's been my uncle.*

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**janine travis bray** - December 30, 2014 at 10:11 PM



“ *SHIRLEY SPEARS lit a candle in memory of Melvin A. Lovell*



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**SHIRLEY SPEARS** - December 30, 2014 at 03:52 PM



*SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.*

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**SHIRLEY SPEARS** - December 30, 2014 at 03:53 PM

LR

*will be missed by many ,so sorry for your loss*

**Lori Robinson** - December 30, 2014 at 06:45 PM

MB

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you Sharon.  
Leo & Mary Burgert*

**Mary Burgert** - December 31, 2014 at 09:17 AM

JH

*Sharon and family,  
Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. Mel was a great  
guy and will be sadly missed.  
Jean and Michael Hoffman*

**Jean and Michael Hoffman** - January 01, 2015 at 08:10 AM

AS

“ *Dear Sharon and Family.  
Our deepest sympathies for your loss. Mel  
was a great guy and will be missed by all.  
Mel will be remembered in our daily prayers.  
Love and hugs..Chuck and Anne Swift*

**Anne Swift** - December 30, 2014 at 03:47 PM



AS

“ *Dear Sharon and Family.  
Our deepest sympathies for your loss. Mel  
was a great guy and will be missed by all.  
Mel will be remembered in our daily prayers.  
Love and hugs..Chuck and Anne Swift*

**Anne Swift** - December 30, 2014 at 03:47 PM



RB

“ So sorry for your loss..prayers for you and the family ...

Ronnie Bump - December 30, 2014 at 03:06 PM

JC

“ Jody Campbell lit a candle in memory of  
Melvin A. Lovell



Jody Campbell - December 30, 2014 at 02:45 PM

JC

Hugs and Prayers to all of you !!!! You are in my thoughts..

Jody Campbell - December 30, 2014 at 02:46 PM

DM

“ SHARON & FAMILY;

SO SO SORRY TO READ OF MEL'S PASSING. HE WAS A  
GREAT, GREAT GUY!!

E.DARLENE MACNEAL

DARLENE MACNEAL - December 30, 2014 at 02:29 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the  
family of Melvin A. Lovell.



December 30, 2014 at 01:53 PM

SL

“ Shirley Lopreste lit a candle in memory of Melvin A. Lovell



Shirley Lopreste - December 30, 2014 at 11:24 AM

CV

“ Carrie Vanhousen lit a candle in memory of Melvin A. Lovell



Carrie Vanhousen - December 30, 2014 at 07:58 AM

CV

Sharon and Family, My heart goes out to you. Mel was a good person, He will be greatly missed.

Carrie Vanhousen - December 30, 2014 at 08:00 AM

KA

“ Sharon and Pat,  
I first met Mel when he held my mothers services. He was such a kind man. Thank you Mel for all the memories that you gave my son..  
Rest well Mel.  
Prayers,  
Kathy Stone

kathy - December 30, 2014 at 05:05 AM

DL

“ Remembering the kindest, sweetest man who loved my cousin dearly. Mel enjoyed life to the fullest and brought joy to everyone. I know that everyone knew Mel. Even though I didn't always get to see you often, we spoke on the phone many times and Sharon always kept me up to date. You are sorely missed. Love you Mel!



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**Diane Liberto** - December 30, 2014 at 04:58 AM