



## Dewey Cornell Jr.

August 30, 1933 - June 6, 2020

Dewey Cornell, Jr., 86, passed away Saturday morning, June 6, 2020.

Born in Louisville on August 30, 1933, Dewey was a son of the late Dewey, Sr. and Addie Nelson Cornell. He was a self-employed Special Bailiff serving Louisville and Jefferson County for over 50 years.

Known for his endless supply of jokes, Dewey always left people in good spirits and even though his death resulted from complications by taking a fall, he was still brightening up spirits until the very end.

Dewey attended Male High School, was a former mayor of the City of Strathmoor Village, member of Shively-Lewis-Parkland Masonic Lodge #951, F & AM and had served as past Master of Lewis Masonic Lodge #191, F & AM. He had been a Mason for over 50 years. Dewey was a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Louisville and Immanuel United Church of Christ. Dewey enjoyed playing the drums in several pipe and drum bands. He was very proud of his service as a Marine.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Vicki Cornell; sister Barbara Nelson and step-son, John Knowles.

Dewey will always be dearly loved by his entire family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Carol Knowles Cornell; two sons, Dewey G. Cornell (Nancy) and David P. Cornell (Cindy); three granddaughters, Cristina Sindhu (Saugat), Allison Cornell (Nathan Derstine) and Erin Griffin (William); four step-daughters, Karen Knowles, Melanie Wyatt (Kevin), Laura Knowles and Linda Starck (Chris); 4 step-grandchildren, Emerson Wyatt, Ian Towles, Wyatt and Quinn Starck.

A funeral service will be held in the chapel of Ratterman and Sons, 3800 Bardstown Road, Tuesday, June 9th at 3 p.m. Visitation will precede the service at 1 p.m. The family has

asked that everyone please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Online condolences may be shared at [www.ratterman.com](http://www.ratterman.com).

# Events

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**JUN** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 03:00PM

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Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home - Bardstown Road  
3800 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY, US, 40218

**JUN** **Funeral Service** 03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I don't think I've ever met a more positive individual. No matter what life dealt him, he grabbed it, made fun of it and forged ahead in spite of it! Always cheerful and uplifting, he brightened my day and made me smile. Thanks, Dewey, for making the world a better place.

Jenifer Stein Schultz  
friend from Immanuel UCC

Jenifer Schultz - June 29, 2020 at 10:30 PM

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“ I came to know Dewey over the last five years, mostly through family events. Although, our time together was limited, whatever time we did spend together, will always be cherished. I will always remember him for drinking and eating dessert as if he did not have diabetes. He would even ask me to get more! It was very clear that he lived his life on his own terms, and I celebrate his life as such. I hope you have an abundance of chocolates wherever you are now Dewey!



Saugat - June 09, 2020 at 11:51 AM

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“ Grandpa Dewey was one-of-a-kind and his jokes were legendary. I remember spending some very hot summer days running around their backyard in Louisville. Grandpa Dewey and Carol would take us to Lakeside for swimming and it was there I first jumped off a high diving board. Nothing can replace a grandfather in a granddaughter's heart, and he will be sorely missed.

Cristina Sindhu - June 09, 2020 at 11:25 AM

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**Cristina Sindhu** - June 09, 2020 at 11:03 AM

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“ I met Dewey recently during his granddaughter Erin's wedding and will remember how quick he was with a joke in almost any circumstance. It's amazing to think of how much laughter he much have brought during his lifetime. His devotion and love for his family was very evident. I wish I had more time to get to know him.

**Nathan Derstine** - June 08, 2020 at 09:37 PM

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**Kevin Wyatt** - June 08, 2020 at 05:04 PM

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“ Dewey was such a great guy. While I was working for Joe Mobley and was our Special Bailiff and did a terrific job. His humor will be dearly missed. He always had a funny story. Rest well my friend.

**Jo Craig** - June 08, 2020 at 11:07 AM

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“ Sindhu Bhaskar sent a virtual gift in memory of Dewey Cornell Jr.



**Sindhu Bhaskar** - June 07, 2020 at 06:55 PM

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“ It is sad to learn about the death of Dewey Jr. We have fond memories of his presence during the white wedding of Saugat and Cristina. Even though he was not well he did light up the ceremony with his sharp humor. He was the eldest member of both families. We will miss him. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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**Sindhu Bhaskar** - June 07, 2020 at 06:53 PM

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“ Goodness, I'm sorry to learn of Dewey's death. Art Wilding introduced me to Dewey back in the late 1970's and Dewey served as our Special Bailiff on any number of occasions. I took a job in Dallas in 1983 and left Louisville. Art died in 1996. But I certainly think I can speak for Art and say that Dewey was a great guy and always pleasant and dependable. I'm sorry to read of his death. I'm certain he will be missed by his family. The attorneys he worked for certainly valued him and I'm sure the loss to his family is very deep. Peace, Bruce Kleinschmidt

**BRUCE KLEINSCHMIDT** - June 07, 2020 at 04:53 PM

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“ I'll always remember my grandpa's sense of humor and ability to tell a joke literally at any moment. I will treasure the memories I have of him and Carol taking us around Louisville, especially to Lakeside Swim Club, and the warm summer evenings we spent on the back patio together.

**Allison Cornell** - June 07, 2020 at 11:43 AM

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**Dewey Cornell** - June 07, 2020 at 08:46 AM

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**Rachel Small Stokes** - June 06, 2020 at 03:24 PM