



## Lino Della-Bianca

January 31, 1924 - March 25, 2017

Lino Della-Bianca, 93, passed into eternal life to be with his Lord Jesus Christ on Saturday, March 25, 2017, The Feast of the Annunciation. He was a great man. Lino was born in Coshocton, Ohio, on January 31, 1924, to Angela Lisena Fantin Mallatia and Venanzio Della-Bianca. He was an excellent marksman. While still in high school in Akron, he won the shooting trophy of the Junior American Legion three years in a row and the Ohio State Junior Championship- indoor and outdoor. He also won the Midwest Metallic Sight Championship and the Firestone Trophy. While attending the University of Akron, his shooting team placed first in the Pershing Rifle National Championship with Lino in the lead. He also won the Pershing Individual National Championship. He was a veteran of World War II, 274th Infantry Regiment, 70th Infantry Division- The Trailblazers. Lino lead a major battle in the Alsace-Lorraine area of France which was instrumental in helping end the war. He saved the lives of two officers. Because of his superior leadership and heroism, he was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart plus numerous other awards. His battalion received a "Presidential Unit Citation" for outstanding performance in combat. He remained in Austria as head of a prisoner of war camp in Golling an der Salzach, Land Salzburg. It was here that he met his beautiful wife of 63 years, Maria Theresia Schieferer. They moved back to America and married in the Church of the Annunciation in Akron, Ohio, on August 16, 1947. Lino completed a Bachelors Degree at the University of Akron and a Masters Degree in Forestry at Michigan State. He

became an accomplished Silviculturist for the U.S. Forest Service and helped begin the Bent Creek Forest Experimental Station in Asheville, doing much research in Bent Creek, on the Blue Ridge Parkway, and in the Piedmont. Lino was a successful writer whose articles have appeared in many Silvics books and periodicals such as the "Journal of Forestry" and the "Journal of Wildlife Management." His articles and teachings are often used in forestry schools across the country. He co-authored the book, YELLOW-POPLAR: CHARACTERISTICS AND MANAGEMENT, which remains the premier research book on yellow poplars, and is listed in the Library of Congress. Lino was a lifelong member of the holy Roman Catholic Church and a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also an accomplished mountain climber, summiting the Grossglockner, the highest mountain in the Austrian Alps, and the Moench and Matterhorn (did not summit because of a storm) in Switzerland, as well as many others. Lino was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed traveling, reading, and spending time with his family. He is survived by his sister, Liliana Shockey, of Green, OH; five children- Johanna Maria Brooks (Michael) of Eureka, MT, Brian Della-Bianca of Asheville, Elizabeth Anne Allen (James) of Woodbridge, VA, Michele Akin of Southern Pines, NC, and Lisena Maria Moss (Johnny) of Asheville; six grandchildren- Lisena Maria Brown, Robert Carlin and Joseph Patrick Allen, Jeremy Wyatt and Jesse Rae Akin, and Dane Alexander Adams; three grandchildren by marriage- DeLane Edward Moss, Janet Lynn (Moss) Wilson, and Brandon Paris; four great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated in his honor at the Basilica of Saint Lawrence, D.M. in Asheville at 2 p.m. on Thursday April 20, 2017. Graveside services will be held following the Mass at Lewis Memorial Park in Beaverdam with military honors.

# Cemetery Details

## Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road  
Asheville, NC 28804

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

APR **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Basilica of St. Lawrence  
97 Haywood St.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
<http://saintlawrencebasilica.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lino Della-Bianca*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Debora Howell lit a candle in memory of Lino Della-Bianca*



**Debora Howell** - May 05, 2017 at 05:25 PM



*Brian and family , so sorry to find out about your dad. I know that you will miss him every day as I do my dad, who died in Jan of this year. Remembering the good times you had with him and knowing that he is in good hands in heaven, helps. .Take care..Debbie*

**Debora Howell** - May 05, 2017 at 05:32 PM



“ *What an amazing life and so well lived. Mr. Della-Bianca was such a caring and gracious man and I remember him for his wonderful sense of humor, intelligence, and above all his kindness to me. I feel most fortunate indeed to have met him and I express my sincerest condolences to the entire family.*

*Mark Anthony Aman*

**Mark Anthony Aman** - May 04, 2017 at 02:43 AM

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“ *Lisena and family,*

*My prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your Father. He was such a sweet man and I will miss seeing him at Sunday Mass. God give you comfort and peace!*

*Jane Sorrells*

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**Jane Sorrells** - March 31, 2017 at 12:55 PM

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“ *Johanna, so very sorry to hear about your beloved father. What a special person he must have been and I'm glad that I had the opportunity to speak with him at times in the past 50 years. I remembered him in my prayers at mass this morning. I'm sure he was so proud of all his children and he will be greatly missed.*

*Mark Lawson*

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**Mark Lawson** - March 29, 2017 at 09:04 AM

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“ *We send our sympathy to the Della-Bianca family. Irene and Leonard Slaughter parents of Kathy Slaughter Blackburn, childhood friend of Michelle.*

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**Irene Slaughter** - March 27, 2017 at 03:20 PM

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“ *Dad, I loved you*

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**Johanna Brooks** - March 27, 2017 at 02:49 PM