

JOYCE LEWIS –the Hybridizer KATISUE - The Daylily



Joyce Lewis of Murchison, Texas, hybridized this daylily to the left. He also hybridized another famous daylily in the society called TEXAS SUNLIGHT, which has won many awards. He named it for Katisue Herrington in Dublin, Georgia. Herrington Daylily Garden introduced it for him in 1994, with the initial proceeds going to a scholarship in memory of his late wife, Allyene. It is a small flower, 26 x 3 ½ ML Re D. It is a yellow and red blend with cinnamon brushing, green throat, and fabulous branching.



KATISUE has won many show awards throughout region 5 in daylily shows. This flower has won BEST SMALL FLOWER in 18 different daylily shows and has won BEST IN SHOW in 8 different daylily shows. The most recent was in 2011 in Thomson, Georgia. Numerous exhibitors have won many blue ribbons over the years with KATISUE. This flower has won an Honorable Mention Award by the American Hemerocallis Society and has been a candidate for the Award of Merit. This flower is ranked as one of the greatest of all time show winners in the history of AHS accredited shows in Region 5, along with demonstrating its ability of being an outstanding garden flower. We first met Joyce In 1986 during part of the Georgia National activities that year and immediately became friends and pen pals. His letters were very interesting and we shared many memories of Region 5 and Region 6 activities. I took this picture above (L-R) of Heather, Katisue, Nell, Allyene and Joyce in 1988 at the Houston National. Heather registered the daylily, JOYCE LEWIS, in 1989. It is a blend of light tan, pink, mauve and yellow with yellow green throat. This is it pictured to the right.



Joyce Lewis passed away April 28, 2012. He was 93. Joyce Lewis never liked to talk about the war. He was a highly decorated WWII hero besides loving daylilies. He was a B-24 pilot flying 51 missions. It was so appropriate and fitting Memorial Day weekend of 2012 that we went to the Middle Ga. Daylily Show and Heather



entered KATISUE and won Best Small Flower. It was held in Warner Robins, home of Robins Air Force Base. He related to me once that his first trip to Georgia was to this base which he flew into on his way home to Texas in 1944. It was like he was there with us that Saturday with the daylily he named for Katisue. Albert Einstein made this legendary quote in his publication, *The World As I See It*; A coincidence is a small miracle in which God chooses to remain anonymous. Memory is a way of holding onto the things you love, the things you are, the things you never want to lose. Joyce Lewis was a true daylily friend who reached for our hand and touched our heart.