



Eldee "'Dee'" Bowers

May 23, 1918 - February 4, 2009

Eldee "Dee" Bowers, 90, of Toddville, died Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at Mercy Hallmar in Cedar Rapids, following a brief illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 9, 2009, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha by Rev. Dan Krueger. The family will greet friends from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Marion. Burial: Dunkard Cemetery, rural Toddville with military honors.

Survivors include his wife, Helen of Toddville; three children, Ron (Sherill) Bowers of Toddville, Diana Smith of Katy, Texas, and Roxanne Smith of Toddville; seven grandchildren, Heather, Ronda, Brandon, Nicole, Brett, Riley and Racquel; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his siblings, Wilbur, Don, Elzo, Ray, Roy, Harry and Henry Bowers, and Bessie Erickson.

Dee was born May 23, 1918, the son of John and Molly (Ellis) Bowers in rural Toddville. He graduated from Toddville High School in 1936 and attended Coe College before serving with the Army Air Corp during WWII. On April 12, 1942, he married Helen L. Estling in St. Louis, Missouri. Dee owned and operated Bowers Saw Mill in Toddville for over fifty years.

Dee was a very giving person, who was proud of and gave generously to his family, his friends, and his community. He was an overall lover of sports, but will best be remembered as a High School All-American basketball player and a member of the Toddville town baseball teams.

Dee was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha, American Legion Post No. 674 of Toddville, and a thirty year member of the Alburnett Community School Board.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Dee's memory.

Comments



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. May you find peace and joy in the memories you will keep in your hearts.

Adam, Nikki, Lane, Landyn Rowe

Adam, Nikki Rowe and boys - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Helen, Ron, Diana(Tootie), & Roxanne,
I read of your husband/father's passing. It's so hard to say good-bye to these older Toddville friends. Time passes so quickly. Many sweet memories will help & sustain us. My own father(Lloyd Elson) just recently passed at age 95. I miss him so. I have memories of your Dad & what a kind man he was. The times I stayed over with Tootie. Dee was not one of those gruff dad's that you were afraid of. Ha Ha I also know he was a wonderful mentor to my older brother Charles Elson. May Our LORD give you peace in this difficult time.
Please except my Sympathy,
Dixie (Elson) Egeberg
Melbourne, Fl.

DIXIE (ELSON) EGEBERG - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We were saddened to hear your loss and send our heartfelt condolences to each of you. Dee was a wonderful member of the community and will be greatly missed by all. Cherish your memories as they will help carry you through this most difficult time!
Brenda and Shawn Paul family

Brenda (Hemphill) Paul - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always be grateful to Dee for helping me move back to the Cedar Rapids Ia. He was on the Alburnett School Board when I applied for a position back in 1973. He grew up with my parents, Dick and Sally and Dee put in a good word for me which helped me get a job interview with the high school principal. I taught at Alburnett for 12 years and had his grand children in class. As a school board member Dee was always concerned about what was best for the children of the district. May Dee rest in peace with God. I am sorry for your loss...Larry Hagerman

Larry Hagerman - February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We will always remember the time that was spent with Uncle Dee and knowing I was named after him has been a special place in my heart for me. We wish we could be with all of you at this time. Knowing that you are thought of and in our prayers at this time, Dick, Connie, Jim and Nancy Estling

Richard Dee and Connie Estling / Jim and Nancy Estling - February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Ron and Sherill And the Bowers family My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time I know how you feel with you loss God bless you

Wally De Pauw - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM