



Bennett Lee Dowell

January 20, 1927 - August 1, 2019

Bennett Lee “B.L.” Dowell, age 92, of Latham, passed away Thursday, August 1, 2019, at Moniteau Care Center in California surrounded by his loving family. He was born January 20, 1927, in Excelsior, Missouri, a son of the late Bennett and Ada (Gabriel) Dowell.

On January 22, 1947, in Versailles, he was united in marriage to Edna Ilene Smith who preceded him in death on October 3, 2018. Together, they shared seventy-one years of marriage.

B.L. worked in road construction having helped build several bridges in the area. Later, he worked for construction companies erecting many state buildings in Jefferson City. He was also a lifelong farmer in the Latham area.

He enjoyed bowling, playing cards, pitching horseshoes and most of all, spending time with his family.

He is survived by his son, David Dowell and wife Christie of California, Missouri; daughters, Wanda Wilde and husband Greg of Latham, Missouri and Belva Gerke and husband Jim of Gravois Mills, Missouri; grandchildren, Shanay Lepper and husband Jim, Tiffany Lueckenotte and husband Keith, Shawna Shewmaker and husband Brian, Barbara Whittle, Eric Gerke and wife Carolyn, Trisha Berve, Ben Gerke and wife Jessica and Cara Allen and

husband Aaron; fourteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson, Larson Stuedle; brother, Robert Dowell of Versailles, Missouri; sisters, Rose Brewer, Alma Hoskins and Sue Holst all of Versailles, Missouri and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, James Lewis Dowell and sister, Wilma Hoskins.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 4th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Don Engelbrecht officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Hopewell Cemetery near Barnett. The family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Sunday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to Hopewell Cemetery Association or to Central Missouri Hospice.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Cemetery

19700 Highway C
Barnett, MO 65011

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

AUG 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I went to school with him, and enjoyed seeing him at the family reunions. Sending condolences to his family.

Margie Makepeace - August 06, 2019 at 09:33 PM



“ Wanda, fifty years ago we worked together at Ralston Purina in California, Mo. Little did I know I'd be working with Rose Brewer's niece when I began the job. Say hello to Rose, whose son, Neal, is now 50 years old. May our Lord and memories comfort you and your family during this time.



Tom & Yvonne Kerr - August 04, 2019 at 05:37 AM



“ Extending sympathy to the entire Dowell family.

jill winebrenner renken - August 03, 2019 at 09:20 PM



“ Gary and I are so sorry for you loss. We will always cherish the many card parties we shared with the pitch players group. To all the family we want to let you know how much fun both your Mom and Dad were and loved to hear Bennett Lee and my Dad give Babe a hard time. Bennett Lee and Edna were two special people. They never failed when I would see them out to ask about Gary's condition and to tell him hi for them. Our condolences to your entire family and so sorry we are not able to attend the services but you will be in our thoughts as you go through your loss. Much love, Gary and Brenda Smith

Brenda Smith - August 03, 2019 at 11:43 AM

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“ *Mary Lee Brizendine lit a candle in memory of Bennett Lee Dowell*



Mary Lee Brizendine - August 03, 2019 at 05:14 AM

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Wanda, Greg and all your Family are in my thoughts and prayers!

Mary Lee Brizendine - August 03, 2019 at 05:16 AM

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“ *Sam & Shirley Sumner lit a candle in memory of Bennett Lee Dowell*



Sam & Shirley Sumner - August 02, 2019 at 11:06 PM