



Merle T. Dowell

September 16, 1919 - January 17, 2013

Merle T. Dowell, 94 year-old resident of Long Prairie, MN passed away Thursday, January 17, 2013 at Valley View Estates Assisted Living in Long Prairie. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at the Swanville Bible Church in Swanville, MN with Rev. David Packo officiating. Burial will take place in the Moses Dane Cemetery in Burtrum, MN. Friends may call from 4-7 P.M. on Tuesday and from 10-11 A.M. on Wednesday at the Swanville Bible Church in Swanville, MN. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley-Gibson Funeral Chapel in Swanville, MN. Merle T. Dowell was born September 16, 1919, in Watertown, South Dakota to the late Thomas Omar & Christine Dowell. He was united in marriage to Evelyn B. Michels on October 20, 1941 in Sauk Centre, Minnesota. Merle and Evelyn briefly resided in Minneapolis, MN and Upsala, MN before settling on the family dairy farm near Burtrum, MN. After retirement, the couple moved to Grey Eagle, MN. Evelyn passed away in 2005 and Merle moved to an apartment in Long Prairie, MN where he resided until May 9, 2012. Merle then moved to Valley View Assisted Living in Long Prairie. Merle enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading and wintering in Arizona. Merle is survived by his sons Gerald (Connie) Dowell of Pella, IA, Wayne (Wilma) Dowell of Albany, MN, Roger (Dorcas) Dowell of Albany, MN, and Larry (Lori) Dowell of Mendota Heights, MN; daughters Donna (Robert) Johnson of Burtrum, MN, Kathryn (John) Pavlicek of Grey Eagle, MN; brother Lloyd Dowell of St. Louis Park, MN; sister-in-law, Adeline Wolbeck of Sauk Centre, MN, 11 grandchildren; and 19

great-grandchildren. Merle is preceded in death by his parents Thomas Omar & Christine Dowell, daughter Barbara Russell, brother Leonard Dowell, and granddaughter Brigitte Dowell. Honorary pallbearers will be Robert Johnson & John Pavlicek. Pallbearers will be Larry Dowell, Roger Dowell, Wayne Dowell, Gerald Dowell, Robb Johnson, and Michael Russell.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Swanville Bible Church
301 Berkley Avenue
Swanville, MN

Visitation

JAN 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Swanville Bible Church
301 Berkley Avenue
Swanville, MN

Service

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

Swanville Bible Church
301 Berkley Avenue
Swanville, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Merle T. Dowell*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Merle T. Dowell*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *We, the Haight sisters, want to extend our sympathy to the Dowell family. Our parents were Lloyd & Clara Haight, from Upsala. We all remember your Dad Omar & your Mom Christine & the family, on the farm on Pine Lake.*

Our Mother died in 1982; our Father died in 1991. We lost our sister Ellen Jane in 1946 & all 3 are buried in Upsala; our brother Roscoe "Rocky" passed away 2008.

We are sorry for your loss, it is hard to lose anyone, no matter how old they were.

Betz (Haight) Tepley##imported-begin##Joyce, Jean, Mary Ann, June & Betz - the Haight Sisters##imported-end##

January 30, 2013 at 04:26 PM



“ Just viewed the video....absolutely beautiful! Awesome tribute to a wonderful man!###imported-begin##Margaret##imported-end##

January 23, 2013 at 01:49 PM



“ I just viewed the wonderful video tribute. It brought back so many memories of my Uncle Merle and his family - especially reunions at the farm and sitting around the kitchen table talking politics. Uncle Merle would lift his eyebrow and lower his chin while he made his point. May your closeness as a family get you through this difficult time....###imported-begin##Suzanne (Wolbeck) Kvas##imported-end##

January 23, 2013 at 11:50 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Merle's passing. I have such wonderful memories of him, Aunt Evie, and all of you from when we were young and Mom and Dad would let me stay at your farm. May God comfort you at this time of loss and know you have another angel watching over you always!###imported-begin##Gary and Mary (Wolbeck) Metcalf##imported-end##

January 20, 2013 at 10:40 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Uncle Merle's passing. He was a wonderful and very positive person. We last visited him in June, 2012 when we were in MN for the Michels Tree Memorial picnic in Sauk Centre. We had a great morning talking camping, farming, and family. He talked of how much he missed Aunt Evelyn, and they are together again. May your many happy memories of him comfort you now. Please accept our sincere sympathy for your loss.##imported-begin##Dan and Delores (Michels) Dunham##imported-end##

January 20, 2013 at 07:30 PM



“ My condolence To the family. Merle was a good Man.##imported-begin##Marvin Goplen##imported-end##

January 20, 2013 at 09:18 AM



“ Merle seemed like a great fellow. I got to know him just a few years ago.and had 2 or 3 nice conversations with him. His wife and my wife both had parkinsons and we had a chance to share storys and medicines and talk about the crosses we had to bear taking care of these fine women. Our condolences to all his family.##imported-begin##Bob Koetter##imported-end##

January 18, 2013 at 08:39 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your Dad (and Mom) have always held a special place in my heart. I remember one time we were home visiting and your Dad and I were sitting outsidehe looked at me and said " you have the strangest knees"!! Of course he said it in a loving way !!!

Thinking of all of you and praying God will give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Love to all.

Margaret###imported-begin##Margaret Barton###imported-end##

January 18, 2013 at 11:05 AM