



Dale B. Kearney

December 15, 2023 - September 14, 2014

Mattoon, IL-Dale Barclay Kearney, age 90, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 10:07 a.m., Sunday, September 14, 2014, while surrounded by his loving family and friends.\r\n\r\nThe funeral service in his honor will begin at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, 61938, with Pastor Steve Hayes officiating. Interment will be in Dodge Grove Cemetery. The visitation will be held at the funeral home from 12:00 p.m., until the service begins. \r\n\r\nDale was born December 15, 1923, in Lovington Township, Moultrie County, Illinois, to John and Emma (Bafford) Barclay. He was adopted by George and Elsie (Vaughan) Kearney, after the untimely death of his mother, soon after his birth. He married Edna Farley in November 1941, and they had celebrated 59 years of marriage before she passed away in February of 2001. They were blessed with two loving daughters, Gloria Jean (Jeanne) Richards of Champaign, IL, and Donna Kay Dodson of Charleston, IL. In 2003, Dale married Gretta Gatewood. She survives. They have enjoyed twelve wonderful years together. In addition to his wife, Gretta, of Mattoon, IL; he is survived by five loving grandchildren, Chris Richards (Frannie) of Big Lake, MN, Kelly Ankenbrand (Carl) of Hoopeston, IL, Tonya M. Lawyer of Champaign, IL, Jamie Wright (Rich) of St. Joseph, IL, Kyle Richards (Regina) of Hoopeston, IL, and step-grandson, Jacob Trover (Mariah) of Miranda, CA. He leaves eight great-grandchildren, Jacklyn Richards, Nathan Phillips, Samantha Phillips, Taylor Ankenbrand, Tyler Wright, Jordan Wright, Charley Wright and Zoe Lawyer;

and three step great-grandchildren, Emma Herron, Johnathon Herron, and Weston Trover; two brothers-in-law, Jerry Farley (Mary) of West End, NC, and Reverend James Roger Farley of Liverpool, NY; and two nephews, Jim Williams and Dan Williams (Ainsley). In addition to his first wife, Dale was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, George, Melvin, and Harry; and two sisters, Mary and Hazel.

Dale was an original member of the Jubilaires Gospel Quartet, which sang in many churches and concerts across the state from 1949-1969. They also had a weekly spot on WLBH radio station. He was employed by Walter Duncan Oil Properties for forty-three years and retired as Production Superintendent in January, 1989. More importantly, Dale was dedicated to his family. No matter the occasion, Dale was always in attendance for weddings, birthdays, holidays, graduations, or sporting events. He treasured time spent with his family and some of his fondest memories were made on the many trips he took with his grandchildren.

A faithful follower of the Lord, Dale was a member of the First Christian Church. He was also a member of the Exchange Club and Romeo Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church, 1600 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, 61938 or the Mattoon Community Food Center, 600 Moultrie Avenue, Mattoon, IL, 61938.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor, or share a memory with his family.

Tribute Wall



“ Dale B. Kearney

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