



Mr. Robert L. Underwood

September 8, 2018 - August 23, 2005

Robert (Bob) Lee Underwood
Peoria-Robert (Bob) Lee Underwood, age 86, of Peoria, IL (formerly of Mattoon, IL) died at 4:08 AM, Tuesday, August 23, 2005, at the Lutheran Hillside Village in Peoria, Illinois. He was born September 8, 1918, in Goreville, Illinois, the son of Allen Lee and Pearl (Russell) Underwood. Bob married Dean (Evans) Underwood on August 13, 1939 in Madisonville, Kentucky with his Uncle Tommy Coleman performing the ceremony.
In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons; Gary L. (Bina) Underwood of Peoria, IL and Tom E. (Julie) Underwood of Liberty, MO; grandchildren, Brandon Underwood of Bloomington, IL, Heather Underwood of Springfield, IL and Sam Harris of Liberty, MO. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Kenneth L. Underwood and a sister, Lucille Maze. Still living is one sister, Nadine Benson, of Goreville, IL.
Bob attended Southern Illinois University and taught school for three years in Southern Illinois. After teaching school, he served with the United States Air Corp for three years and was a veteran of World War II, obtaining the rank of Sergeant. After his military service, he moved to Mattoon, IL. He opened Underwood Dental Lab and, in partnership with Richard Kepp, operated the Dental Lab for over fifty years. He is a past president of the Illinois Dental Lab Association. He was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church serving on the church board for many years. He was also a member of the Mattoon Rotary Club. Bob spent many years helping organize youth baseball in Mattoon and was president of the Babe Ruth League.
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Bob has passed on, his generosity, compassion for his fellow man, and devotion to his God, will live on in our hearts forever.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Robert L. Underwood*

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