



Carl E. Eldredge

June 19, 1915 - August 11, 2013

Carl E. Eldredge, age 98, of Fort Payne, AL, passed away Sunday, August 11, 2013. He was born in Buggertown, TN on June 19, 1915. His family moved to Varnell, GA and he graduated from Cohutta High School. Carl proudly served his country in WWII in Oak Ridge, TN on the Manhattan project. His young family lived in the highly secured secret city of Oak Ridge, where the first Atomic Bomb was built in 1942-46. He loved to sing and play the guitar in his younger years, including with several quartets in Oak Ridge, Varnell and Dalton. He enjoyed singing in the choirs of many churches. He enjoyed checkers, board games, and was a huge fan of the Atlanta Braves. After WWII, he returned to Dalton, GA, and worked for many years with Mill End Jobbers until he retired. He served as city councilman in Dalton, GA, from 1972-77. He was a member and past President of the Dalton Kiwanis Club. He retired to Sarasota, FL, for the next 20 years before moving back to Fort Payne. He was lovingly called the oldest active member of the First Baptist Church, Fort Payne.

He is predeceased by his first wife, Ruby Lee, and second wife, Nell Curtis, and grandson Mark Eldredge.

Survivors include son Eddie (Sandy) Eldredge, Dalton, GA, 3 daughters Yvonne (Pat) Brewer, Brooksville, FL, Linda (Cecil) Reed, Fort Payne, Valerie (Steve) Parrish, Guntersville, AL; 6 Grandchildren, 14 Great Grandchildren and 2 Great-Great Grandchildren.

Dad, you gave your family incredible gifts – pride of knowing who we are, the joy of today, and the promise of God's beautiful tomorrows. You will be remembered for the great love, support and encouragement you gave each family member. We will miss your smiles and laughter, wit, and quiet demeanor. Thank you for making our lives happy and special.

Visitation will be at Wilson Funeral Home, Fort Payne, from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday with funeral service to follow Wednesday at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Fort Payne, with Dr. Pat McFadden officiating. Burial will be at the Whitfield Memorial Gardens in Dalton, GA.

Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

Comments



“ Carl was a wonderful friend and a great gentleman. He will be missed.

Lee Swart - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Carl was such a gentleman. He was a blessing to so many, and he always brightened our days anytime that we were priviledged to see him.

Nancy Gilbreath - Secretary at FBC - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing. to Linda Reed you have our sympathy. Love Arbadella

Arbadella Anker Miller - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



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James and Carol Tipton - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm sorry for our loss because so many of us loved Mr. Carl. He was a wonderful man and will be missed.

Sarah Chastain - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM