



Wallace "Dee" Cooksey

March 23, 1921 - April 21, 2020

Wallace Dee Cooksey was born March 23, 1921, in Salem, Missouri to James Alex and Zoe (Maledy) Cooksey and passed away April 21, 2020, surrounded by his loving family at his home in Salem, Missouri at the age of ninety-nine years.

Dee grew up on the family farm in Salem, Missouri. He entered the United States Army on April 4, 1946 and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge on March 19, 1947. While in the Army, he earned many medals and decorations to include the, Victory Medal and Army of Occupation Medal (Japan). Dee married the love of his life, Belle Deloris Goade on November 24, 1945 and together they shared sixty-one years of marriage before her passing on January 26, 2007. Dee and Belle were blessed with four children: Ronald, Dennis, Marilyn, and Richard.

Dee liked to work and worked hard to provide for his family. During his working years, Dee worked for the National Lead Company. He was a carpenter by trade and built many homes. Dee was known as a trustworthy man and sealed many deals with a simple handshake.

Dee enjoyed the outdoors and spent many hours on the farm working his cattle or in the garden tending his potato patch. Even though his work was very important to him, there was nothing that was more important to Dee than

his family. Dee and Belle enjoyed worship at Sligo Methodist Church. Dee was very proud of his children and their accomplishments. He treasured the time spent with them and cherished the time spent with his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchild.

Dee is survived by four children: Ronald Cooksey and wife Eloise of Robertsville, MO, Dennis Cooksey and wife Tracy of Salem, MO; Marilyn Sindelar and husband Jim of Camdenton, MO, Richard Cooksey and wife Cindy of Fenton, MO; twelve grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; extended family and friends.

Preceding him in death were his, loving wife: Belle Cooksey; parents: James and Zoe Cooksey; and siblings.

Dee will be remembered as a man of faith, devoted husband, loving father and caring grandfather. He leaves behind a legacy of love, devotion, and faith.

Graveside Services for Wallace Dee Cooksey were held Friday, April 24, 2020 in the Cooksey Cemetery with Pastor Billy Miller officiating. Serving as Pallbearers were his loving family. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Wallace "Dee" Cooksey to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and left at Wilson Mortuary.

Online condolences may be entered at wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Cooksey Cemetery

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cooksey Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ *With Love, The Jim Chambliss Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wallace "Dee" Cooksey.*



With Love, The Jim Chambliss Family - April 23, 2020 at 02:29 PM

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“ *Always enjoyed deer season at Uncle Dee and Aunt Toots' place. Our thoughts and prayers for his children.*

Devin & Debbie Goade - April 22, 2020 at 10:14 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Wallace "Dee" Cooksey.*



April 22, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wallace "Dee" Cooksey.*



April 22, 2020 at 04:16 PM