



Earl Dove

July 28, 1945 - February 23, 2008

Earl Dewayne Dove, born July 28, 1945 in Springfield, Missouri, to Rev. Leonard D. and Elsie Dove died February 23, 2008 at his home near Gentry.

Earl was preceded in death by his father, Reverend Leonard D. Dove, an infant brother Ray Lynn Dove.

Earl was a graduate of the University of Arkansas, a retired school teacher, and served in the National Guard in the early 1960's. He was a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Highfill where he was a member for 31 years.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Mae Lee Dove of the home; one son Dewayne Dove and wife Sarah Bergen Dove of Russellville; one daughter Amber Dove O'Neal and husband Chad of Ruston, Louisiana; his mother Elsie Dove Sherry of Springdale; one brother Gerald L. Dove and wife Marrill of Ozark, Missouri; three grandchildren Keith Dewayne Dove, Camila Ruth O'Neal and Mallory Kate O'Neal; he is also survived by aunts, uncles and numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Throughout his life he was an example of a good Samaritan to strangers, friends and family. He served as "Papa" to many children, including Carol Grace Riner of Springdale.

Funeral services will be Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Highfill with Brother Roger Robbins officiating. Burial will be in the Rogers Cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday, from 6 to 8 pm at Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale.

For those who prefer, in lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to the Gideon's for Bibles, PO Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214, Lincoln High School Memorial Fund, 502 Ep Rothrock Dr, Lincoln, AR 72744, or the Russellville Band Boosters, 100 Woodland Drive, Russellville, Arkansas 72802.

Tribute Wall



“ *Earl Dove*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. MR DOVE WAS MY 6TH GRADE TEACHER FROM KINGSTON SCHOOL SOMETIME AROUND 1972. OUR WHOLE CLASS LOVED HIM AND HE WAS A GREAT TEACHER. YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS JEANNIE CLARK DAVIDSON CLASS OF 1978 KINGSTON ARKANSAS*

February 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hi Mae Lee,
Wow how the years go by. I was looking for some family history for Uncle dennis and found this.i am soorry for your loss. I think you will remember me Aunt Grace and Uncle Earl were my folks.
Prayers,Priscilla Cook Andrews*

May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I returned to school today after a brief absence and heard about your father. I am so sorry for this loss to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and my prayers.*

February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Amber, Chad, Camila and Mallory,
I am so very sorry for the loss of your Dad. I wish we could have been there for you today but please know that many prayers were said. Your Dad must have been a wonderful person and I know he will be greatly missed. Love in Christ, Delaine Moseley

February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Mae,
I am so sorry to hear about your husband. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. With love, Elizabeth Betebenner-
-one of your doctoral buddies!

February 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I owe alot to Mr Dove,he got me interested in carpentry as well as enjoying the 6th grade.Iremember him as a large man that everyone looked up to in many ways.He has been in my thoughts when I have fond memories of my childhood in Decatur,he will be greatly missed.What we have lost God has gained,a strong,caring soul there when you needed him the most Sincerely,Jimmy Evans

February 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Amber, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. If you need anything, I hope you will not hesitate to let me know. I pray that you will all have a peace in all things. Love you and miss you,
Kathie Farmer

February 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Mae Lee & Amber,
I was so saddened to hear of your loss. I know Earl touched a lot of people's lives and will be truly missed. My deepest sympathy goes to you and your entire family and our prayers and thoughts are with you. We will keep in touch through your dear friends and would like to help in anyway we way can. Very Sincerely, Holly Holyfield

February 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Earl Dove was my 6th grade teacher at Decatur Elementary. He was one of my favorite teachers because he had such a wonderful sense of humor. I loved how he played music in class and sang all the time. I will never forget the kindness he showed me. I had just moved to Decatur and was a little apprehensive, but he made me feel welcomed and secure. Always know that he lives on everyday in the happy memories that I now share with my children as the singing teacher.*

January 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *It was our good fortune to have known Earl during his years at Decatur School. He was our children's bus driver and all 4 of them liked him very much. He was also the teacher for Tamara and Christian. Christan remembers the music he would play while they studied, and Tamara remembers his singing as he walked up and down the isles while they took their tests. Kay was his sixth grade reading tutoress. We all feel deeply shocked for your loss and ask Our Father to bring you peace. Decatur was a better school because of Earl.*

January 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM