



D. Leon "Pete" Dillow

June 6, 1924 - March 25, 2011

D. Leon Dillow, 86, of Murphysboro, passed away at 8:45 a.m. Friday, March 25, 2011, at his residence in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Leon was born on June 6, 1924, in Jonesboro, Illinois, to P. D. and Zona Dillow. It is in the Jonesboro area, where he acquired his nickname of "Pete".

He served in the U.S. Army-Air Corp during World War II.

Leon was a school bus driver for thirty five years and a life long farmer.

Mr. Dillow was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro. He was a member of the Moose Lodge # 1591 and the American Legion Post # 127, both in Murphysboro.

Leon was the happiest on the seat of a Harley or John Deere, but by far, his greatest joy were his grandchildren.

He married Geraldine Gale on October 19, 1957, and she survives.

Other survivors include two sons and daughter in laws Victor (Sally) Dillow of Gorham and Lynn (Karla) Dillow of Cape Girardeau, MO;

five grandchildren Tabatha (Ted) Cupp, Amber Dillow, Emma Dillow, Lydia Dillow, and Kaleb Dillow;

one sister Deloris Landreth of Jonesboro;

and two sisters in law Norma Conant of Jonesboro and Nellie Dillow of Herrin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers George Dillow and Harold "Cotton" Dillow and two sisters Irene Dillow and Genevieve Wiggs.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at St. Andrew Catholic Church with Father Leo Hayes, Father Gary Gummersheimer and Father James Buerster with burial at Murdale Gardens of Memory. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday until 9:45 a.m. at Pettett Funeral Home, where a prayer service will be held Monday evening. Memorials may be made to the National Federation of the Blind or to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ *D. Leon "Pete" Dillow*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Lynn, Gerry, and Vic sorry I couldn't come by to comfort you in your hour of grief. I will always remember the talks me and Leon had on the way to your house every Friday. If you need anything at all don't be afraid to ask my number is (618) 559-7754. My God be with you all at this time.*

Chris Franklin - March 28, 2011 at 06:36 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear of the passing of our good friend Leon. We were friends at Tri-County school in Murphsboro,(ABOUT 10 YEARS)
We looked forward to seeing him everyday there.
Geraldine: May God be with you and your family.*

Gary Pyron and Harold Pundsack Duquoin II. - March 28, 2011 at 12:30 PM



“ *March 25,2011 Life as you know it changed today, This is the day God called Leon away. You prayed to God for his recovery, you prayed for God to ease his pain, you prayed that his strength he would regain. God answers all our prayers, this we know. What we have to understand is, sometimes His answer is no! Our deepest sympathy in your loss of Uncle Leon. May you find peace knowing that he is in heaven. Love & prayers, Sharon & Ira*

Sharon & Ira Kirby - March 26, 2011 at 05:12 PM