



## Rev. Doyle Melvin Keller

November 18, 1921 - November 6, 2008

Rev. Doyle Melvin Keller, age 86, of Murphysboro, passed away at 6:17 a.m. Thursday, November 6, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, November 9, 2008, at Elm Street Baptist Church in Murphysboro with Rev. Charles Allen officiating and burial at St. John's Cemetery in Dongola. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Pettett Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Doyle was born on November 18, 1921, in Dongola, Illinois, to Archie Melvin Keller and Lettie Jane (Benson) Keller.

He was in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II and he served in the European Theater.

Rev. Keller served as the first pastor of the First Baptist Church in Columbia, Illinois. The church was only a mission church, and the services were held in a store building. He also pastored at Missionary Baptist Church in Willisville, Oak Grove Baptist Church in Pinckneyville, First Baptist Church in Clay City, and First Baptist Church in Mill Creek, where he retired.

He then supplied the pulpits of other churches all over southern Illinois as long as he was able.

He was a member of the Elm Street Baptist Church in Murphysboro. He enjoyed woodworking and he liked gardening.

Doyle married Roberta Brown on October 3, 1942, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and she survives.

Other survivors include four children and their spouses Sharon and Jim Gray and Anna and Fred Beck, all of Murphysboro, David and Suzanne Keller of Pinckneyville, and Robert and Phyllis Keller of Dongola;

eight grandchildren Joseph Gray and his wife Jara Gray, Jennie Nugent and her husband Jason Nugent, Adam Beck, Amy Beck, Jeff Keller and his wife Regina Keller, Brian Keller and his wife Marcia Keller, Matt Keller and his wife Jill Keller, and Paul Marks;

seven great grandchildren Jaime Keller, Megan Keller, Jackson Nugent, Lauren Gray, Sarah Richards, Allen Richards, and Dylan Keller.

He was preceded in death by one daughter Donna Carol Keller, one brother, two sisters, and his parents.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Doyle Melvin Keller*

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