



Guy Epps

October 17, 1917 - August 15, 2011

Guy Wren Epps of Searcy, Arkansas died on August 15, 2011. He was born on October 17, 1917 in the home of his parents John Whitson and Dosia Etta Milton Epps in Little Rock and was the seventh of ten children. After the first grade at Mills Elementary School in Sweet Home, he attended Little Rock public schools and was a 1935 graduate of Little Rock Senior High School. His employment by White County Printing Company in 1938 dictated his move to Judsonia, Arkansas. His employment there was interrupted by 3½ years of U. S. Army Air Force duty during World War II. From 1938 until 1957, he was an employee of the Searcy Daily Citizen. He then became one of the founders of Commercial Printing Company, Inc. in Searcy. That firm sold to three employees in 1980. He continued as a part time employee of that firm until 1987.

Mr. Epps became a member of the Judsonia Methodist Church South in 1939. Having moved to Searcy in 1965, he became a member of the First United Methodist Church in Searcy. He served in several capacities in both churches and was not only a church school teacher for 40 years but also a lay speaker for 35 years. His volunteer activities included the Boy Scouts of America in both Judsonia and Searcy and The Sunshine School in Searcy. He was an active member of the Kiwanis Club and the Lion's Club.

He was a past Master of the Masonic Lodge in Judsonia, a member of the

Searcy Masonic Lodge No. 49 F. & A.M., Shrine Scimitar Temple and Scottish Rites, Valley of Little Rock. He was Grand Master of the Masonic Anchor Lodge No. 384 in Judsonia in 1952, the year of the devastating March 21st tornado.

Survivors include his son John Lawrence Epps and his wife Lisa LoPorto of Columbia, Missouri. One of the greatest joys of his life, his only grandchild Rachel Elizabeth Epps currently resides in Chicago, Illinois. He is also survived by his youngest brother William Kenneth Epps of North Charleston, South Carolina, step-daughter Nancy Jo Summers of Benton and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his first wife of 65½ years, Mary Louise Orr Epps and his second wife of 2½ years, Marion Blunk Epps. Other precedents included his brothers Ernest Clayton Epps, Arthur Ray Epps, Clyde Terrell Epps, Clarence Vernon Epps and Roy Jones Epps. Predeceased sisters included Thelma Louise Epps Carpenter, Margaret Pearl Epps Presley and Mary Katherine Epps Childress. His daughter-in-law Patricia Hickam Epps also preceded him in death.

The family will forever appreciate the loving care given to Uncle Guy by his great-niece April Presley Thomas. Her nursing skills and her spirit of dedication helped make the last weeks of his life more comfortable. A tremendous amount of gratitude is extended to April.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, 304 North Main, Searcy, Arkansas 72143 or the Sunshine School, P. O. Box 831, Searcy, Arkansas, 72145-0831.

Funeral services will be graveside on Thursday, August 18 at 10:00 at the Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Searcy. Visitation will be Wednesday from 5:30

until 7:00 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home of Searcy.

Tribute Wall

CC

“ Larry, Lisa and Rachel, I am so sorry for your loss of your dad and grandfather. He was a wonderful man and you have so many memories to remember him with that hopefully these difficult days will be easier. Sorry, I won't be able to be with you on Thursday, but will be thinking of you in my thoughts and prayers.

Carolyn Cate - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

SG

“ Larry, we want you to know that we treasure our many memories of times with you at Pickwick Book Store. We wish we could have known your wonderful father and wish we could be there with you on Thursday. What a fine man. Old friends like us know you must have had many precious times that will always comfort and strengthen you forever. We send our love to you, Lisa, and Rachel. Love, Susan Grygiel and Sandra Breshears

Susan Grygiel - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

LE

“ Of all dad's siblings, Uncle Guy was always my favorite - always full of life and energy. I will never forget the time I brought Austin to Searcy as a baby and he played with Rachael's Little Tikes car. Guy and your mom were all excited.

Guy will be greatly missed by all of us, but especially dad. Dad always enjoyed his talks with Guy.

Our best to all in this time of loss.

Lynn, Paula, Austin & Taylor

Lynn Epps - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

KE

“ I know he and Roy and John are sharing great stories, and rejoicing that Guy has joined them in their heavenly home.

Kathy

Kathy Epps - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

CM

“ Larry, Please accept my condolence on the passing of your father. Your dad & mom were influential citizens of Judsonia & faithful customers of my family's Dairy Freeze. Your mom, as business teacher, was instrumental in guiding me into my Bus. Ed. major & later success in my chosen career.

Claudine Gray Moss

Claudine Gray Moss - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

SB

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Uncle Guy and Aunt Mary that it is hard to single out just one thing to write about. One particularly fond and fun memory is of Uncle Guy's button collection. He loved to show them to me and tell me little facts some of the more special ones. I will miss him dearly.

Shirley Beard - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

TA

“ Any time any one ever spoke of Uncle Guy there was a smile on their face and kind words on their lips. He was always so kind and welcoming, always made you feel at home and so welcome. I enjoyed hearing about his gardens, Tulips and buttons. We have lost a treasure on earth, but heaven has gained an Angel.

Tracy Allen - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

LL

“ Larry, Rachel, & Lisa, Pat & I will greatly miss Uncle Guy. The thing enjoyed most was when I chatted with him on the phone. Visited with him only a few times in Searcy but he and Mary would drive down to my mother's house in Little Rock for a visit. Also remember when Guy and Mary would be visiting Grandpa Epps at their place in the country and the house they had near mother. Seems like he always had words of wisdom to offer. Yes he will be missed but he leaves us with the most wonderful memories.

Les & Pat Light - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

WB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Pete and Lois and family

W.J. Bryant - March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM