



Howard Dean Curtis

October 16, 1926 - December 25, 2008

Howard Dean Curtis, 82, of Judsonia, departed this life on December 25, 2008. He was the son of Howard and Cassie Curtis of Lead Hill, Arkansas. After graduating from Lead Hill High School, he was inducted into the U.S. Army and spent most of his deployment in Italy, serving as a medical technician at the 392nd General Hospital, attending the war-wounded. He received an education degree at Harding College, and became a school teacher, coach and high school principal. After retirement, he worked for the Arkansas Stabilization Conservation Service and the Soil Conservation Service until full retirement.

Dean loved teaching and helping others. He worked hard and played hard. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He led singing for worship services in the church of Christ, for funerals, and Gospel meetings over the county. He was an elder and a Bible class teacher in the church of Christ for over 40 years.

Dean leaves a large family including his wife (Glenave) of 57 years; four children, Donna Root (Mike), Kathy Haugh (Kevin), Carol Kell, and Randy Curtis (Brenda); twelve grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren; three brothers, Frank (Earline), Burl (Evelyn), and Ervin (Pauline); a brother-in-law, Jerry Eubanks (Barbara); and a host of nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his sister (Bernice) and a brother (Harl).

Tribute Wall



“ I mourn the loss of a truly great person although being the quiet, kind person he was, he would not agree with this designation. He was never a person who put himself first or thought highly of himself, but he was one of two of the finest teachers I have ever had (Virgil Louks being the other). I will always treasure the bits of humor that he incorporated into classroom studies. He knew how to refocus our attention when the class was getting restless ...he simply wiggled his ears and he had our full attention again [after giggles and chuckles]. He was my high school principal and senior sponsor. He helped me very much in high school and served as an inspiration to students. The world was better because he was here. My condolences to the family of this wonderful person.

February 10, 2016 at 07:24 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Curtis & Family,

I was just notified of this sad event and wanted you to know how sorry I am to hear of your recent loss. I'm sure that even though you all know Mr. Curtis is with God and in a better place, that knowledge does not lessen the pain of physical separation and immediate loss. I'm praying that peace of God that passes all understanding will fill each of you during this difficult time.

Blessings to You All & in Him,

*Kathy Polk-Stempko
Harding Academy Class of 1979*

January 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Your loss is a great loss for all of White County. Monda and I knew and loved Dean for his work's sake and we will miss him severely when we return to the area. A great man, a great family, a great life's work all because of his great devotion to the Almighty God, his Master.
Love condolences to to you.
Bill & Monda Oldham

December 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. I worked for Mr. Curtis as school secretary in the late 1970's. He was a fine, Christian man to work for and I have many good memories of his kindness and helpfulness to faculty, staff and students.
You are in my thoughts and prayers as you learn to live without him.

December 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Curtis family,
For many years we in the Judsonia church were blessed by having such a talented song leader occasionally visit our congregation. When the Gray family visited the Bethel Grove congregation we were always welcomed by your family. It is sad to hear of the passing of your father, etc. and pray God will give you comfort as you deal with your grief.

December 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Curtis family, Mr. Curtis has always been of my favorite song leaders. His life was a great example of a man of God. We are praying for your family.

December 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM