



## Raymond Don Emde

October 18, 1932 - May 7, 2017

Raymond Don Emde, 84, passed away on May 7, 2017. Don was born on October 18, 1932 in Bald Knob, AR to Raymond and Irene Shearer Emde. Don grew up in Bald Knob, AR and graduated from Bald Knob High School in 1951. After high school, he attended DeForist Training in Chicago, IL, where he earned certification in electronics. Don married Barbara Thomas in January of 1953 in Bald Knob, AR. They were married for 64 years. In that same year, he was drafted in the U.S. Army where he served in the Korean Conflict until 1955. Don and his wife, Barbara owned and operated Forbes Lumber Co. and Emde Apartments for the Elderly for 37 years. He was a licensed electrician, a licensed plumber and HVAC technician. Don served Bald Knob as mayor for eight years and on the City Council for eleven years. He enjoyed life whether he was working, fishing, restoring antique cars or hosting fish fries. Don was preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Irene Emde and his daughter, Kimberly (Emde) Sutton. Don is survived by his wife, Barbara (Thomas) Emde and son-in-law, John Sutton.

Visitation will be Tuesday, May 9, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, at the Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob with Guerry Moorner officiating. Interment will follow in the Shady Grove Cemetery ~ Steward Addition. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home Bald Knob-Judsonia. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)



# Cemetery Details

## Shady Grove Cemetery Steward Addition

Bald Knob Lake Road  
Bald Knob, AR 72010

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)  
1272 Highway 367 North  
Bald Knob, AR 72010  
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## Service

MAY **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Interment

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MAY 10 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PH

“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond Don Emde



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**Powell Funeral Home** - May 08, 2017 at 05:05 PM

VB

“ I was lucky to have grown up in Bald Knob with folks like Barb and Don Emde. They along with many others of their generation helped mold and shape me into the person i am today. I know Raymond Don was welcomed in Heaven by a multitude of friends and relatives, especially his beloved daughter Kim. Thank you Don and Barb for being such good role models for me and my brothers. We love you and will miss you very much.  
Valerie Odom Brackman.

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**Valerie Brackman** - May 16, 2017 at 12:42 PM

KB

“ When I think of Don the first things that come to mind are him walking Jock & Miss Ellie by our house every day and our talks that we had. Also him taking my Dad & I on a tour of all of his antique cars. You both were such good neighbors and have some very sweet memories. So very sorry for your loss Barbara. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.  
Larry & Karen Bowen

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**Karen Bowen** - May 11, 2017 at 07:33 PM

GC

“ A wonderful man who will truly be missed by all who knew him. Emde, as he was affectionately known by my family, had great impact on our community and the people in it. It would be hard to find a place in Bald Knob where you could not see his work and influence. Emde and Barb are in some of my earliest memories and I am grateful for them.  
Greg and Tammy Clark

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**Greg Clark** - May 09, 2017 at 07:53 PM

 Kim Jaquish

“ Sorry for loss, only knew him through loving stories from Kim, he hung the moon for her!

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**Kim Jaquish** - May 09, 2017 at 06:15 PM

JB

“ Jackie & Buddy Brown purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Raymond Don Emde.



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**Jackie & Buddy Brown** - May 09, 2017 at 04:19 PM

JC

“ Barb and Don were/are like a second set of parents to me. I remember going with mom to visit Barb when I was little. Her house is where I first tried and loved coffee candy. I remember staying with them a time or two when mom and dad would travel. I loved it because I got to play with their Boston Terriers. Mr. Don had the biggest laugh. He was always happy and smiling. Seems like I remember him saying you might as well not wash a car unless you are going to dry it.

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**Janet Clark** - May 09, 2017 at 01:12 PM

MW

“ I worked with Don a lot of years. He was a good friend and employer. Will miss his big smile and laugh. We are out of town and regretfully won't be able to attend the services. My deepest sympathies go out to Barbara. Fondly, Mike Winningham and Jeanne

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**Mike Winningham** - May 09, 2017 at 09:29 AM

LH

“ Barbara and Family, So sorry for your loss. Don was a fine man, and will be missed by many all around. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Layne Hall** - May 09, 2017 at 04:00 AM

DD

“ Lots and lots of memories w don when I was very small from playing at Forbes lumber company and his warehouse n his delivery trucks to having fish fries n his basement to roasting hot dogs in his fireplace at home and him taking me to Dairy Queen and having to hold me up so I could order ice cream from the window!

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**Dusty Davis** - May 08, 2017 at 08:52 PM

FC

“ So many memories to share here! As a young married couple, we moved back( for Bobby) to his hometown of BK. We lived on Forbes Drive next to the Wolfords and one house down from Barbara and Don Emde and their daughter, KIM, about age 10. Our son, Greg, was 2 yrs old and We were expecting our daughter JANET. We bonded immediately with Barb and Don and they have never been very far from us in all these years. That bond we made 50 yrs ago has remained. We may not have contacted or spoken with each other for long lengths of time, but that connection was always there. This is a relationship that is cherished forever because this is two irreplaceable people.

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**frances clark** - May 08, 2017 at 08:23 PM

PW

“ Condolences to friends and family during this sad time.

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**Phyllis Crowder Werley** - May 08, 2017 at 04:41 PM