



Dale M. Detwiler

October 18, 1925 - December 3, 2014

PRINCETON - Dale Milton Detwiler, age 89, passed away on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at Liberty Village Retirement Community in Princeton, IL.

Dale was born into a farming family on October 18, 1925 in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. His parents were Lorena B. (Miller) and Elmer J. Detwiler. Dale was the middle child in a family of four sons and three daughters. Dale was a member of Future Farmers of America while in high school. He graduated from New Wilmington High School in 1942. Following high school he moved with his parents to farm in Goshen, Indiana. Dale married Marcella Albrecht at Willow Springs Mennonite Church in Tiskilwa, IL on May 30, 1954. Marcella preceded him in death on September 13, 2002.

Dale and Marcella are survived by their four children, Becky Detwiler, Sara (Tim) Coblentz, David (Melissa) Detwiler, and Kathy (Michael) Huff and four granddaughters, two grandsons, and two great grandsons. Dale is also survived by his three sisters, Bernice Schroeder, Esther Yoder, and Jean Graber. Dale was preceded in death by his father and mother and brothers Delbert, John, and Carl.

Dale farmed in Illinois in the Annawan and Tiskilwa areas and later worked at Farm Bureau in Princeton, spreading fertilizer and chemicals and building machine sheds and grain bins. Following retirement in 1990 he worked

several part time jobs: as grounds keeper at Perry Memorial Hospital, driver for Gateway Services, and customer assistance/stock clerk at Gustafson Hardware in Princeton. Dale served as the song leader and Sunday School superintendent at the Princeton Church of the Nazarene for many years. Most recently he was a member of the Willow Springs Mennonite Church in Tiskilwa. Dale enjoyed gardening, feeding & watching birds, putting together puzzles, and playing croquet and table games. His family will long remember the silly rhyming songs he sang to them that he learned from his mother when he was a child.

Special thanks to Dale's niece, Susan Cater for the love and support she has shown to him and his family. The family would also like to thank those who cared for Dale with kindness and love at the following facilities during his stays there: Greenfield Retirement Home, Country Comfort Retirement Home, and Liberty Village Retirement Community.

Services will be held at Willow Springs Mennonite Church, 16621 Kentville Road, Tiskilwa, IL at 11 am on Monday, December 8, 2014 with Pastor Calvin Zehr officiating. Relatives and friends are welcome for visitation prior to service beginning at 10 am at the church. Burial will take place following the service at the Willow Springs Mennonite Church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the local chapter of Future Farmers of America at Princeton High School.

Online condolences may be left at www.norbergfh.com

All arrangements have been made with Norberg Memorial Home, Princeton.

Cemetery Details

Willow Springs Mennonite Church Cemetery