



Lowell E. Smallwood

March 17, 1931 - October 5, 2008

Lowell "Bodie" Smallwood
1931-2008

Funeral service for Lowell "Bodie" Smallwood, age 77 of Princeton, will be Friday, Oct 10, 2008 at 10:30 AM at the Norberg Memorial Home. Father Richard Kolczaski and Rev. Jon Olinger will officiate. Burial will follow in the Oakland Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday, Oct 09, 2008 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Norberg Memorial Home.

Bodie passed away on Sunday, Oct 05, 2008 at Kindred Hospital, Sycamore II. He was born on Mar 17, 1931 in Harmon, Illinois to Oscar Smallwood and Genevieve O. (Burdge)Smallwood.

He graduated from Harmon High School in 1948 (for grades 9 to 11) and from Dixon High School in 1949 (12th grade). He attended Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington. He served in the US Army during the Korean War from 1951 - 1953. He married Bonnie Woolsey Nov. 28, 1953 at the Methodist church in Amboy. He then graduated from Worsham College of Mortuary Science in 1954.

Bodie became a licensed funeral director in the state of Illinois in 1954. In 1955 he began working in Princeton for Norberg Memorial Home. Then in 1959 he became a partner in Norberg's. In 2000 he became the sole owner of Norberg's until 2003 when he brought his son J.D. into partnership with him.

He was a member of:

VFW/American Legion,
Princeton Rotary, with perfect attendance for 48 years,
Princeton Youth Little League Baseball Board for over twenty years and a little league coach for over 15 years,
Princeton chamber member for 48 years,
Princeton Township Board from 1981 to the present,
Princeton Park Board from 1981-1991,
Illinois Funeral Directors Association for 52 years,
Federated Funeral Directors of America for over 50 years,
National Funeral Directors Association,
Princeton Elks Lodge for over 40 years,
Board of Directors for the local American Red Cross for 25 years.
He worked in Veteran's Affairs for the local Red Cross and personally donated 20 gallons of blood to the Red Cross over many years.

Bodie is survived by his wife of 54 years Bonnie Smallwood of Princeton. He is also survived by his three children Patricia (Randy) Grant of Wyandot, J.D. (Shannon) Smallwood of Princeton, and Terry (Julie) Smallwood of Princeton. Surviving as well are 10 grandchildren: Jason (Tara) Dockins, Joshua (Lisa) Dockins, Phoenix, Basia, and Jakoby Smallwood, Alexandria, Lydia, Michael, Izaiah Smallwood, Brittany Debeck. One Great Grandchild: Makayla Dockins. Also surviving is one half-sister Judy Smallwood and one sister in law- Mariann Smallwood.

Preceded By-Parents, 1 son Michael, Stepmother Viola, 1 brother Warren

In Lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to:
P.H.S. Sportsmans Club or
Princeton Youth Baseball

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356