



Buel Dee Bearden

August 17, 1921 - August 20, 2016

Buel "Dee" Bearden, 95, of Anderson, passed away August 20, 2016 at the Providence Nursing Home. He was born on August 17, 1921 in Harrison, Arkansas and resided most of his life in Anderson.

Dee graduated from Harrison High School, home of the Goblins, where he played football and basketball. He graduated from Purdue with a Bachelor's Degree and Ball State University with his Master's Degree in education. He served his country in the Army during WWII in the Pacific Theatre as a member of the 81st Infantry Division, known as the Wildcats, who took the island Palau at the Battle of Pelilu in 1944.

He retired in 1980 as a teacher and principal for Anderson Community Schools and Anderson University after 35 years. He took his family to the island of Yap in the South Pacific for two years in 1964 to educate Yapese children. He also taught in the Grand Cayman Islands. He was a specialist in racial reconciliation during the 1960s and 1970s at Hazelwood Elementary and Shadeland Elementary where he served as principal.

He was a member of First Church of the Nazarene for 62 years where he served as Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, Director of NYPS, board member, and led several Work and Witness Missions to the Caribbean, South America and Southwest United States. He was also a member of the

Gideons. He loved ham radio, camping, biking, swimming, and counting alligators in the Everglades.

Dee is survived by his wife, Marjorie (Cooper) Bearden; son, Stephen (Susan) Bearden; daughter-in-law, Debbie Bearden; grandchildren, Jeremy Bearden, Noel (Eric) Whetsel, Heather (Brandon) Kahler, April (Scott) Sandvig; great-grandchildren, Ainsley Kahler, Adelaide Kahler, Elizabeth Whetsel, Ocean Sandvig; and several nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dicie (Raines) Bearden, father, Thomas Lee Bearden, son, David Bearden, siblings, Bessie Grantham, Fairy Reynolds, Thelda Matthews, Eura Baker, Thomas Bearden; and great-granddaughter, Audrey Mae Kahler.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, August 23, 2016, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 West 53rd St., Anderson, IN.

Services will be Wednesday, August 24, 2016, 2:00 pm at First Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Gary Cable officiating.

Burial will take place in the East Maplewood Cemetery, with military rites.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Missions Outreach at First Church of the Nazarene 2300 Jackson Street Anderson, IN 46016.

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Cemetery Details

East Maplewood Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory
200 W 53rd St
Anderson, IN 46013
(765) 649-5255
info@loosecares.com

Visitation

AUG 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Church of the Nazarene
2300 Jackson Street
Anderson, IN 46016

Service

AUG 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Church of the Nazarene
2300 Jackson Street
Anderson, IN 46016

Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Buel Dee Bearden*



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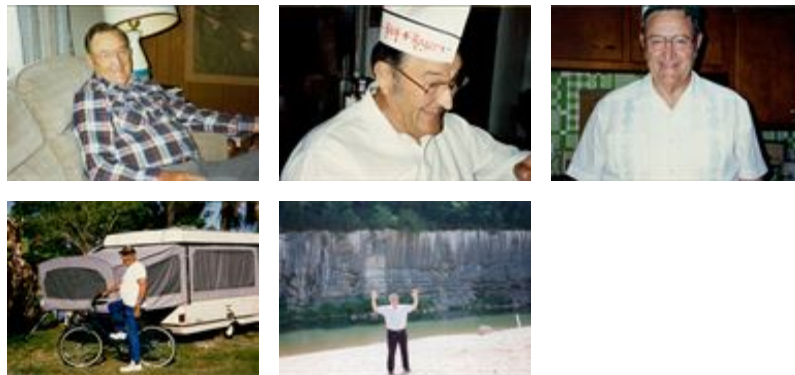
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Always an icon of a Godly and kind man

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“ *77 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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“ *An amazing Christian man as the pillar of our church - will be greatly missed, especially his witty personality*

Michael Clegg - August 22, 2016 at 12:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Buel Dee Bearden.*



August 22, 2016 at 09:52 AM



“ *Many of us remember Mr. Bearden from the Riley days. What a wonderful and caring person! This man made a difference. We hope the family cherishes the many fond memories of Mr. Bearden. He will be missed.----Jack Ke_sling and family*

Jack Ke_sling and family - August 22, 2016 at 07:30 AM



“ *My dear Uncle Buel has been one of the guiding lights of my life. He was always an encouraging and positive influence for everyone who knew him. He was one of the most sincere Christian men that I have ever known. He lived a joyful life and tried to do the right thing every day.*

He will be greatly missed by his many friends and family!

Barbara Young

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