



Dillard "Deacon" Kelley

January 25, 1921 - October 21, 2016

Dillard "Deacon" Kelley, 95, of Bolivar, MO passed away Friday, October 21, 2016 in his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on January 25, 1921 in Vista, MO the son of Cole Kelley and Ella (Bumgartner) Kelley.

He had retired as a Field Man for Mid-American Milk Co.

Deacon was a member of the Baptist Church at Vista, MO and was a U.S.Army veteran of WWII also a member of the Masonic Lodge at Osceola, MO

Surviving is his wife Zedah Kelley of the couples home, a son, Mike Kelley of Humansville and a daughter, Sandra Buck of Bolivar.

No Services are planned for Mr. Kelley at this time. Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar, MO.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dillard "Deacon" Kelley*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Dillard "Deacon" Kelley*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Mary C Clark purchased the Roma Silver Banded Tear Bottle with FREE Matching Tray for the family of Dillard "Deacon" Kelley.*



Mary C Clark - October 29, 2016 at 12:28 AM

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“ I only had a few customer service experiences helping Mr. Kelley at the front desk of Bolivar Herald-Free Press and he always made me laugh and for 95 years old I have to say he was quite the trooper! One day when I was at the front and he was being his normal joking self I said something to him that made him laugh and he asked me to write it down so he could take it home to his wife because she would get a kick out of it. I don't recall exactly what I said but I do know it involved me calling him a stinker. He would come in and place his garage sale ad at least a month in advance and then come back each week and make changes until it was time to run. Even though I didn't know him well or see him much he left a lasting impression with me and will be missed.

Melissa Burks

Melissa Burks - October 26, 2016 at 09:24 AM

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