



Calvin Wilford Dothage

December 7, 1930 - May 29, 2013

Calvin Wilfred Dothage of Arcadia, MO passed away May 29, 2013 in Farmington, MO at the age of 82 years, 5 months, and 22 days.

He was born December 7, 1930 in St. Louis, MO, a son of the late Henry and Antonie "Schroer" Dothage.

He was preceded in death by a brother Edward Dothage, two sisters; Marien Ramsey, and Lucile Finke, and his partner in life Raymond McCurdy.

Surviving are one sister, Vernita Kohen of Scottsdale, AZ; three nephews, Bernard "Buddy" Finke, Robert Ramsey, and Wayne Kohen; four nieces, Carol Ramsey, Judy Dothage, Theresa Renfro and Nancy Butler; a God son Ryan Reed; and special friends, Dennis "Skip" and Carol Bell, and many other friends.

Cal as he was known, was a graduate of University City High School, a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, The Iron County Historical Society, and the Arcadia Valley Elks, serving as Exalted Ruler. During the Korean War, he served his Country in the United States Marine Corps.

Recently he retired from the Ozark Regional Library in Ironton after 22 years of service.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 7, 2013 at 12pm. from Cole Family Funeral Home with full Military Honors. Rev Paul Weisenborn and Rev. Ronald Simmons will be officiating. Visitation will begin Fri Morning at 10 AM, with a Elks Memorial Service at 11:45 AM. Interment will be in St. Johns

Cemetery in St. Charles, MO. On line condolences may be made at www.colefamilyfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

St. John's Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Cole Family Funeral Home
210 E Reynolds St
Ironton, MO 63650
(573) 546-0742

Service

JUN 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Calvin Wilford Dothage

August 31, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ I realize that Cal passed away a couple years ago but I did not come across this article until today while searching for a few folks I had served with in the Marine Corps. He and I worked in the same office at the commissary at Camp Pendleton. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing and that I totally missed it at the time. The photo of Cal is definitely a good one, for sure. I wish we could have stayed in touch but, life just seems to get in the way, I married a Marine from St. Joseph, MO where I continue to live. My late husband was a native of MO. I have 8 children, which kept me busy for many years. They all live in MO and there are 16 grandchildren. Please accept my belated condolences.

Marilyn Gerhardt

Marilyn Gerhardt - January 13, 2016 at 03:38 PM

JD

“ June 8, 2013

The cremains of Calvin W. Dothage (Cal) and Raymond J. McCurdy (Ray) were interred at St.. John's Cemetery in St. Charles, MO today. Per Ray's request as a life time partner of 45 years he was requested to be interred with Cal and his family.

Through the years Cal and Ray both owned and ran Tortilla Flats, a restaurant in Gaslight Square in St. Louis, MO., the ceramic shop A Bit of Clay in University City, MO and the restaurant Plain and Fancy in Iron County. Cal then worked at the Ozark Regional Library for 22 years prior to his retirement.

The family wishes to thank the staff and residents of Camelot Nursing Home in Farmington, MO., the staff and patrons of Ozark Regional Library in Ironton, MO., the Arcadia Valley Elks, the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Patriot Riders and the Cole Family Funeral Home for the prayers and support shown to us during this difficult time in our lives.

Family members present at the interment were nephew "Buddy" Finke and great niece Shelby Chan of Pilot Knob, MO. and nieces Carol Ramsey of Arnold, MO., Nancy Butler and Judy Dothage of Crestwood, MO.

Cal and Ray will always be in our hearts and we will share the memories of them both with joy and laughter as we retell so many wonderful stories of our lives with them..

Judy Dothage - June 10, 2013 at 10:21 AM

GG

“ Going to the library will not be the same without Cal. He was always helpful to us while researching our numerous Iron county, Missouri roots. May he rest in peace.



Gloria Jean & Russell Griffitts - June 09, 2013 at 04:19 AM

SL

“ I was so sorry to hear of Cal's passing. He was my "go to person" when I wanted to know what was going on in the Valley. I have missed his face and his humor at the front desk of the library. It is just not the same anymore. May you rest in peace Cal.

Susan Lynn

Susan Lynn - June 07, 2013 at 04:54 AM

MH

“ I had the pleasure of talking to Cal at the library many times and we had a great time. He is one of the nicest guys that I have met. He is an honest man and truthful.

Mike Hutson Ironton, Missouri

Mike Hutson - June 06, 2013 at 06:55 PM

JR

“ Rest in peace dear man. You were a light in many lives that will miss you terribly.



Jim & Sue Reis - June 06, 2013 at 12:39 PM

CR

“ We had many wonderful trips whether it be looking for Ramsay/ey on Dad's side or another Amish town. We looked for Dothage an Schroer families, too, all up and down the Missouri River from Higginsville to St. Charles. The last trip we made to Columbia, TN enabled me to get the right information to join the DAR. We also never passed up a town or a restaurant someone had told you about.. We met a lot of different people at the Amish villages we visited and were looking forward to going to Arthur again. You usually had a large list of please brings and the car was full coming home but we loved every minute of it. You were a great help to visitors to the library looking for their families, too. We just discussed the other week our hurry up trip to NC for Paul and Patty's wedding. As Vince Gill sings, "Go rest high on that mountain, for your life on earth is through.." I will miss you dearly and you always worried about me and if I could walk it. Love, Carol

Carol Ramsey - June 06, 2013 at 12:35 AM

JA

“ I was so sorry to hear of Cal’s passing. Cal was always one of the first people I would turn to when researching a new project on the history of Iron County. Through his work as a genealogist on the staff of the Ozark Regional Library in Ironton, Cal helped scores of people trace their family history. No problem was too big or too small. Cal was an “old school” genealogist who knew that not everything is on the Internet and that sometimes there is just no substitute for rolling up your sleeves and doing real research in the source materials that document our ancestors’ lives. Cal also served as one of the past presidents of the Iron County Historical Society and was very knowledgeable about the history of the local area. I fondly remember the stories he told me regarding the quest for his own family’s roots and I still share some of those stories with others today. Please accept my deepest sympathy to all of Cal’s family and friends and to Cal, Semper Fi. You will be missed!

John Abney

John Abney - June 05, 2013 at 08:03 AM

CP

“ Lit a candle in memory of Cal Dothage. Nice talking to you at the library Cal!



Clyde H. Hedgcoth, Jr., Ph.D. - June 04, 2013 at 09:39 PM

NA

“ May you Rest In Peace our friend Cal for years. Wm. & Nancy Caskanett .

NancyCaskanett - June 01, 2013 at 02:56 PM

NA

“ NancyCaskanett lit a candle in memory of Calvin Wilford Dothage



NancyCaskanett - June 01, 2013 at 02:53 PM

CD

“ What a kind, loving and giving man to so many. He was always offering a smile and a friendly visit when he saw our family. He worked alongside my Grandmother at the end of her long 50 years as a Librarian and she loved him as we all did. There won't be another Cal Dothage, God broke the mold when He made this kind man. May god comfort those he left behind and bring joy to their lives with his memory ~

Michael & Cindy Parmer DeMand

Cindy DeMand - June 01, 2013 at 01:54 PM

CR

“ Just a funny little note....Cal introduced me to "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer". I will ALWAYS have a special memory!! I love you Cal.!!

Connie Reed

Connie Reed - May 31, 2013 at 09:56 PM

CA

“ To my special friend...I will miss you...Go with God.

Carol Bell

Carol - May 31, 2013 at 09:52 PM

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Present at the interment were family members nephew "Buddy" Finke, great niece Shelby Chan of Pilot Knob, MO., and nieces Carol Ramsey of Arnold, MO., Nancy Butler and Judy Dothage of St. Louis, MO.

Judy Dothage - June 08, 2013 at 08:53 PM

PS

*I met Cal in 1972 when he gave me a job working in the kitchen at Plain & Fancy. For several years, Ray and Cal were not only my employers, they were my family. They were the kindest, most fun, smart guys I ever met. They taught me so much, and helped me when I had no where else to turn. Rest in Peace, You so deserve it, kind man.
Patty*

pattu stewart - June 12, 2013 at 11:23 AM