



## Dr. David J. Bailey

November 22, 1916 - November 27, 2010

WASHINGTON-Dr. David J. Bailey, DDS, 94, of Washington, IL, passed away peacefully at 3:08 am Saturday, November 27, 2010 at his home, surrounded by his family and loved ones.

He was born on November 22, 1916 in Gwinn, MI to Ernest and Murion Griggs Bailey, the youngest of four children born to them. Raised a Seventh Day Adventist, he attended Pacific Union College in Angwin, California where he met his college sweetheart, Judy Wittner. They were married on December 23, 1939.

Dr. Bailey is survived by his wife Judy, their two daughters, two sons, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, a brother, and 2 half-brothers.

Dr. Bailey graduated from the University Of Illinois College Of Dentistry in Chicago in 1942. At that time, he and his wife moved to the Peoria area where he took a job as the school dentist for Peoria Public Schools. In 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served 3 years as a dentist during World War II, stationed in Japan. After his service he returned to Peoria to begin his career in private practice dentistry. He retired from his full time practice in 2004, after

taking care of his patients and their families for several generations. Dr. Bailey enjoyed dentistry very much and practiced till his health wouldn't allow; He also purely enjoyed spending his free time piloting his Cessna 210.

Dr. Bailey was a member of the Knoxville Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church and had enjoyed an active role as a youth leader, quartet member, story teller, and was an advocate and presenter of the 5-day stop smoking plan with Pastor Lewis. He also supported the South Side City Mission with their efforts to clothe, feed, and shelter the homeless. Funeral services will be at 1pm Thursday, December 2, 2010 at Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory in Washington. Pastor Don Lewis and Pastor Clarence Small will officiate. Visitation will be from 5-7pm Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Swan Lake Memory Gardens in Peoria.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. David J. Bailey*



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**Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory** - November 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dr. Bailey,  
I was just thinking about you...and see that I didnt get to see you one last time. You were a great man who gave back to the world the whole time you were here. What a blessing...I am sure you are in a very amazing place right now...payment for all of the hard work you served while you were here.##imported-begin##Valerie##imported-end##*

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August 17, 2011 at 10:59 PM



“ *We are all so sorry for your loss. Cherish the memories and wishing you the best for your family.##imported-begin##Janie Schembri##imported-end##*

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December 10, 2010 at 10:27 AM



“ Kathy so sorry for your loss. I know from all the stories you told us he will be missed by many people.  
Take care love  
Toni##imported-begin##Toni Myers##imported-end##

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December 05, 2010 at 03:19 PM



“ I was a patient and friend of his since I was a kid all the way into my late 30s .He was a wonderful person always full of happiness I will dearly miss him!! Love The Lyons Family##imported-begin##Jeffrey Lyons##imported-end##

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December 01, 2010 at 07:40 PM



“ Rena and family, it was saddening to learn of your father's passing. My heart goes out to all of you at this time. Although I did not know your father, it was like I did through the many stories about him. You and your family were diligent and ever loving in providing the right combination care in his final years. You gave him joy and dignity. God's blessings on you all. Sue##imported-begin##Sue Ebetsch##imported-end##

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December 01, 2010 at 05:08 PM



“ Dr. Bailey was our family dentist as far back as I can remember. He was such a special person. When I tell people that I never had novocaine till I went to another dentist they are amazed. He was so gentle and so kind. He was truly an amazing man and we are all so blessed to have known him. Our deepest sympathies to his family.##imported-begin##Lynne "Modlin" Manley##imported-end##

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December 01, 2010 at 03:48 PM



“ My Dearest Reena,  
I was so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing! Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!  
Also, please know that you have been such a wonderful caretaker for your Dad! I know, with all my heart, that your kindness and gentleness made your Dad's last few years comfortable for him in a way that no one else could of done! I honor and respect you so much for the strength and courage you have shown me by being such a giving daughter!  
Again, I am so sorry and I am here if you need me to do anything.  
Vicki  
I a###imported-begin###Vicki Dowell###imported-end###

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December 01, 2010 at 09:00 AM



“ Kathy, I am so very sorry for the passing of your father. Even though I had never met him, I always felt like I knew him from the wonderful stories you had shared. From those stories I knew he was a kind man who loved what he did and loved the patients he had. Please know that I'm thinking of you and miss you. Love, Jill###imported-begin###Jill Lawver###imported-end###

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November 30, 2010 at 09:06 PM



“ To the Bailey Family, Dr. Bailey was our dentist and always a kind and caring Doctor. We went to Dr. Bailey when he was on Adams Street and then on Jefferson. Our prayers are with you###imported-begin###Guilfoyle Family###imported-end###

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November 30, 2010 at 04:48 PM



“ Dear Rena and Katie, and all family members - my heart is with you during this difficult and sad time. No matter how old we are, to lose a parent is devastating. All we can do is remember the good times, and know that he is now at rest.

love you,

Ruthie###imported-begin###Ruth Souther###imported-end##

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November 30, 2010 at 03:59 PM



“ He will always be remembered as you share the stories and the memories of how he lived his life and how very much he meant, may you find comfort...And, throughout this difficult time, may you also know the deep sympathy and concern that is felt for you and all your family. I have fought the fine fight, I have run the course to the finish, I have observed the faith.-2Timothy 4:7. As for me, I will lie down that I may sleep; I shall certainly awake, for Jehovah himself keeps supporting me. -Psalms 3:5###imported-begin###Magallon Family###imported-end##

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November 30, 2010 at 12:56 PM



“ Dearest Rena, Katie and Family,  
I want you to know that my heart is with you as you grieve the loss of your beloved father. I am so touched that you had the blessing of sharing one last Thanksgiving dinner with your dad--a memory to hold close to your heart.

All my love,

Susan###imported-begin###Susan Morse###imported-end##

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November 30, 2010 at 10:58 AM



“ *Judy and Kids,*

*So sorry for your loss.*

*I have never seen a family with such devotion as I did in your family. You guys were always there for David and made my job easy. I am sure you will miss him greatly. May the good memories of David sustain you at this time.*

*Sue Kaiser RN##imported-begin##Sue Kaiser RN (former Hospice Nurse)##imported-end##*

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November 30, 2010 at 09:43 AM



“ *Dr. Bailey was our family dentist from years past - our deepest condolences to his family at this time - he was such a great human being!##imported-begin##Phyllis/Denise Johnson##imported-end##*

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November 30, 2010 at 09:39 AM



“ *Bailey Family,*  
*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Dr. Bailey was a special person. He cared so very much for his dental patients and many others.*  
*It was my good fortune to have known him.##imported-begin##Georgana Donnelly##imported-end##*

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November 30, 2010 at 09:10 AM



“ To The Entire Bailey Family: Please know that you are in my prayers. Fred and I greatly admired Dr. Bailey, and all of your family; you always made us feel very special. The first time I went to Dr. Bailey, he said he was x-raying my teeth so that they'd be able to identify me if I was ever in a plane crash! He and Fred hit it off from the beginning, and he was always on Fred's "watermelon" list. He will be greatly missed by all.##imported-begin##Lois Funk##imported-end##

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November 30, 2010 at 07:26 AM



“ Dr, Bailey was my dr. from 5- til the vietam war! I know there will never be another soul like his onn this earth! His passing only assures me of the Lord Jesus Christ! May God be with yiou Thanks Foote##imported-begin##John Foote##imported-end##

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November 30, 2010 at 02:03 AM