



Loren J. Sickling

September 14, 1932 - May 1, 2017

Loren J. Sickling, age 84 years, a resident of rural Dongola, passed away Monday morning, May 1, 2017, at 7:30 AM at his home.

Loren was born September 14, 1932 near Dongola. He was the second of four children born to Fred J. and Lora (Mizell) Sickling.

On August 5, 1966, Loren was united in marriage to Kathryn Goins at the Karnak United Methodist Church. Together, they shared over 50 years of marriage.

In addition to his wife, Loren is survived by a daughter – Julie Bailey of Dongola; 2 grandchildren – Katelyn Bailey and Nathan Bailey; a brother – Oral (his wife, Letha) of Calvert City, Kentucky; a brother-in-law – Rockne Ragsdale; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, Loren was preceded in death by: 2 sisters – Melba Ragsdale and Lucile (her husband, Leon) Davis.

Loren was a member of the graduating class of 1950 from Ullin High School. He was honored to serve as the class president and was the valedictorian. Loren reflected that his graduating class was composed of “eleven boys and

no girls.”

Loren entered military service in January 1953. He received his basic training at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. In March 1953, Loren was assigned to the 99th Battalion of anti-aircraft artillery and was stationed in Detroit, Michigan. He served as a radar operator. Later, Loren was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for 17 weeks to receive training in radio repair. He was then returned to Detroit where he served in headquarters as a radio operator. Loren was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in January 1955 at Fort Harrison, Indiana.

Loren loved the land and farming. He operated a family peach and apple orchard for many years. Additionally, Loren and Kathryn painted homes throughout the area. Later, Loren was employed as a rural letter carrier for the Dongola Post Office. He retired in January 1996 after 10 years of service.

Loren was a devout Christian. He was a devoted member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church in the Perks community. Loren was ordained a deacon at the age of 18 years and served faithfully for 66 years.

In his spare time, Loren loved to fish and is remembered for his oversized vegetable gardens. He freely shared from the bounty of his garden with friends and neighbors.

A service honoring the life of Loren Sickling will be held Friday morning, May 5, 2017, at 10 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Pete Vinson will officiate. Burial will be in the Cache Chapel Cemetery near Ullin.

Visitation will be conducted Thursday, May 4, 2017, from 4 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Maple Grove Baptist Church, 2883 Long

Reach Road, Ullin, Illinois 62992.

Cemetery Details

Cache Chapel Cemetery

479 Cache Chapel Road
Ullin, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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Service

MAY 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Loren J. Sickling



Bailey Funeral Home - June 25, 2018 at 05:15 PM



“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Loren J. Sickling



Bailey Funeral Home - May 03, 2017 at 11:38 AM

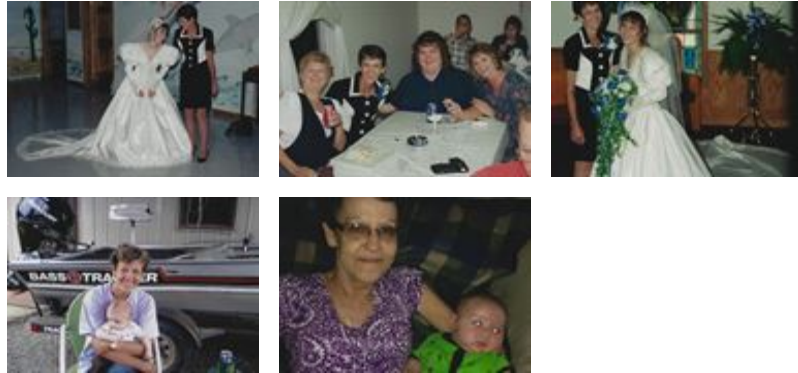


“ Loren J. Sickling

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



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Bailey Funeral Home - June 25, 2018 at 05:03 PM



“ Pat & Jim Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Loren J. Sickling



Pat & Jim Blankenship - May 04, 2017 at 06:54 PM



“ Melissa Outland lit a candle in memory of Loren J. Sickling



Melissa Outland - May 03, 2017 at 04:33 AM

JE

“ Loren is by far the best example of a Christian example I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. He is such a loving and caring man. Always ready to share whatever he had or to help in any way e could. He didn't say much but when he did talk it was always worth listening to. I remember sharing a meal with his family one evening and Katelyn had made him some chocolate cupcakes and some white ones for her grandma. Well Julie had set them n he table and asked her daddy if he wanted a chocolate one and before he could answer Kate spoke and said no we will freeze those and have these tonight. Well the container with the chocolate ones popped open and as Kate turned her back Loren quickly stabbed one of the chocolate ones and put it his plate. And the look of accomplishment on his face was priceless. It was all I had not to laugh at the table. I think I Always remember that. Loren you will be missed and always loved. Thank you for being such a great Christian example. Rest in Jesus arms. I love you

Jeani Ethridge - May 01, 2017 at 09:12 PM

WB

“ We are so sorry for your loss our prayers are with all of you



Wm&Nancy Belford - May 01, 2017 at 04:18 PM

JR

“ James And Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Loren J. Sickling



James and Diane Rainbolt - May 01, 2017 at 03:48 PM

PM

“ *May God give you peace and comfort. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Philip & Patty Morris - May 01, 2017 at 01:52 PM

LM

“ *Consider it a honor to have known him*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - May 01, 2017 at 12:24 PM

SM

I knew Loren back when I was a little girl going to church at maple grove baptist church. He was a kind , sweet, warm hearted man. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure to have know him!!

sherry herren moore - May 04, 2017 at 08:49 PM

RB

“ *Sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all.*

Rich and Karen Brumley - May 01, 2017 at 10:45 AM