



Deward O. Elliott

January 11, 1921 - November 17, 2014

Deward O. Elliott, 93 died peacefully at home on Monday, November 17, 2014, surrounded by his family. Deward was born on January 11, 1921 to Perry and Lydia (Brinlee) Elliott in Konawa, Oklahoma. Deward made his way to Chicago when he was 19. He worked at a variety of jobs until 1958 when he became a member of Pipefitters Local 597. He remained in that profession throughout his life. In 1942 he met and married Ann Alar. They had three sons. In 1961 the family headed to Arkansas to try their hand at farming. That lasted until 1964. They then moved back to the Chicago area. Deward continued his career as a pipefitter. In 1969 Ann suddenly passed away. Four years later Deward met Elissa Fisher. They were married October 27, 1973. Another try at farming was talked about and in 1974 Deward and Elissa moved the new extended family to a dairy farm outside of Richland Center. They also had the only child of their union, Danielle. During the farming years Deward continued to work as a pipefitter. He was called upon on many occasions to help the journeymen pipefitters figure out a solution to a difficult weld. In 1991 Deward retired from farming for good. He was then able to concentrate on planning and building his dream house on a piece of the farmland. It was completed in 1994 with the help of his son, grandsons and a variety of friends in the trade. In 2008 Deward was recognized by Pipefitters Local 597 for 50 years of outstanding service. In his spare time Deward enjoyed fishing, gardening, watching the Cubs, visits from his children and grandchildren and even into this summer-mowing his lawn.

He is survived and will be greatly missed by his wife Elissa, and children Ron (Kathy) Elliott, Tommy Elliott, Michael and Dawn (Fisher) Elliott, Debi Fisher LaGuire, Ray (Erin) Fisher, David (fiancé Patricia) Fisher, Denise Fisher (Ron) Ewing, Dwayne Fisher, Danielle Elliott Sullivan; 22 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held at a later date. The Clary Memorial Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be made at www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“*Sadly, just learned today of Uncle Deward's passing. I had always wished we could have seen more of the family over the years--going back to the days of Dunham Road (we lived on Barrett in Downers Grove a few blocks away). Thinking of all of you. If you haven't done so, the Konawa (or surrounding area) may like a copy of the obit.*

Love,

*Gayle Elliott
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Gayle Elliott - Shawnee, KS - Niece - December 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“*I was just taking about you to my husband. I showed him a photo of you and my Grandfather, Paul and Helen taken when you were children. My memories of visiting your farm when I was young and how you would come up to Illinois for work and stay with us. You and my Grandfather were so close. God Bless you. Love Lori*

Lori Cooke - Ottawa, IL - Uncle- Perry was my Grandfather - December 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM