

Thomas R. Feyerabend Sr.

Jerseyville | Wednesday, January 5 2011

Thomas R. Feyerabend Sr. 80, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday morning, January 5, 2011 at the Jersey Community Hospital in Jerseyville. His wife of 60 years, Janet Feyerabend, was by his side. The two had recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the First Baptist Church of Jerseyville, where they were married on Sept. 3, 1950, and he joined as became a member and was baptized on Oct. 15, 1942.

Thomas is survived by his wife Janet, and their two children, Kimberly, and her husband, David Phelan of Prineville, Oregon; and Thomas Jr., and his wife Barbara Feyerabend of Blue Springs, Mo.. Janet's mother, Virginia Horn, of Jerseyville survives as well at 97 years of age.

Thomas and Janet have three grandsons and two granddaughters in law, David & Rachel Feyerabend of Kansas City, Mo., Matt & Meghan Feyerabend of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and Nathan Feyerabend who is in veterinary school at the University of Missouri- Columbia, Mo.

He is also survived by his only sister, Dorothy Drew of Lincoln, Il., formerly of Godfrey.

Thomas began his career with Millers Mutual Insurance in Alton, Il., retiring after 27 years as the Vice President of Claims. Subsequent to Miller's, Thomas owned and managed a United Real Estate office in Jerseyville, Illinois for over 20 years and was co-owner of Omni Travel Agency with his wife Janet in East Alton, IL. Thomas was also an active farm manager throughout his career and retirement.

Thomas served the community of Jerseyville in many ways. He served on the Jersey Community Hospital Board for 10 years, the Jersey Farmers Elevator Board, Westlake Country Club, and was the Vice Chairman of the Jersey State Bank Board of Directors at the time of his death. He was a longtime member of the Rotary, Shriners, Moose, Masons and Elks spanning several decades. Thomas enjoyed people and was known to visit with everyone he could everywhere he went.

Thomas was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of Jerseyville, Illinois serving in various capacities including church moderator, Chairman of the Deacons, Chairman of the Trustees, and in many other ministries (including serving as a most willing member of the Choir). He was also responsible for establishing the Baptist Church Foundation. Thomas & Janet consider themselves fortunate to have had the opportunity to travel many places with Dr. Harold Lane, a former pastor of FBCJC, and his wife, Dee.

Thomas & Janet consider themselves very fortunate to have shared 60 years together and are thankful to their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ for allowing them those years for the blessing of a wonderful family whom they love most dearly.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father in law, Paul E. Horn.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville.

Visitation will continue from noon on Sunday until time of funeral services at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Jerseyville.

Burial will take place at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Jerseyville. In lieu of flowers or any plants, memorials would be greatly appreciated to the First Baptist Church Foundation.