



Rev. Gordon Dean Cox

Shipman | Thursday, July 21 2011

Rev. Gordon Dean Cox, 76, died at 3:00 a.m., Thursday July 21, 2011 at his residence with his family at his side.

He was born in Greene County on Nov. 5, 1934 the ninth of twelve children born to the late William "Button" and Maude (White) Cox.



He was a U.S. Army veteran, and was a meat cutter by trade, as well as a carpenter, building numerous homes in the area. His heart belonged to the Lord, and he was an evangelist speaking at numerous venues throughout the country, and founded the New Life Tabernacle in Delhi in 1982, and built the church from the ground up, serving the Lord and his congregation for the past 29 years until his failing health prevented him from doing so.

He enjoyed anything outdoors, whether it was hunting or fishing, but most enjoyed his family and spoiling his grandchildren.

He married the former Barbara Joann McAdams at the United Methodist Parsonage in Jerseyville on Nov. 1, 1958, and together they have shared nearly 53 years together.

In addition to his wife, Dean is survived by a daughter & son in law, Kim & Cecil Bell of Kemper; two sons & daughters in law, Doug & Edith Cox, and Jeff & Charlene Cox all of Shipman; seven grandchildren: and one sister, Linda Schaaque of Godfrey.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandson, Brent Matthew Cox on Aug. 13,

2003; five sisters, Audrey Platto, Eula McKinnon, Frances Akers, Clover Miller, and Wanda Ruyle; and five brothers, Courtland, Lowell "Phizz", Herschel, Beverly "Pete", and Rev. William Cox.

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

Visitation will continue from 9 a.m. Saturday until time of funeral services at 10 a.m. at the New Life Tabernacle located on Route 67 in Delhi. Rev. Mark McBee will officiate.

Burial will be in the Shipman Cemetery with the Jerseyville American Legion Post 492 conducting military graveside rites.

Memorials may be given to the New Life Tabernacle in Delhi.