



William D. Hayward

August 26, 1922 - May 22, 2011

William D. Hayward, 88, went to be with the Lord on Sunday morning, May 22, 2011 at his residence. He passed peacefully in his sleep with his beloved wife, Vera, by his side. He was born August 26, 1922 in Alton, the son of the late Dennis D. and Margaret (Durham) Hayward. On March 21, 1947 he married Vera Reeves in Alton and together they shared 64 years of marriage. Besides his wife, he is survived by two devoted daughters: Suzanne Hayward Mensendiek (Mark) of O'Fallon, MO and Cathie Hayward of Eden Prairie, MN. In addition, he was the proud grandfather of three girls: Meredith Mensendiek of St. Louis, Meg Mensendiek Hesemann (Kevin) of St. Peters, MO, Mari Hayward of Eden Prairie, MN, and the soon to be Great Grandfather of Adeline Hesemann, due in August. He is also survived by four nephews and preceded in death by his sister, Hazel (May) Burch of Godfrey, IL. Mr. Hayward attended Alton High School and Shurtleff College. He was employed as a mechanical engineer for Olin Corporation for 37 years, retiring in 1977. He served in the Army for three years during WWII as an anti-aircraft artillery gunner in Patton's Third Army. Two years of that time were spent in Europe, where he participated in four major campaigns, including the Battle of the Bulge. Mr. Hayward devoted much of his life to numerous service organizations, serving in many different capacities. He was a member and former officer of Franklin Masonic Lodge #25 for 65 years, a member of Aina Shrine, Walton Chapter OES, and a life member of VFW #1308 in Alton. He spent 31 years as a member of the Board of Directors of Olin Employees

Credit Union, serving as Chairman of the Board for a period of time. A lobbyist for Credit Unions in Springfield, IL, he was a member of the Credit Union Political Action Committee. He served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Specialized Services, an Advisor to Junior Achievement Organization, and two terms as President of Olin's Westerner Club. He was a volunteer for the Corps of Engineers during a portion of the construction stages of the Melvin Price Locks and Dam, No. 26. Mr. Hayward and his family have been longtime members of Calvary Baptist Church of Alton. The family will receive friends at GENT Funeral Home from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 27, 2011, followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Andre' Dobson officiating. Masonic Rites will be held at the beginning of the memorial service by Franklin Lodge #25 with Military Rites offered at the end of the service by VFW Post 1308. Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church of Alton or Franklin Masonic Lodge #25. He will be dearly missed, always, by his family, who loved him so very much and whom he made so very proud.

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Tribute Wall



“ *William D. Hayward*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *William D. Hayward*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Dear Cathie and family,*

I just wanted to let you know that I was sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. One of my memories of our days at Mark Twain, was when your father came to our class and made a slide presentation of his time in Belgium and his memories from the Battle of the Bulge. At this time his sacrifices in the war are something that shouldn't be forgotten. That will remain fixed in my memory and is very much appreciated. Your parents always made time for us and I think fondly of them. Also, you were so poised and mature which is a testament to them. Know that your father made a little girl's life a little brighter.

Sincerely,

Marla J. (George) Wolff

Marla J. (George) Wolff - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Suzanne,

I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. I know how close you all are. I'm glad I had the opportunity to meet him although it was a while ago.

My deepest sympathy and condolences to you and all your family.

Love and prayers,

Pam Skinner

Pam Skinner - May 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Suzanne and family,

My heartfelt sadness in the passing of your Dad. I know how much you cared and loved him. I remember meeting him

at DWC. He was just delightful!

Love to you all,

Trish

Trish Cotteen - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *My sympathy to Cathie, Mrs. Hayward and all the family. I know he will be missed very much. Memories are forever.*

Karen Simon Mondin - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Vera and family: We are so sorry for your loss. Our condolences.
May God comfort you. Pauline and Nancy*

Pauline McPhail - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *May the LORD carry you thru these times.*

Jane Martin Jacoby - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *Cathie and family,*

We're so sorry you lost your beloved dad. Much love,

Becky and Ed

Becky and Ed Evans - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM