



Dr. William Dawson

April 4, 2009

Dr. William Roy Dawson Jr, 81, of Cape Girardeau, Mo. died Saturday, April 4, 2009 at his residence. He was born April 2, 1928, in Montgomery, Ala., the son of William R. and Annie Ruth (Graydon) Dawson. He and Carol (McCollum) Dawson were married on August 21, 1948 in Montgomery, Ala. Dawson served in the Navy during World War II and was stationed in San Diego, Calif. He attended the University of Alabama where he received his Masters in English in 1952. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee. He taught high school for 1 year in Monticello, Fla. and junior high school for 8 years in Orlando, Fla. He then taught English at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson, Tenn. from 1964-1965 then at Southeast Missouri State University from 1965-1998 retiring in 1998. Through his great-grandson, he became involved with the Boy Scouts, eventually becoming an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 5 in Cape Girardeau. He was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Carol (McCollum) Dawson of Cape Girardeau; son, Steven Carter (Wanda) Dawson of Mobile, Ala.; daughter, Janie Elizabeth (Roy) McCaugh of Cape Girardeau; sister, Ann Lee Jones of Montgomery, Ala; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, William R. Dawson, Sr.; mother, Annie Ruth (Graydon) Dawson; and a brother. Visitation will be Tuesday April 7, 2009 from 4-8 PM at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 1:30 PM Wednesday April 8, 2009 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home with the Rev. Jeff Long officiating. Entombment will be

at Memorial Park Mausoleum, in Cape Girardeau.