



## Eldon Ellis Bethard

December 10, 2014

Eldon Ellis Bethard, 99, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at Auburn Creek Assisted Living in Cape Girardeau with his wife of 76 years by his side. He was born Wednesday, December 1, 1915 in Raymond, IL to James Wesley and Nettie (Freeman) Bethard. He and Laura Stogsdill were married February 19, 1938. Eldon served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He spent 43 years in education and 19 of those were spent as a professor in the education department at Southeast Missouri State University. Eldon was a member of First Baptist Church in Cape, National Education Association, Retired Teachers Association and the Masonic Lodge No. 260 A.F. & A.M. in Mattoon, Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Laura Bethard of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; daughter, Carolyn Price of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; brother, Gail Bethard of Clinton, Illinois; three grandchildren, James Brian (Peggy) McGowen of Dexter, Missouri, Sarah Christine (Roy) Phillips of Florida and Nanetta Carol (Brad) Beard of Columbia, Missouri; six great-grandchildren, Arriel Smith, Kristen McGowen, Parke and Ben Phillips, Leam and Landon Beard. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Oral, Verlyn and Robert Bethard; four sisters, Alice Boynton, Ruby Bethard, Hazel Pushkar and Evelyn Johnston. Visitation will be Saturday, December 13, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. until the service at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Mike Shupert officiating. Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau. Memorial contributions may be

given to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home.

# Tribute Wall

KJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for I too know the pain of losing someone you love. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'swallow up death forever, and wipe away the tears from all faces.' (Isaiah 25:8) What a wonderful day that will be!

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**K. Jackson** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Keeping all in our prayers. Heaven has a New Dean. He served a Godly life.

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**Bill and Carolyn Boynton** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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