

Robert Douglas Manning, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, died peacefully at North Hills Life Care and Rehab on August 17th, 2016. He was born on October 5th, 1925 in Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada. Dr. Manning attended Colborne and Maitland Public Schools in Strathroy and later attended Strathroy Collegiate Institute. In 1951, he graduated with his medical degree from the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario. A doctor from Western Canada, knowing that Dr. Manning had not yet chosen a place to practice, recommended Prairie Grove, Arkansas, where Dr. Frank Rigall owned and operated the Elizabeth Hospital. The Elizabeth hospital was accredited as part of the Fulbright Foreign Student Exchange program. Each year, one or two interns were invited to go to Prairie Grove and spend an extra year of training with Dr. Rigall. Dr. Manning entered the U.S. and worked through this program. Dr. Manning married Margaret Eileen Robinson on June 19th, 1952, at Strathroy United Church in Strathroy. They arrived in Prairie Grove 10 days later where they lived until their deaths.

The Elizabeth Hospital contained 26 beds and a clinic for offices for several doctors. The hospital had general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, and all forms of emergency surgeries from snake bites, accidents, setting of fractures, etc. The hospital was closed in 1965. Dr. Manning maintained outpatient clinics in the hospital for a few years but later moved his practice to locations closer to downtown Prairie Grove. From 1954-1962, Dr. Manning maintained a second office in Westville, Oklahoma, 17 miles away from Prairie Grove. Because he made so many house calls within a large radius of PG., he was well known throughout the entire area. He closed the Oklahoma office in 1962. Dr. Manning retired from his medical practice in 1994.

Dr. Manning was an extremely intelligent man with many talents. In addition to this medical practice, Dr. Manning served on the local school board, had a manufacturing plant (Tempflow), and directed 3 different church choirs. He also served one term as mayor of Prairie Grove and wrote a column in the Prairie Grove weekly paper each week entitled, "As I See It." Dr. Manning is the author of numerous poems and songs and his love for the arts can still be seen through the vocations and avocations of his children and grandchildren.

In April of 2016, his wife of 64 years, Margaret Eileen Manning passed away suddenly and they now continue

their love story in Heaven. Dr. Manning was preceded in death by his parents, Ellen O. and Robert Lloyd Manning, and his brothers-in-law, John Robinson and Jack Fidler.

He is survived by his four children, Margaret Ann Poeppel (Wolfgang) of Augsburg, Germany, Robert William George Manning (Anita) of Colorado Springs, CO, Frank Lloyd John Manning of Prairie Grove, AR, and Dorothy Elizabeth Freidellen Ivey (Greg) of Gravette, AR. He is survived by four grandchildren, Robert Christopher Manning (Amber) of Boulder, CO, Matthew Michael Manning (Renee) of Colorado Springs, CO, Alexander Robert Christian Poeppel of Augsburg, Germany and Sabrina Elizabeth Marguerite Poeppel of Augsburg Germany. Dr. Manning is survived by his two great grandchildren Robert John "Jack" Manning and Leonard Patrick "Leo" Manning of Boulder CO. Dr. Manning is also survived by his sister, Dorothy Fidler, of Seattle, WA, family-in-law, Marie Robinson of Strathroy, Ontario, William Robinson (Gloria) of London, Ontario, and numerous nieces and nephews.



APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

online guest book, visit www.luginbuel.com



**Dr. Robert Douglas
Manning**
October 5th, 1925
August 17th, 2016

CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF

Robert Douglas Manning

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE

Saturday, August 20, 2016 - 2:00 P.M.
Luginbuel Chapel - Prairie Grove, Arkansas

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Music Selections

“Sweet Sweet Spirit”

Opening Remarks

Paul Young
Pastor - Summers Baptist Church

Prayer

“Blessed Assurance”

Reading

Sabrina Poeppel

“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”

Words of Comfort

Paul Young

Closing Prayer

Family Memories Video

“My Buddy”
“How Great Thou Art”
“To Where You Are”

Postlude Music Selections

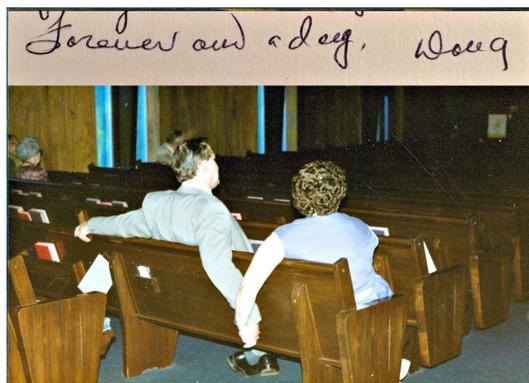
GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE
CEMETERY. THE FAMILY WILL REMAIN AFTER
THE SERVICE TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS.

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Prairie Grove Cemetery

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Alexander Poeppel - Sabrina Poeppel
Christopher Manning - Amber Manning
Matthew Manning - Renee Manning
Jack Manning - Leo Manning



Death is Nothing at All

Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away to the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other,
That, we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name.
Speak to me in the easy way
which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me. Pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word
that it always was.
Let it be spoken without effect.
Without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same that it ever was.
There is absolute unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind
because I am out of sight?

I am but waiting for you.
For an interval.
Somewhere. Very near.
Just around the corner.

All is well.

Henry Scott Holland