DONALD FRANCIS WEAVER

83, of Prairie Grove, died at his home Tuesday afternoon, July 10, 2001. He was born August 8, 1917 in Buffalo Center, Iowa, the second of four sons to Elmer E. Weaver and Mathilda G. (Enderson) Weaver.

He lived near Algona, Iowa, until November 1949, when the family moved to Arkansas and located south of Hog Eye. He was a good farmer, a Grade A Dairy farmer who at one time milked 100 Holstein cows with help of two teenage sons. He brought the first Holsteins to N.W. Arkansas and his sons had heifers as 4-H Club projects. The entire family worked long and hard and was at one time chosen as “Farmers of the Year.” Once they were featured on the front page of the “Tulsa World” newspaper in an article concerning their Broilers, Dairy Cows and Hatchery (Broiler) Flock. He was among the first farmers in the area to use granulated fertilizer and farmed some 400 acres, 120 acres of which were double cropped. He also did custom baling and silage cutting.

Later he became an inventor, having four inventions patented. Upon retiring he spent much time fishing and traveling. To him NW Arkansas was the best place to live. He loved the kind and friendly people here.

Donald worked in Church in several offices while able to do so. He was also active in Farm Bureau, dairying and chickens, and community projects.

He was preceded in death by his Father, Mother and three Brothers, Alvin, Wayne, and Merrill.

He leaves his wife, Jeannette (Maasdam) Weaver, a son, Ronald (wife, Rita) who live south of Hog Eye, a son, Brian, who lives north of Lincoln, five grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Written by Donald & Jeannette Weaver prior to his death.

Appreciation

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed and for your attendance at the memorial service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas
Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, So happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in heaven at last.
Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.
And he came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
Could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.
There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth---
You shall rest in Jesus' land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting
Oh, the joy to see you come!

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Donald F. Weaver

DATE and PLACE OF BIRTH
August 8, 1917 - Buffalo Center, IA

DATE and PLACE OF DEATH
July 10, 2001 - Prairie Grove, AR

DATE, PLACE and TIME OF SERVICE
Friday, July 13, 2001 - 6:30 P.M.
United Methodist Church - Prairie Grove, AR

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Organ Music .................................................. Joyce Cunningham

Scripture ................................................................. Joe Sherman
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“Old Rugged Cross” .................................................... Barbara Rainwater
Organist - Joyce Cunningham

Scripture ................................................................. Joe Sherman

“How Great Thou Art” .................................................. Jimmy Bartholomew
Pianist - Diane Caswell

Obituary ................................................................. Joe Sherman

“Wall of Prayer” ......................................................... Jimmy Bartholomew

Words of Comfort & Victory ........................................ Glen Faulkner
New Sulphur Free Will Baptist Church - Prairie Grove, AR

Closing Prayer .......................................................... Glen Faulkner

“When We All Get to Heaven” #701 ................................ Congregational
Song Leader - Jimmy Bartholomew
Pianist - Diane Caswell

Committal Remarks .................................................... Joe Sherman

Postlude Organ Music .................................................. Joyce Cunningham

THE SERVICE WILL CONCLUDE AT THE CHURCH. WE WILL NOT HOLD GRAVE SIDE SERVICES AT THE CEMETERY. THE FAMILY WILL REMAIN AFTER THE SERVICE TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS.

FINAL RESTING PLACE
Prairie Grove Cemetery - Prairie Grove, AR

PALLBEARERS
Jeff Silva - Lynn Bartholomew - Mark Silva
Wayland Stumbaugh - Mike Cummings - Marvin Rice

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Tony Cunningham - Al Sotorske - Jerry Burch

MEMORIALS
Prairie Grove United Methodist Church or New Sulphur Free Will Baptist Church
American Bible Society - 1865 Broadway - New York, NY 10133-0022
National Heart Assoc. - 15825 Shady Grove Road - Suite 140 - Rockville, MA 20850-4022