

**Ilo S. Meek**

96, a resident of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, passed away September 15, 2007 at the Medi Homes Nursing Home in Prairie Grove, Arkansas. He was born March 11, 1911 in Indian Territory near what is now known as Waynoka, Oklahoma, in a sod house. He was the youngest son of David Alonzo and Mary Elizabeth Woodbury Meek.

Ilo graduated from Vinita High School in Vinita, Oklahoma, in 1930. He started working for the local telephone company, then Southwestern Bell Telephone, transferring to AT&T in 1940. During World War II he was assigned to building communication lines from Alberta Canada to Fairbanks, Alaska. Upon Returning to the United States in 1944 he was a Material Supply Man for the 5th District of AT&T for the coaxial cable being installed all over the country at that time. He transferred to Southwestern Bell Telephone again in 1948 in St. Joseph, Missouri, retiring in 1971 following a stint with New York City with the Test Board where he was assigned for wiring in a new system of cable dropped across the Atlantic to Great Britain. His combined service between AT&T and Southwestern Bell accounted for 41 years of service with no days lost for illness or tardiness.

He was a past Deacon of the First Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Missouri. He was a 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason with the Valley of St. Joseph Orient of Missouri and a member of Areme Chapter # 461 in St. Joseph, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elnor Lee Cook Meek, second wife, Lillian Hastings Meek and third wife, Estella Walkup Meek. Also preceding him were five brothers, Frank Cornelius Meek, Everett L. Meek, Earl Meek, Virgil Meek and Alonzo Russell Meek, three sisters, Hallie Meek Hockett, Mary Elizabeth Meek Owens and Margaret Jane Meek Williams.

He is survived by his only child, Dorothea Coleman and her husband, Nelson of Prairie Grove, Arkansas; his grandchildren, Toni and Jim Cox of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Doug and Barbara Coleman of New Market, Maryland, Neena and Lewis Gober of Springdale, Arkansas, Jess and LaDonna Coleman of Morrow, Arkansas, and Tammy and Steve Beaver of Goshen, Arkansas; ten great grandchildren, Sarah Young of Dallas, Texas, Michael Maddan and his wife, Cathy of Kansas, Oklahoma, Mallery Noggle and her husband, Patrick of West Fork, Arkansas, Tyler Beaver of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Jacob Beaver of Goshen, Arkansas, Candice, Julie and Jesse Coleman all of Morrow, Arkansas, Hadley Grace of Springdale, Arkansas, and Maxwell Coleman of New Market, Maryland.

**APPRECIATION**

On behalf of the Meek 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**

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March 11, 1911 - September 15, 2007

## I Wanted to Share My Father's World

This is a pain I mostly hide,  
but ties of blood, our seed endure,  
and even now I feel inside  
the hunger for his outstretched hand,  
a man's embrace to take me in,  
the need for just a word of praise.

I despised the discipline  
he used to shape what I should be,  
now owning up that he might feel  
his own pain when he punished me.

I didn't show my need to him,  
since his response to an appeal  
would not have meant as much to me,  
or been as real.

From those rare times when we did cross  
the bridge between us, the pure joy survives.

I never put aside  
the past resentments of the child  
until, with my own children I shared  
his final hours, and come to see  
what he'd become, or always was -  
the father who will never cease to be  
alive in me.

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF

Ilo S. Meek

### DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE

Wednesday September 19, 2007 - 3:00 P.M.  
Luginbuel Chapel - Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

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**Prelude Music**

**Obituary**

**Ervin Hutchins**

**"Blessed Assurance"**

**Alan Jackson**

**Words of Comfort**

**Closing Prayer**

**"In the Garden"**

**Alan Jackson**

**Family Memories Video**

"That Silver Haired Daddy of Mine"  
"There Will Be A Better Day"

Gene Autry  
Ty Herndon

**Postlude Music**

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### FINAL RESTING PLACE

St. Joseph Memorial Park Cemetery  
St. Joseph, Missouri

### MEMORIALS

Family ask in lieu of flowers memorials be made to a charity of your choice