

## Delford Ernest Rieff



99, a resident of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, passed away February 1, 2009 at the Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville. He was born October 2, 1909 near Strickler, Arkansas, the son of Clint Wade and Eunice McBride Rieff.

Delford married Mamie Edmiston on June 27, 1935. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Prairie Grove where he was a trustee and past treasurer. He was associated with The Farmers and Merchants Bank from 1929 until 1992, served as president from 1954 until 1980, and was chairman of the Board of Directors from 1980 until 1992. He was past Prairie Grove City Treasurer and City Council member for thirty years. He served as a member of Prairie Grove School Board, Washington County Fair Board, Washington County Democrat Central Committee, Washington County Election Commission, Masonic Lodge Number 436, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Fort Smith, Shriners International, Washington County Soil Conservation, Arkansas Industrial Development Commission and Prairie Grove Battlefield Park Commission. For twenty years he served on the Washington County Hospital Board and was a charter member of Prairie Grove Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mamie, three sisters, Alice Baker, Bessie McKnight and Jewell McNeely, and one brother, Arvil Wade Rieff.

Survivors include one son, James C. "Jim" Rieff and his wife Susan of Prairie Grove, Arkansas; two granddaughters, Leslie Fitzgerald and her husband Pat of Carl Junction, Missouri, and Barbara "Boo" Edmiston and her husband Steve of Prairie Grove, Arkansas and four great-grandchildren, Parker and Kennedy Fitzgerald, Alex and Cole Edmiston; one nephew, Doyle Baker; two nieces, Shirley Lowry and Sue Ann Brixey.



### APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Rieff 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](http://www.luginbuel.com)



**D. E. Rieff**

October 2, 1909 - February 1, 2009



Trust placed in one another

builds friendships that will last;  
respect and understanding help  
the family bond hold fast.



## CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF

Delford E. Rieff

### DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 - 2:00 P.M.

First United Methodist Church

Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

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#### Prelude Music

Cathy Moore

#### Opening Statement

Matthew Johnson

Pastor - First United Methodist Church - Prairie Grove, Arkansas

#### Prayer

"He Touched Me"

Charlotte Cunningham Fisher

Organist - Joyce Cunningham

#### Scripture Reading Psalm 23

James Harrison

Former Pastor - First United Methodist Church - Prairie Grove, Arkansas

#### Family Tribute

Greg Reed & Doyle Baker

#### Words of Encouragement

Matthew Johnson

"The Old Rugged Cross" #504

Congregational

#### Benediction & Dismissal

Matthew Johnson

#### Family Memories

"Begin the Beguine"

Lawrence Welk

"Sunrise Serenade"

"Sentimental Journey"

"And the Angels Sing"

#### Postlude Music

"Stardust" - Artie Shaw

"Swanne River" - Tommy Dorsey

"Tuxedo Junction" - Glenn Miller

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**GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE CEMETERY.  
THE FAMILY WILL VISIT FRIENDS FOLLOWING THE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

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### INTERMENT

Prairie Grove Cemetery - Prairie Grove, Arkansas

### PALLBEARERS

Billy Joe Bartholomew - Wayne Hall - Paul Jones - Loyd Jordan - Huland Nations - Greg Reed  
Charles Thompson - Dr. Calvin Bain - Dr. Joe B. Hall - Dr. Doug Manning - William Giles

### MEMORIALS

Prairie Grove Library - P.O. Box 10 - Prairie Grove, AR 72753

or

Life Ministries - P.O. Box 536 - Prairie Grove, AR 72753

or

Prairie Grove Cemetery - 751 East Parks - Prairie Grove, AR 72753