



## Leo Dale Cowman Sr

September 26, 1925 - July 29, 2014

29, 2014, at his residence.

Leo was born in Swan, Iowa, on September 26, 1925, the son of Wilby "Wild Bill" and Nettie Elizabeth (Sanders) Cowman. Leo was one of fourteen children in the Cowman family.

Leo attended school and then he served in the United States Army, stateside during WWII. After his service Leo worked for his brother as a truckdriver, he later worked for many years with Iowa Power & Light Company. For several years Leo was business owner, owning five local taverns and five or six gas stations. Later he worked for the Marion County Road Department and Sterquist Construction.

Leo married Betty Quinnett. Leo and Betty were blessed with two children, Tim and Joyce. Leo later married Bonnie Delores Heaton. Leo and Bonnie were blessed with their son Leo, Jr., and Bonnie's children, Charlie, Bonni and Tom. Bonnie died in 2013.

Leo enjoyed his family, especially his grandchildren. Every morning Leo liked going for coffee and cake at his sister Wanda's home. He was a former deer hunter, pheasant hunter, mushroom hunter and gardener.

Leo is survived by his three children, Tim (Paula) Cowman of Missouri, Joyce (John) Davis of Knoxville and Leo (Teresa) Cowman, Jr. of rural Knoxville; three step children, Charlie (Jenny) Smith of Des Moines, Bonni (Everett) Provenzano of Pershing and Tom (Joy) Smith of Pershing; 17 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and five great great-grandchildren. Leo is also survived by his five sisters, Molly Kain of Pleasantville, Beulah (Carl) Laughlin of Knoxville, Wanda Swayne and husband Joe of Knoxville, Donna (Don) Visser of Pella and Shirley (Brenton) Trabert of Knoxville. He was preceded in death by his parents Wilby "Wild Bill" and Nettie Cowman; his wives, Betty and Bonnie; five brothers, Ernest, Shelly, Floyd, Carl and Jim Cowman and three sisters, Arlene DeMoss, Maymie Davidson and Vivian Robuck.

Leo's family will be having a private celebration of life service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the John Stoddard Cancer Center. Condolences may be sent to <http://www.winfieldfh.com>. The Winfield Funeral Home of Knoxville is helping Leo's family with services.

# Comments

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“ We are sad to hear that Leo has passed. We moved in next door to he and Betty & Tim when we married 66 years ago...we all lived in DogPatch. Wonderful friends all through the years. We took our first trip to CA with them. His mom baby sat our baby, David, when we went to dances. Honky Tonking as he referred to it.

We moved away in '59 but he would phone occasionally, and always invited us "kids" as he called us, to his later year "Feeds". We thoroughly enjoyed the few times we were able to attend, remembering Bonnie from those times.

Our sympathy to all the family, as we remember one dear friend. Beverly & Roy Dop

**Beverly Dop** - August 14, 2014 at 11:31 AM

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“ Leo Dean, past May it was a pleasure share time with all who Leo valued! Family and friends alike. Going back home to visit and live won't be the same. Turn to God during this time change. God's heals broken hearts. I miss him so very much.

**Julia, Joe's Daughter** - August 11, 2014 at 10:02 PM

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“ so sorry about your dad Leo He was a good man. He always stop at the Salebarn to have a cup of coffee with me and ask he could do the dishes for the coffee. He was a good man and always made me feel good. He will be missed a lot Frankies Feedlot

**frankie essick** - August 01, 2014 at 06:32 PM

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“ I always loved running into him, he always had a great hug for me. There are no words to describe what a great man he was, always everyone's friend. I'll always remember you Leo, you were always good to me and to Adam. Bless you. rest easy now. -Noni

**Noni McGee** - July 30, 2014 at 10:41 PM