



Raymond Earl Duffey

November 27, 1910 - September 27, 2008

Raymond Earl Duffey, age 97, of Worden, IL., died Saturday, September 27, 2008, at Rosewood Care Center in Edwardsville, IL.

He was born November 27, 1910, in DeKalb, IL., the son of Lyle and Florence (Spaulding) Duffey.

On January 16, 1943, he married Dorothy P. Duffey nee Turner, died 4/2/2007, who passed away April 2, 2007.

Earl was born in DeKalb, Il and graduated Decatur High School in 1928. In 1932 he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Music from Milikin University, Conservatory of Music. He did post graduate study there while teaching private lessons on violin and viola. He played in the Milikin Symphony Orchestra for several years-one as concert master. He also served as Choir Director in two churches during this time.

He was drafted into the US Army in 1941 and served 5 years. After the military he moved to Alton and worked for the Gould Music Company as salesman and bookkeeper. In 1961 he taught instrumental music at Alton School System for 2 years. He returned to Gould Music as Manager. He continued his association with the store under new management as Halpin Music, and devoted his interest to piano tuning and repair. Joining the St.

Louis Chapter of Piano Tuners Guild resulted in becoming a full-time piano technician until his retirement in 1998.

In 1946 he became a member of the Alton Symphony Orchestra's first violin section filling the same chair for 52 seasons. He served on various committees and taught students of the violin with the hope they would develop a lasting interest for music. He directed several church choirs and served on the Board of the Greater Alton Concert Association to bring outstanding artist to perform in our community.

He was also a member of Alton Symphony Orchestra
St. Louis Chapter of Piano Tuners.

Survivors include Daughter-Susan K. (Michael) Vieth of Worden, Ill., Son-James A. (Johanna Johnson) Duffey of Edwardsville, Ill., Grandchild-Joseph Vieth, Grandchild-Laura Lenington, Grandchild-Elizabeth Olcay, Sister-Evelyn Burg of Sun City Center, Fla.

He was preceded in death by Father-Lyle B. Duffey, Mother-Florence S. Duffey nee Spaulding, Wife-Dorothy P. Duffey nee Turner, died 4/2/2007

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, Ill.