



Wesley Downs Luce

April 2, 1916 - October 27, 2015

Wesley Downs Luce, age 99, passed away Tuesday, October 27, 2015 in his home in Marquette, Nebraska. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 7 at 10:30 am at the Community Bible Church in Central City, Nebraska with Pastor Dale Janzen and Pastor Frank VanCampen officiating. Interment will be at a later date in Hollis, New Hampshire. Memorials are suggested to Nebraska Christian Schools, The Navigators, and the Central City Senior Center. Solt-Wagner Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Wesley was born April 2, 1916 in Riverhead, Long Island, New York to John T. & Rowena F. Luce. He attended Riverhead High School and then worked with his father on the family farm. A World War II veteran, Wesley served in the United States Navy from 1942 – 1946, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theatres.

On June 29, 1946 Wesley married Elizabeth Margaret Spence. They began their married life in Chicago, where he completed his studies at Moody Bible Institute. Together they lived in Long Island, New York; Indian Island, Maine; and Hollis, New Hampshire before retiring in Central City, Nebraska. They were married for 48 years before she died in 1995.

He enjoyed gardening, spending time with his family, and sharing his faith in Jesus with those he met. He was active in the ministry of Victory Baptist

Church in Fullerton, and later a faithful member of Community Bible Church in Central City. In his later years, he enjoyed visiting friends at the Senior Center and around town.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children, Jim and Beverly Luce of St. Helena Island, South Carolina; David and Donna Luce of New Britain, Connecticut; Daniel and Kelly Luce of Deering, New Hampshire; Marilyn and Ed Ritta of Marquette, Nebraska; Stephen and Kathy Luce of Hollis, New Hampshire; Carolyn Luce of Central City, Nebraska; and Priscilla and Marty Milby of Fullerton, Nebraska; 23 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandson. Along with many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and his brother, Raymond.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 7. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Community Bible Church
403 F Avenue
Central City, NE 68826

Tribute Wall

FV

“ I will miss you, Wes. Thanks for being my surrogate father these 6 years Your life has enriched mine.

Frank VanCampen - November 06, 2015 at 01:06 PM

JD

“ When I think of Uncle Wesley, I think of a quiet, humorous, faithful man. It was not unusual to hear him make a funny comment or giggle at a amusing event, but you had to really listen for it. He was always at church. You expected to see him and knew if he wasn't there, something was wrong. You could count on him to be praying for you steadfastly. Even though he never told me I would be in his prayers, I just knew that I would be. Uncle Wesley loved farming. When he came to Hollis to visit, he would walk (much to everyone's chagrin) up to my brother Brian's Grain Store to hang out. He loved the activity. He liked to be around the farm. Uncle Wesley loved family. He loved his own family and he loved the extended family. He loved seeing everyone and being at family events. He was a quiet, gentle observer, and then would come the little comments that would send everyone into laughter. I remember my parents taking trips in later years and Uncle Wesley would keep them on their toes with his little quips. Uncle Wesley, you lived a long, dedicated, and wonderful life. Thank you for your prayers and sincerity. You will be missed by all of us that had the pleasure of knowing you. I know you'll be waiting to greet us when we get there. Love, Jennifer

Jennifer Duff - November 06, 2015 at 07:29 AM

TF

“ *The Donald Spence Family purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Wesley Downs Luce.*



The Donald Spence Family - November 06, 2015 at 06:19 AM

KG

“ *Dan & Kelly, Sending you condolences for the loss of your Dad. We never had the chance to meet him but heard so many wonderful story's that you shared with us all these years. May you find comfort and joy in your memories..hugs and prayers to all..Karen & Gordon Garvin*

Karen garvin - November 04, 2015 at 07:38 AM

CH

“ *We will never forget the many years we spent with Elizabeth and Wesley in Hollis at Faith Baptist Church. Our friendship continued during later years as Wesley joined us for visits in our cottage in Maine. He would balance 6 quarts of blueberries on his lap on the bus to head back home! We thank the children for all going out of their way to help set up these visits, they were very special to us. Our prayers are with all of the family as we know how important he was in your lives and will be sorely missed.*

*Much Love,
Jim and Jackie Triehy
Pepperell Mass.*

cholwick - November 03, 2015 at 07:50 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Wesley Downs Luce.*



November 03, 2015 at 04:36 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wesley Downs Luce.*



November 03, 2015 at 02:00 PM



“ *Such a precious man. Only met him once...but this picture says it well...a smile that comes from the soul of a man who knew His Lord.*
Jan Keim

Jan Keim - November 03, 2015 at 09:46 AM



“ *Michael M. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wesley Downs Luce.*



Michael M. - November 03, 2015 at 09:44 AM



“ To all my Luce cousins: I loved your Mom and Dad so much. They were so kind and caring to me and Nancy. I remember staying at your house during the summers when we all worked on the farm. What a blast we had and a great childhood as well. I'll never forget visiting them on Long Island when I was 4 and again when I was 7 years old. Your entire Luce family was amazing.

I know he is with the Lord now because he gave his life to Christ and is now reaping the reward.

My deepest condolences to all of you.
Sharon

Sharon Prevett - October 31, 2015 at 12:27 AM

KW

“ *Kim Bimestefer & Sarah Wahls purchased the Fie ry Lily and Rose for the family of Wesley Downs Luce.*



Kim Bimestefer & Sarah Wahls - October 30, 2015 at 03:40 PM

CX

“ *Catherine Perry xxx purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Wesley Downs Luce.*



Catherine Perry xxx - October 30, 2015 at 03:04 PM

MG

“ Jim & Bev, Please know that I am thinking of you and your family. I know that he was very dear to you and will remain in your hearts forever...

Meg Guessford

Meg Guessford - October 30, 2015 at 10:27 AM

BR

“ Jim: Very sorry to learn about your loss. You and your family are in our prayers! 99 years comes with a lot of great memories and stories. He is now at peace.

Bryan & Renee Flannery

Bryan - October 30, 2015 at 10:16 AM

MB

“ Dear Jim, please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. 99 years old--God Bless Him!
Mary Balducci

Mary Balducci - October 30, 2015 at 09:46 AM