



James Franklin Dowden

January 9, 1925 - October 28, 2012

James Franklin Dowden, 87, of 910 Whitehall Road, Long Island died Sunday, October 28, 2012 in Heritage Hall of Brookneal. He was the husband of Estelle May Maddox Dowden.

He was born January 9, 1925 in Fairfax County, a son of the late Russell Charles Dowden and Alma Whaley Dowden. He was a member of Brookhill Wesleyan Church in Goode. James will be best remembered by all who knew him as a godly, friendly, generous and hard working farmer. He dairy farmed in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties before moving to Long Island in 1990. In Long Island, he raised hogs and cattle.

He is survived by two sons, David Dowden and his wife Tammy of Long Island and Dale Dowden and his wife Julie of Princeton, NC; a daughter, Lynn Miller and her husband Steve of Hurt; a sister, Louise Ketron of Winchester; eleven grandchildren, Stephanie and Rebecca Miller, Sarah Borman and her husband Don, Patrick, Wayne, Victoria, and Paige Dowden, Josh and Jacob Lee, Laura Hedden and her husband Hank, and Ben Dowden; and two great grandchildren, Maddie and Hannah Hedden.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 1, 2012 at Clement Memorial Wesleyan Church, Altavista by the Rev. Matt Alford and the Rev. Wes Gillespie with burial to follow at Altavista Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Gladys and other times at the residence of David Dowden, 1309 Whitehall Rd., Long Island.

Cemetery Details

Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Gladys
124 Flynn St.
Gladys, VA 24554

Funeral Service

NOV **1**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Clement Memorial Wesleyan Church
1000 7th Street
Altavista, VA 24517