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Dr. Eugene (Bud) Bowker, 75, of Clinton, Iowa, died Thursday at his home. Memorial services will be 11 am Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at the First Presbyterian Church, Clinton. The Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Bowker (Bud) was born February 18, 1932 in LeClaire, Iowa, the son of Clarence F. and Alma (Hamilton) Bowker. After the death of his mother, he was raised by his stepmother, Velma (Dodds) Bowker. Dr. Bowker was educated in LeClaire schools, graduated from Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois with a Bachelor of Science degree. He then entered the University of Iowa School of Dentistry, where he earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. Following graduation, he served his country in the Navy, under the command of the Marine Corp., serving in Japan.

On September 10, 1960, he married Shirley Sinnett in Kansas City, Kansas.

Together they moved to Clinton and started his dental practice. After 38 years he retired due to bad health.

His greatest pleasure's were attending all University of Iowa games, playing golf, and taking pride in his backyard sanctuary, where at one time he had over one hundred rose bushes that he tended. He had a great sense of humor, and loved his family and friends. As his health failed, he enjoyed watching the birds in his backyard, waiting each spring for the return of the Hummingbirds and the Orioles, taking pleasure in putting out sugar water, oranges and grape jelly. The family still laughs about the time one of the Orioles appeared to have a broken wing. He took it to the veterinarian, only to find out the bird just needed a bath as it's wing was caked with grape jelly.

Dr. Bowker was a fifty-year member of the Iowa Dental Association and the I Club. He was a member of LeClaire American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley, sons, Gregory of Grand Island, Neb. and Kevin of



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Des Moines, three grandchildren, a brother, Kenneth (Lea) of Argo, IA and many close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Clinton, or Clinton Mercy Hospice. On line condolences may be left by visiting www.snellzornig.com



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BP

Bob And Jackie Phinney posted:

Shirley, dear, Bob and I are so sorry about Gene's death. We are unable to make the funeral tomorrow morning, but want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Fondly, Jackie

January 23 at 7:00 PM

SP

Steve & Louise Peasley posted:

Shirley, I looked on the Clinton Herald website for "Doc's" obituary and was disappointed that I couldn't view his photo. Then I was so very pleased to see Doc's smiling face on the Snell-Zornig website! It's the way I remember him, so vibrant and fun! He had the advantage and could tell a joke while we had our mouths full of instruments! We couldn't respond except to laugh, and it always seemed to be timed right so there was no danger of hurting us! I'm smiling now! I am sorry we cannot be there on Tuesday, but know that our thoughts and prayers are there with you, Greg and Kevin. I know that Kathy will extend our condolences for us. We both have fond memories of "Doc" from when he was our caring and excellent dentist. Being Kathy's sister, she could call us when there was a cancellation and we'd fill the opening. Steve still tells others to this day that he NEVER felt the needle when Doc gave him a shot of novocaine. Our boys were never hesitant about going for a cleaning because neither had cavities until their late teens. When he checked them, it helped that Doc was such a delightful person. In my case, I was in his chair often. Doc always cared about how my teeth looked, no matter how many fillings I had, and made sure that my crowns were the right color. My partial is admired by my current dentist as "Fine fitting and workmanship" now, 25 years later! More than a great dentist, he was very pleasant and had a great sense of humor. He'll be missed by many of his previous patients, who were made to feel like friends!

January 23 at 7:00 PM

MD

Ms. Robert Dodds posted:

Dear Shirley and Family, My sincere sympathy to you. Many fond memories of wonderful family reunions, and other gatherings. Best wishes to all of you thru this difficult time. With the help of our Heavenly Father and family there is strength to caring on. Love from our family. Bette

January 23 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eugene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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