



Dee Umberson

December 2, 1920 - November 24, 2011

The very kind and loving heart of Dee Alton Umberson stopped on November 24, 2011 after almost 91 years of a full life and 61 one years of happy marriage.

Dee was born in Lockney, Texas on December 2, 1920, the only child of Ercel and Alma Umberson. As a young boy, Dee's family spent a year living in Hot Springs, NM, igniting a love in Dee's heart for the Land of Enchantment. After high school, he enlisted in the Army Air Corp, serving in Greenland as a Radio Control Tower operator. After the war, he returned home to Dimmitt, Texas, where he met and married a brown-eyed girl named Nona Bradley. Within a few years, Dee and Nona had two little girls and had moved to Alamogordo, NM. Dee began a career as a civilian supporting Air Force electronics programs ranging from rockets to test sleds to fighter aircraft. He retired from Holloman Air Force Base after 27 years of service. Dee and Nona moved to Roswell in 2000.

Dee had life-long interest in photography, gardening, cactus, and all native New Mexico plants. He made countless friends through the years sharing his enjoyment and knowledge of plants and cactus. His expertise in cactus was widely recognized.

Dee is survived by his wife of 61 years, Nona. The couple has two daughters. Dee Ann Kasik and her husband Jim live in Albuquerque and have two sons, Andrew and Shawn. Dana Adair and her husband Rod live in Roswell and have a daughter, Lauren, and a son, Ian.

A service celebrating Dee's life will be held on Monday, November 28, at 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Roswell. Dee will be buried with full military honors at the Santa Fe National Cemetery on Tuesday, November 29, at 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations made to the Cowbelle Scholarship Fund at First United Methodist Church of Roswell, NM or to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dee Umberson*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Dear Nona, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember fondly visits to your home in Cottonwood Canyon where Dee would share information about his cacti and other plants as well as stories about your lives together.*

I hope that you and your family have a peaceful holiday season.

Yours sincerely, Linda Barker Lincoln NF Botanist, retired

Linda Barker - December 21, 2011 at 12:46 AM



“ *Nono.....I so often thought of you and Dee, and our friendship during the La Luz Cottonwood Canyon days for both of us. So honored to have known Dee and what a great man he was. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God bless you in your loss.*

Jonette Goodwin - November 29, 2011 at 10:42 AM



“ *Nona, I was very sorry to read about Dee's passing. Have'nt seen you or Dee in many years but have always considered you as the best of friends. You have my continuing love and deepest sympathy.*
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Chuck Rodgers - November 28, 2011 at 12:13 PM

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“ Dear Nona, What wonderfully fond memories I have of you and Dee during all those years in Alamogordo! My heart hurts for you,my friend, but rejoice that Dee,as a man of Faith, has just gone to claim the ultimate promise and will be waiting on the other side. God is faithful especially when he says "I will never leave you." My sympathy to you and the girls. Lovingly, Helen

Helen Menefee - November 27, 2011 at 04:58 PM

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“ Nona - We think of you two often and of our friendship when you two lived in Otero County. We have wondered often how you were - so it was with a shock opening up today's local paper. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time!!!

Zollie & Mildred Evaskovich - November 27, 2011 at 11:53 AM