

Ponder Funeral Home

James Paul Dambach

(September 21, 1926 - November 21, 2015)

James Paul (Jimmy) Dambach – born September 21, 1926 to Ben and Sophia Siemers Dambach at Fornfelt, Missouri (now Scott City).

He attended Fornfelt schools and graduated in 1944 before enrolling in SEMO State University. He served for two years in the Army Air Corp.

including one year in the occupation forces in Japan before returning home to SEMO State where he graduated in 1949.

He was married to Betty Joyce Simpson on June 8, 1951 to whom he has been married 64 years. They have three sons - Mike (Kim) of St. Louis, Grant of Fenton, MO, and Tim of Lilbourn. They have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Jimmy was engaged in the insurance business for 62 years of which 61 of them were spent in Lilbourn where he was joined in the business by his son Tim. He achieved the designation as Certified Insurance Counselor in 1979 and served two years as a Director on the Board of the MO Association of Insurance Agents. He served for six years as Chairman of the State Association's Education Committee.

He was active for 20 years in Lilbourn City Government , four of which he served as Mayor. He received special recognition from the Missouri Municipal League for his service as Mayor.

As an active Kiwanian for 40 years, he served his club as President for three separate terms. He was Division Lt. Governor in 1977-78. In 1979 he was recognized as Lilbourn's Man of the Year.

Jimmy pitched Minor League baseball in 1948 and 1949 and continued to play semi-pro baseball for a number of years. He was inducted in to Scott City's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1978 and the Southeast Missouri Baseball Hall of Fame in 1980. He was an organizer of the Lilbourn Youth Baseball program and managed the Little League Travel team for 10 years. He served as several years as the first Commissioner of the New Madrid County Youth Baseball program. He officiated area High School baseball and basketball for several years.

Very active in the Lilbourn United Methodist Church, he served as the Chairman of the Official Board, was a 60 year member of the choir, and served as Church Treasurer for 25+ years. He was also a member of New Madrid County Memorial VFW post 7183.

Friends may call Tuesday at Ponder Funeral Home from 12:00 until time of services at 2:00, Rev. Eric Mattson, pastor of Lilbourn United Methodist church will officiate. Interment will follow in the Mounds Park Cemetery at Lilbourn with full Military Honors.



Memorial Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital Box
1000 Dept. 142 Memphis TN. 38101 or Shriner's Crippled Children's
Hospital 4400 Clayton Ave. St. Louis Mo. 63110.