



## Edsel Udell Massey

December 12, 1929 - December 31, 2013

Edsel Udell Massey, 84, of Bowling Green, passed away at his home on Tuesday, December 31, 2013. Mr. Massey was born in Sorento, Illinois on December 12, 1929, moving to Hardee County from Illinois in December 1969. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bowling Green, and had been employed as a laborer with the City of Bowling Green.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah Ellen Massey Gwynn.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine Massey of Bowling Green; three sons, Leslie Udell Massey of Gillespie, Illinois, Leonard Ray Massey of Staunton, Illinois, and John Carl Kovac of Bowling Green; five daughters, Mary Kovac Brown of Orlando, Susan Kovac Henegar of Ocala, Brenda Kovac DePriest of Inverness, Sandra Massey Flores of Wauchula, and Nichole Lynn Massey of Brandon; two brothers, Clifford Massey of Sorrento, and Ronald Massey of Highland, Illinois; four sisters, Doris Long of Greenville, Illinois, Marilyn Ayers of Greenville, Illinois, Jackyln Paine of Champaign, Illinois, and Sandra Richardson of Urbana, Illinois; 27 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Bowling Green on Saturday, January 4, 2014 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., followed by funeral services at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Amy Harper is officiating. Interment is in Bowling Green Cemetery.



# Cemetery Details

## Bowling Green Cemetery

Bowling Green, FL 33834

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Bowling Green  
4910 N. Church Ave.  
Bowling Green, FL 33834

## Funeral Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time . Mr. Edsel was a wonderful, kind hearted man and he will be missed . Brenda Roberts*

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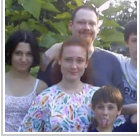
**Brenda** - January 08, 2014 at 09:55 PM

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“ *Grampa was always smiling when I saw him - just like in this picture. I think that's the memory that stands out the most for me. He seemed like a very happy man. He used to pick on all of us grandkids with his dentures. It seems as if he'd been counting down the years until he got fake teeth, just because it was going to be so much fun. It became his signature I think. He was a very sweet and good hearted man with more patients than I ever really understood as a kid, and him & grandma made a great team. As a little girl, I always thought my Poppa looked a bit like a Smurf, because his face just lit up in the sweetest way when he smiled, and I just thought he was so cute when he was laughing. In my mind. He was some unknown character that had yet to be discovered - but was really the most interesting one in the lot. I didn't get to spend a lot of time with my Poppa growing up, but I've remembered his kindness throughout all of these years. His sweet smile and gentle laugh will always be a small video playing in my mind. It was because of him that I realized I liked making people laugh. From the first time I got a sweet raspy chuckle out of him, I remember trying very hard to get another & another. The best word I can think of to describe my Grampa is: Cheerful. He had a wonderful sense of joy about him & beautiful blue eyes that sparkled with mischief. It is what I remember him for and the way I will always see him in my mind. He was beautiful in his humanity and I loved him very much.*

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**Katherine Michelle (Kovac) Hilton** - January 04, 2014 at 10:33 AM



“ *When I was a little tiny girl I came to visit grandma and grandpa I don't remember how old I was .. but PopPop saw me outside and said Hi and showed me he could take out his teeth... and stuck his teeth out at me ... I was amazed and started trying to figure out how he was taking them out by trying to mimic him. After a few minutes I ran inside and told my momma how Poppop could take out his teeth. And proceeded to try again, and just couldn't do it. Everyone thought it was hilarious, but this is one of my first memories of him. though I am sure there are others I was very little and its hard to keep those early memories in order. I miss those times and having that amazement with him.*



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**Amber Mizelle** - January 03, 2014 at 08:14 PM



“ *Jennifer Massey lit a candle in memory of Edsel Udell Massey*



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**Jennifer Massey** - January 03, 2014 at 07:14 PM



“ *Kathleen Massey lit a candle in memory of Edsel Udell Massey*



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**kathleen massey** - January 03, 2014 at 01:42 PM

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“ *Lisa Bolin lit a candle in memory of Edsel Udell Massey*



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**Lisa Bolin** - January 02, 2014 at 02:51 PM