

In Loving Memory Of

Dr. A.A. "Doc" Buechler

August 3, 1920

Bowdle, South Dakota

April 30, 2012

Gettysburg, South Dakota

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.*

*My help cometh from the Lord,
which made heaven and earth.*

*The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord
is thy shade upon thy right hand.*

*The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
He shall preserve thy soul.*

*The Lord shall preserve thy going out
and thy coming in from this time
forth, and even for evermore.*

Psalm 121

Everyone is invited to join the family following burial at the
American Legion Annex for a reception.



Gettysburg, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Friday, May 4, 2012

Emmanuel Lutheran Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "Beautiful Savior"

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 5, 2012

Emmanuel Lutheran Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Rev. Daniel Tews

CASKETBEARERS:

Ryan VanBockel

Seth Utecht

Dustin Anderson

Bill Wuttke

Ron Guthmiller

Don Trefz

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

South Dakota Dental Association, Delta Dental,
Buechler Dental Office Staff

USHERS: Monty Harer, Florian Drexler, & John Lake

ORGANIST: Norma Harer

VOCALIST: Sarah Sue Tanner, Lori Harer & Todd Mangin
"In The Garden"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS: "How Great Thou Art" "Amazing Grace"

INTERMENT:

Gettysburg Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

Alvin Arthur Buechler was born August 3, 1920 to John B. and Mary (Eisenbiesz) Buechler in Bowdle, SD. He graduated from Bowdle High School in 1938.

Doc served in the US Navy from 1942-1946, serving in the Pacific.

In August 1947, he married Alita Guthmiller of Roscoe. They made their home in Gettysburg where they raised their three children.

Doc attended the University of South Dakota for two years in pre-dentistry and in 1951 he graduated from University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. In July of that same year he opened his dental practice in Gettysburg, serving patients from the surrounding area until his retirement in 1997. Together, Doc and his son, Dr. Steve operated a satellite practice in Onida from 1979-1997. Doc was very active in the dentistry profession; he was a life member of the American Dental Association and South Dakota Dental Association serving as president in 1967. He also belonged to Les Curtis Study Club, International College of Dentistry, Pierre Fauchard Academy, ADA Commission on Relief, ADA delegate, and was a past member of the Board of Directors of Delta Dental of South Dakota.

He was also very active in community activities. He was a life member of Ralph Leui Post #135 and served as Post commander, Past District 10 Commander, and Americanism Officer. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, serving on the church council for many years. He was active in Rotary, VFW, Chamber of Commerce, Gettysburg Country Club, Past Scout Master Troop 69, Chairman Gettysburg Centennial Celebration 1983, Mayor of Gettysburg, Gettysburg Board of Education for 16 years, State Library Commission and a member of Gettysburg Memorial Hospital Board and Oahe Manor Nursing Home Board.

Awards and Honors included South Dakota Hall of Fame, Silver Beaver Award from Boy Scouts of America, Gettysburg Jaycees Boss of the Year 1966, Outstanding School Board Member of South Dakota in 1973, Citizen of the Year 1981, Honored Guest South Dakota Dental Association in 1984, and American Legion Award for his contribution to the High School Oratory Contest.

Doc is survived by his wife Alita, Gettysburg; his children: Sue (Neil) VanBockel, Bloomington, MN, Dr. Steve Buechler, Gettysburg, SD, and Dr. Lynn (Mark) Utecht, Virginia Beach, VA; grandchildren: Courtney (Dustin) Anderson, Ryan Van Bockel, Seth (Maria) Utecht and Maggie Utecht; one brother, Roland (Bonnie) Buechler, Belle Vista, AK and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

In Remembrance of

Dr. A.A. "Doc" Buechler



*"But God shows his love for us in that:
While we were still sinners, Christ died
for us" Romans 5:8*