

## DONALD L. DOWDY

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Donald L. Dowdy, 79, of Ashville, passed away Feb. 5, 2012, at OSU Medical Center surrounded by his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ellis Morton Dowdy and Thelma Lucille (Horton) Dowdy; and daughter-in-law, Cindy Dowdy.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra (Lucas) Dowdy; and his children, Michael (Cathy) Dowdy, Daniel (Wendy) Dowdy, Chuck (Karen) Claypoole and Wendy (Peter) Burmester; grandchildren, Danielle, Ryan, Peter, Nate and Christian. He is also survived by a very special cousin, Roy (Wanda) Horton; and special friends, Mike and Doreen Vaughan.

Mr. Dowdy was born Sept. 26, 1932, in Sciotoville, and grew up in South Shore (Fullerton), Ky., where he graduated from McKell High School. Following high school, he enlisted in the US Navy in which he served four years from 1952 to 1956.

After his honourable discharge, he attended Eastern Kentucky University earning his B.A degree and went on to receive his Master's Degree in Education from Xavier University in Cincinnati.

He had a long, successful career in many Ohio school districts. He served as superintendent of schools in three different counties and came to Pickaway County in 1980. He retired as Pickaway County Superintendent of Schools in November, 1997.

He was president of the Ohio County Superintendent's Association and member and officer of many other educational organizations. In 1980, Mr. Dowdy joined the local Sertoma Club. He quickly became active in the local and international organization, serving in many leadership positions including the prestigious position of International President.

Throughout his lifetime Don dedicated his time to serving his community in numerous civic organizations. His greatest joy was the time spent with his wife, children and grandchildren and the family trips to the ocean. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012, at the Wellman Funeral Home, Circleville. Burial will be in Floral Hills Memory Gardens. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Circleville Sertoma Club, 150 W. Main St., Circleville, OH 43113.

Online condolences can be made to [wellmanfuneralhomes.com](http://wellmanfuneralhomes.com).