



## Max Autrey

November 17, 1928 - May 14, 2010

Max Autrey, 81, of Des Moines, Iowa formerly of Newberry died Friday May 14, 2010 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Born November 17, 1928 in Greene County, Indiana he was the son of William and Lillian (Frey) Autrey. He was a retired Professor at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa and an Air Force Veteran.

Surviving relatives include two brothers Ray Autrey of Bloomfield and Bill Autrey of Lebanon, Indiana. One sister Martha Helms of Bloomfield and several nieces and nephews.

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

By his wishes he will be cremated, there will be no services. Arrangements by Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Online condolences are available at [www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“*“Act well your part, for there all honor lies.” So wrote the 18th century poet Alexander Pope. And so lived Dr. Max Autrey, my colleague and best friend for over 20 years at Drake University. As a professor and teacher, Max was a keen observer of life around him and stood ever ready to enrich that life. He leaves us with the words and thoughts of one of his favorite hymns, “Precious Memories.”*”

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**Wilton (Bill) Eckley** - June 04, 2010 at 11:01 AM

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“*Max was one of my favorite teachers at Drake, and the favorite of many of my friends as well. I still tell stories about his classes and his skills as a teacher and his sly sense of humor. He will be missed.*”

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**Eric Coleman** - May 28, 2010 at 11:50 AM

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“*Dear Dear Max  
You were my mentor, my advisor on my dissertation, my friend all during graduate school as you shared your passion for literature....and what a passion it was, whether it was 18th century poets or 19th century novelists. I would not be the teacher I am today if not for your humor, your intellect, and your compassionate heart. Every day that I teach literature, you are alive in my heart and mind. I will miss you so much.  
And to your brothers and sister, I am so sorry for your loss. He talked to me about his family many times in our talks. He was such a dear man.*”

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**Ms. Dale Norris** - May 26, 2010 at 05:36 PM

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“ *Max you will be missed*

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**kerry autrey** - May 20, 2010 at 09:35 PM

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“ *you and your family are in my prayers, hope that you will lean on God for hope in the days to come. Max was always so nice i remember when he would come home and he and Emma went to go get peaches. Emma always looked forward to visits from Max and he always had a story or two to share.*

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**Kim Leigh** - May 17, 2010 at 04:07 PM