

## **Jack Edward Holt**

Jack Edward Holt loved the town of Hinton, serving it as a magistrate, State Legislature in the House of Delegates for five terms, and as a devoted husband and father. Married to Enola, a dedicated nurse at the Hinton Hospital, they had two children, Jack and Donna.

Born in Mt. Hope, WV, Jack and his three brothers joined the military to fight in WWII. Jack served on several naval ships during the war, and was serving on the USS Meredith until the ship was destroyed during battle in 1944. He returned to service after recovering, completed his service in 1947, and received five battle stars for his service.

Moving to Hinton in the late 40's, Jack began working on the railroad. He became a member of the First Baptist Church, Hinton Masonic Lodge, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, United Transportation Union, Hinton Elks Lodge and the VFW Post 4500.

Although serving his country and community were very important to Jack, his devotion to the youth of Hinton truly defined him. Whether it was coaching baseball, providing shelter to a needy child, or having the home where the kids congregated to hang out and enjoy a game of pool, repair trains, or watch TV, they always gave selflessly.

After the death of his wife at age 46, Jack was remarried to Kathryn Abbott of Beckley. Tragically Jack died at age 60, and was unable to serve out his 6<sup>th</sup> election to the House of Delegates. "Katie" remains in the family home and is a vital and popular citizen in the town.

Jack leaves behind a legacy of giving to his hometown, serving his country and caring for his family.

**Jack Edward Holt We Salute You!**

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