

James Ervin “Jimmy” Meadows

March 27, 1916 – March 25, 1974

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Delegate James Ervin Meadows, 57, a first term Republican from Summers County, died at 4:45a.m. Monday in a Hinton hospital after being admitted Sunday night.

Meadows, who operated the E.M. Meadows Funeral Home here, had been in ill health about a year but attended the recently concluded 60-day session in Charleston.

He was serving his first two year term and was a member of committees on political sub-divisions, roads and transportation and state and federal affairs.

Meadows was a member of First Baptist Church, Men’s Bible Class, Hinton Masonic Lodge, Order of Eastern Star, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Hinton Volunteer Fire Department and West Virginia Funeral Directors Association. He also was a veteran of World War II.

He attended West Virginias University and was graduated from the Cincinnati College of Embalming.

Born at Hinton, March 27, 1916, Meadows was the son of Ervin Miller Meadows and Mary Alice Matteson Meadows.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Carol Eubank Meadows, a son Steven Meadows of Hinton, one daughter, Mrs. Lynn Gwinn of Hinton and two grandchildren.

Another son, Thomas, 18, was killed last year in a highway accident on U.S. 50 in Preston County.

Meadows purchased the E.M. Meadows Funeral Home in 1940. He started in the funeral home business at the age of 18.

His funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with the Revs. D. D. Ewell and Charles Dameron in charge. Burial will be in the Greenbrier Burial Park.

Friends may call at E.M. Meadows Funeral Home after 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The body will be taken to the church one hour before the funeral.