

# Milton Lenwood "Nookie" Arrington

November 27, 1913 – May 25, 1994

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## Prominent Hinton Businessman "Nookie" Arrington Dies

One of the largest funerals conducted in Hinton took place Saturday afternoon when nearly 200 gathered at the First Christian Church, in Hinton, to pay their final respects to a man that spent his entire adult life helping others. Over 800 signed the guest register the night before.

Milton L. "Nookie" Arrington, of 622 Nelson St., died on his way to a Durham, N. C. hospital at 2:15 p.m., Wednesday, May 25. He was 80. Although his health was failing, he had been sick only a short time.

Mr. Arrington was a manly man that "never knew a stranger," Eddie Via reminded the congregation that had gathered in the church. He had a personal code that everyone could identify with, "a friend to everyone, who lived his life in deeds and not words, a man who gave love and kindness and goodness."

Mr. Arrington was a lifelong resident of Hinton, born Nov. 27, 1913, the son of the late William H. and Rosa Jane Winall Arrington. He was president and chairman of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Hinton and was former president and manager of the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors and Meadows Furniture Company.

He was a 1935 graduate of the Cincinnati College of Embalming, a member of the National Funeral Directors Association, member of the

W. Va. Funeral Directors Association and past president of the Greenbrier Valley Funeral Directors Association.

He was a member of the First Christian Church, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of the Hinton Masonic Lodge No. 62, the Beni Kedem Shrine of Charleston, past worthy patron of the Eastern Star, member of the Hinton Moose Lodge and member and past exalted ruler of the Hinton Elks Lodge.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Robert Arrington; a sister, Evelyn Frances Arrington.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Mildred Grimmert Arrington; a nephew, whom he reared, James E. "Wootie" Beasley, of Hinton; a niece, Betty Jane Angell of Hinton, and several great nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sat. May 28 at the First Christian Church of Hinton with Pastors Eddie Via, Elmo Alderman and Robert Moore officiating. Entombment followed in the Greenbrier Burial Park Mausoleum, Hinton.

Friends called on Fri. May 27 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors, Hinton and at 1 p.m. Sat. May 28 at the church.

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Donations of sympathy may be made to the First Christian Church of Hinton.

Pallbearers were Buzz Hellems, Donnie Reed, Richard Eckle, Jim Dillon, Jim Bob Lilly, Tom Clinebell, Lin Goins, Bill Keaton and Rick Blevins.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Hinton.

Arrangements by Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors, Hinton.