

## **Dr. Tommy Joe Hellems**

**February 6, 1930 – December 9, 2009**

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Dr. T.J. Hellems, 79, of Charles Town, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, after an extended illness.

Tommy was born in Hinton on Feb. 6, 1930. He was the son of Billy Joe and Twila Krise Hellems.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jewell Hellems, of 49 years; sons, Gregory and partner, Bill, of Dayton, Ohio and Brian and wife, Dana, of Gainesville, Va.; and daughter, Kimberly and husband, Duane, of Louisville, Ky.

He was a devoted grandfather to three grandsons, Hayden, Dylan and Nate.

Two sisters also survive him, Nancy Taylor, of Dover, Del., and Sandra Clark, of Pearisburg, Va.; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Tom practiced dentistry for 31 years in Springfield, Va. He was a graduate of West Virginia University Dental School and a member of the American Dental Society. Tommy also spent four years in the U.S. Air Force, serving in Korea.

He was a Gideon Brother and a member of the Fellowship Bible Church.

Visitors are welcome from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at the Strider Funeral Home.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Fellowship Bible Church at Shenandoah Junction, with Pastor Van Marsceau officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 700 5th Ave., Floor 4, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-3017 or Fellowship Bible Church, 160 Daniel Road, Shenandoah Junction, WV 25442.

Interment will be held at 12 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2009, at the Restwood Memorial Park, Summers County. E-mail condolences to [info@mtstrider.com](mailto:info@mtstrider.com).