



Billy Joe Edwards
January 7, 1928 – August 5, 2017
(From Pivont Funeral Home – August 2017)

Billy Joe Edwards of True, left his earthly home for his heavenly home on August 5, 2017 at the age of 89.

Billy Joe was born at True, WV on January 7, 1928, a son of the late Edd and Bertha McGraw Edwards.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Ilene Cleo Epperly Edwards; brothers, Ethiel and Bee Edwards; sister, Mary Sue Hopkins; sons-in-law, Gary Sheneman and Wallace McGraw.

Billy Joe is survived by his wife, Geraldine Houchins Edwards; daughters, Joan Sheneman, Shirley Conner and Bobbie McGraw; grandchildren, Michelle Bowling, Shawn Conner, Rick Sheneman, Scott McGraw, Joel McGraw and Renae Willis; twelve great grandchildren also survive, along with several nieces and nephews.

Billy Joe was a graduate of Hinton High School and Concord College. He retired as Yardmaster from CSX Transportation Corporation in Hinton and also retired from teaching from the Summers County Board of Education. Billy Joe was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He was involved and active in many civic duties in Summers and surrounding counties. He served on the boards of the Region One Planning and Development Council and the Council on Aging, Summers County Farm Bureau and the New River Area Farm Service Agency, as well as treasurer of the Summers County Historical Society. Billy Joe was a former Summers County Commissioner and a member of the Retired School Employees, the retired Veteran Railway Employees and the Hinton Kiwanis Club. His fraternal

endeavors included being a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Masonic Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter of Masons, Knights Commandery of Masons, Beni-Kedem Masonic Shrine and the Athens Chapter No. 33 of Order of Eastern Star. He also was a lifelong farmer as long as his health permitted and was a member of James Chapel Methodist Church at True.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday August 10, 2017 at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton with Rev. Devin Olachea officiating. Burial with Masonic Graveside Rites will follow in Restwood Memorial Gardens in Hinton. Friends may call from 6 until 9 p.m. Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Members of the Hinton Masonic Lodge will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be grandsons, C.W. Hopkins and Eddie Hopkins.

In lieu of flowers, at Billy Joe's request, memorial contributions may be made to James Chapel Methodist Church Building Fund, HC 78, Box 13, Hinton, WV 25951.