

Marie Tallman Maddy

Marie was born in Hinton on March 4, 1916 to Charles F. and Clara Honaker Tallman, the oldest of six children. She attended schools in Hinton and Talcott, graduating from the latter in 1934. She also graduated from the Huntington Beauty School and worked as a hairdresser for a brief period of time. Later in life, she became a businesswoman and was co-owner of The Sewing Basket in Hinton.

Marie married Irvin S. Maddy in 1938 and became a housewife and mother raising two young boys. She was very active with Cub Scouts, Little League, and other youth groups.

She was an accomplished seamstress. She made most of her own clothing and was always a sharp dressed lady. She made her husband's sports coats and he too always looked very sharp. Her sons, grandchildren and many nieces and nephews were blessed with items of clothing that her talented hands made for them. Prom dresses, Easter clothing, costumes, etc. - she could and would make it, with love!

A life-long member of the Central Baptist Church, Marie taught Sunday School and for many years was over the nursery where she especially loved to be with the little ones. She worked many hours in the church including working with Bible School and with Church dinners, cooking and serving as long as her health permitted.

She was also active in the Summers County ARH Hospital Auxiliary. She joined in 1972 and became President in 1978. She served 18 terms as President. In her early years as a volunteer, she averaged 500 hours per year. She also headed up many fund-raising projects on behalf of the hospital and for projects adopted by the Auxiliary. They raised money to purchase many pieces of equipment for the hospital. She was instrumental in starting the Sunshine Project for the Nursing Home section of the hospital. This project allowed space to be built that allowed the residents of the nursing home to get outside in the sunshine and fresh air. Once she was honored as the South Eastern District Auxilian of the year as there was no local volunteer awards at that time. The Summers County Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH) Hospital was due to be closed in July 1990 because there was no sprinkler system. Marie immediately began fund raising efforts to purchase the

system. There were daily bake sales at the hospital, yard sales and many other fund raising events. Marie even donated her grandmother's china to be auctioned. Additionally, letters were written to everyone the auxiliary members knew - just to name a couple of ideas she had. Due to her untiring efforts, funds for the sprinkler system were met and the hospital was saved from being closed. Marie was named Auxilian of the Year for all ARH Hospitals in the late 1990s. She became a resident of the Summers County Nursing Home on the third floor of the hospital in 2008 and continued to attend auxiliary meetings.

Marie died January 20, 2013 at the age of 96.

After her death, the Auxiliary planted a flower garden at the hospital in her memory. A lovely statue of an angel stands in the garden at the entrance to the hospital. At the hospital's National Volunteer Appreciation Week in 2013 shortly after Marie's death, the hospital recognized her with these words "All of us at Summers County ARH will greatly miss Marie Maddy, but will be forever reminded of her by the "flowers" that have sprung from her dedication to the hospital and the community".

Marie Tallman Maddy We Salute You!



Marie and Irvin Maddy
1939



Marie Tallman Maddy
2000



Marie Tallman Maddy



1921



Marie about 1950