

Ethiel Zebrum Edwards

July 15, 1919 – September 14, 2003

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ETHIEL Z. EDWARDS

Ethiel Z. Edwards, 84, of True, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003, in Summers County ARH Hospital in Hinton.

Born July 15, 1919, at True, he was the son of the late Edd T. and Bertha McGraw Edwards.

He was a 1937 graduate of Hinton High School and a graduate of Booths Business College in Huntington. He was drafted into the U.S. Army for one year training in 1940; it was automatically extended when the United States entered into World War II. He served with the 150th infantry as a first sergeant and earned many military honors, including battle stars awarded through the European conflict and was honorably discharged in 1945.

Ethiel retired from the wholesale grocery business in Detroit, Mich., in 1970 and he and his wife, Dolly, returned to Summers County to enjoy family, friends and neighbors of their homeland.

After returning to Summers County, he renewed old friendships by taking census, serving on the Summers County Hospital board of directors. He was active and served as secretary for the Summers County Farm Bureau for many years. He was an active member of the James Chapel Methodist Church at True and served as church trustee.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Brookie Mead Edwards; one son, Gregory Lee Edwards; one sister, Mary Sue Hopkins; a foster sister, June McGraw Albert; and one brother, Lee Edwards, on March 14, 2003.

Survivors include his wife, Dolly Farley Hurst Edwards; a grandson, Jeffrey Edwards and wife, Dana, of California; step-daughter, Sandra Hurst Crews and husband, Homer, of Beckley; two step sons, Jerry Hurst and wife, Judy, of Williamstown and Larry Farley and wife, Ruth, of North Lawrence, Ohio; one brother, Billy Joe Edwards and wife, Geraldine, of True. Three great grandchildren, nine step grandchildren and 12 step-great grandchildren also survive.

Service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel, Hinton with Pastor Carl Edwards and the Rev. Tommy Mounts officiating. Burial will be in Restwood Memorial Gardens in Hinton.

Friends called from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, September 15th. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Matthew Crews, Bryan Hurst, Eddie and C.W. Hopkins, and Cotton and Buster Edwards.

Arrangements by Pivont Funeral Home, Hinton.