



Colby Sawyers "Jack" Weaver, Jr

January 31, 1923– February 12, 2009

(From Pivont Funeral Home – February 2009)

Colby Sawyers "Jack" Weaver, Jr., 86 of Daniels, formerly of Hinton died Thursday February 12, 2009 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Beckley following a long illness.

Born January 31, 1923 at Buck, WV he was the son of the late Colby S. Weaver, Sr. & Sadie Walthall Weaver.

Jack was blessed with a beautiful voice and began singing at a young age. He entertained at church services, revivals, funerals and weddings throughout West Virginia. Jack was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Hinton, where he also served as a Deacon.

He graduated from Hinton High School in June 1941. In the family tradition, he was employed by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company and served as Secretary of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. In 1943, he joined the U.S. Army and in 1944-45, he was in the Ninth Army Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron in Germany, Holland & Belgium. He served under General Patton in the "Battle of the Bulge" and the battles of Central Europe & the Rhineland. He received wounds in World War II combat near Minden, Germany. As a result of these injuries that culminated in a lifetime disability, he was awarded two purple hearts.

From 1955 to 1959, he operated Jack's restaurant in Hinton, a popular place where his family and close friends congregated. Jack was the co-founder and charter member of the Hinton Bobcat Booster Club.

His interest in politics began soon after he returned from World War II. He worked for the Summers County Republican Party as a precinct captain. He served as the first Executive Secretary of the West Virginia Republican State Committee in 1960. He was appointed the State Chairman of the West Virginia Republican Party in 1961-62. In 1964, he managed the gubernatorial campaign for Governor Cecil Underwood.

In 1963, Jack was the regional sales manager of Midwest Steel Company in Charleston, WV and also St. Louis, MO in 1966. He held several positions with L.B. Foster Steel Company as the Regional Sales Representative in St. Louis, MO and Houston, TX, and retired due to a serious illness in 1968 as a Vice-President in Chicago, IL. In 2003, Jack was awarded the inaugural West Virginia Republican Party Eagle Award for outstanding, lifelong service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Colby S. Weaver, Sr. & Sadie Weaver, and by a sister, Irene Osborne.

Jack is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Frances "Peggy" Hedrick Weaver. Three daughters, Susan Hastings & husband Michael of Daniels, WV, Dr. Sarah Colby Weaver of Auburn, AL and Cecelia Weaver of Orlando, FL. Two granddaughters, Jacqueline Brown & husband Dave and Michelle Hastings. Two great-grandchildren, David & Chase Brown.

A celebration service of Jack's life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday February 14, 2009 at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton with Revs. Donald "Doc" Adkins, Adrian Pratt & Ronald Cobb officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery at Ballengee, WV. Friends may gather from 12:00 noon until time of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Family & friends will serve as pallbearers.

The family appreciates the dedicated, compassionate staff & Drs. Rohiniben Patel & Krishnarao Tummala of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Beckley, WV