



Westfall, Watson

April 15, 2009

Westfall, Raymond Watson, 89, died April 15, 2009 in Wetzel County Hospital. He was born August 23, 1919, the son of the late Alfred E. and Agnes Williams Westfall, but raised by foster parents, the late Frank and Ada Cook of Maud, W.Va.

He was one of the last surviving members of the Magnolia High School Class of 1936. He was a World War II veteran. He was retired from the New Martinsville Post Office, where he assisted customers for many years at the front window. He was very active in the First Church of God in New Martinsville, serving on various boards and committees and teaching a Sunday school class for many years. He was also on the board of the Craig's Chapel Cemetery Association and member of the Wetzel County Genealogy Society. He was known to his family as the walking encyclopedia and West Virginia's greatest ambassador. He loved the mountain state and often gave state maps to those unfamiliar with its beauty. He also loved the oil and gas industry, dabbling in the business as his avocation.

He was preceded in death by, in addition to his parents, an infant daughter, Nancy; a brother, Delbert Westfall; a half-brother, Harry Mercer; and a half-sister, Ina Mae Koster.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Doris Morgan Westfall of New Martinsville; a son, Daniel Westfall and wife Cathy of New Martinsville; four daughters, Karen Lancaster and husband Gary of Alvy, W.Va; Wilma Westfall and fianc? Tom McGlumphy of Folsom; Betsy Westfall of New Martinsville;

and Amy Witschey and husband Daniel of New Martinsville; five grandchildren, Randy Lancaster and wife Pam of Alma, W.Va., Jeff Lancaster and wife Chandra of Middlebourne, Vicki Sealey and husband Roger of Morgantown, W.Va., Amy Ann Holliday of New Martinsville, and Joellen Witschey of New Martinsville; seven great-grandchildren, Jessica Sealey and Johnathan, Jeremiah, Samuel, Nathaniel, Emily, and Jacob Lancaster; two sisters-in-law, Kathy Westfall of Dallas, Texas, and Ada Mercer of Kansas City, Mo.; and a loving church family.

Family will receive friends on Friday from noon to 8 p.m. at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the First Church of God, 255 Russell Avenue, New Martinsville, with Pastor Russ Whitener officiating.

Interment in Craig's Chapel Cemetery, old W.Va. 7, New Martinsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Church of God Building Fund, 255 Russell Avenue, New Martinsville, WV 26155.