

Robert B. Birdwell Obt.

GAINESBORO -- Funeral services for **Robert B. Birdwell**, 90, of the Antioch Community of Jackson County, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Upper Cumberland Funeral Home. Burial will be in Rash Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, and from 10 a.m. until time of services Thursday at the funeral home.

Mr. Birdwell died Monday, May 8, 2006, at his residence.

He was born Dec. 25, 1915, in Jackson County to the late Sewell and Pearlie Medlin Birdwell.

He was a farmer and a longtime elder of Antioch Church of Christ. Mr. Birdwell served in CC Camp during the 1930s. He was also a former county committeeman of the Farmers Home Administration. On April 17, 1937, **he married the former Maggie Burgess**, who died Sept. 17, 1998.

His family includes two sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby and Phyllis Birdwell of Cookeville and Jimmy and Ann Birdwell of Gainesboro; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Stella and Lindel Anthony of Mountain Home, Ark., Peggy and Charles Sullivan of Cookeville and Dorothy Jones of Gainesboro; a brother, Ermon C. Birdwell of Cookeville; three sisters, Ola V. Fox of Bloomington Springs, Nola Birdwell of Indiana and Ila Mae Anderson of Cookeville; nine grandchildren, Karen Lance and husband Donnie, Lisa Hartman and husband Jimmy, Michael Anthony, Robert Sullivan and wife Emily, Mike Birdwell and wife Diane, Susan Turk and husband Robert, Lee Birdwell and wife Joei, Amy Baker and husband Ron, and Kim Jones and husband Brandon; and 11 great-grandchildren, Daniel, Jeremy and Hannah Lance, Emma Grace Baker, Jessica and Alex Sullivan, Brawley Turk, Braden Jones, and Ashley, Jenna and Gage Anthony.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two infant sons; two brothers, Odes and William Birdwell; and a son-in-law, Kelley Jones.

Pallbearers will be grandsons.

Honorary pallbearers will be men of the Antioch Church of Christ and Drs. E.M. Dudney, Doug Dycus and Stacey Brewington.

Memorial donations may be made to Rash Cemetery by contacting the funeral home.

Bros. Johnny Fox and Kenneth Anderson will officiate the services.

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Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Birdwell was the s/o **John Harvey Birdwell Sr. & Martha Chaffin**. Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Birdwell md 1st November 1865, Jackson Co., TN, **Aletha L. "Litha" Billingsley**, md 2nd 4 March 1875, Jackson Co., TN, **Adlissa/Addlisa Wheeler**. **Jo Ab Birdwell** was the s/o Benjamin "Ben" Franklin Birdwell & Adlissa/Addlisa Wheeler. He married **Peggy Ann Chaffin**, d/o **Sewell Chaffin & Pear Fox**. They had a son named **William "Sewell" Birdwell** who md **Pearly Louvernina Medlin**. They had a son named **Robert B. Birdwell** who md **Maggie Burgess**, d/o **Jere Burgess & Celina Pippin**.

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