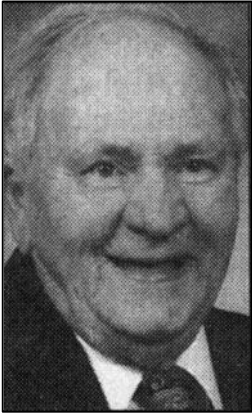


William "Bill" Edward Birdwell Obt.

b. 7 July 1925, Detroit, MI

d. 9 July 2005, Cookeville, TN

s/o John William Birdwell & Alma Stewart
md Mary Evelyn Davis



COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for William "Bill" Edward Birdwell, 80, of Cookeville will be held Tuesday, July 12, at 1 p.m. in the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner funeral home. Burial, with military honors, will follow in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home tonight, July 11, from 6-8 p.m.; and on Tuesday from 11 a.m. until time of services.

Mr. Birdwell died Saturday, July 9, 2005, at NHC of Cookeville.

He was born July 7, 1925, in Detroit, Mich., to the late John William and Alma Stewart Birdwell. He was orphaned at age 9 and was raised by William and Sophie Stewart and later by Edna and Rufus Barlow.

Mr. Birdwell was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 135. He was a member of Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ. He was a former member of Willow Avenue Church of Christ, where he served as deacon for more than 20 years.

He worked as a welder with Dodge Automotive in Detroit and was a retired welder with the Putnam County Highway Department. Following his retirement, he worked a number of years for the Herald-Citizen newspaper.

His family includes his wife of more than 53 years, Mary Davis Birdwell (whom he married Dec. 21, 1951, in Sparta); a son, Dr. Michael E. Birdwell of Cookeville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Diane and Larry Ragland of Disputanta, Va., and Brenda Birdwell of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; three grandchildren, Hillary Getsey, Vanessa Ragland and Brian Smight; and a great-grandson, Thomas Getsey.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Louise Cristodero and Mary Ruth Myers.

Honorary pallbearers will be Copeland Jared, Bill Shuster and the staff at the Herald-Citizen.

Active pallbearers will be Fred Barlow, Bill Smith, Charlie Phillips, Matt Getsey, John Drake and Don Wagnon.

Bro. Glen McDoniel, Dr. Michael E. Birdwell and Larry Ragland will officiate the services.

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DAVIS, Mary Evelyn [aka: Mary Evelyn David /BIRDWELL/]

b. Private

Family:

Spouse: **BIRDWELL, Billie Edward**

b. Private

Parents:

Father: BIRDWELL, John William

Mother: STEWART, Alma Lee

Children:

BIRDWELL, Diane

b. Private

BIRDWELL, Mike

b. Private

BIRDWELL, Brenda

b. Private

BIRDWELL, John William

b. ABT 1902 Jackson Co., Tennessee

Parents:

Father: BIRDWELL, Joseph Edward "Eddie"

Mother: CHAFFIN, Sarah Margaret "Margie"

Family:

Marriage: 24 NOV 1924 Baxter, Tennessee

Spouse: **STEWART, Alma Lee**

b. Private

Children:

BIRDWELL, Mary "Ruth"

b. --Not Shown--

BIRDWELL, Anna Louise

b. Private

BIRDWELL, Billie Edward



Family celebrates five generations of life

Five generations of Willie Davis' family recently gathered for a family reunion. Counterclockwise are Davis, holding her great-great-grandson, Thomas Alden Getsey; Hillary Ragland Getsey, Davis' great-granddaughter, and Thomas' mother; Diane Birdwell Ragland, her granddaughter; Mary Davis Birdwell, her daughter; and William E. (Bill) Birdwell, her son-in-law.

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Family:
Marriage: 6 OCT 1947
Spouse: **HARRIS, Elizabeth M.**
b. Private

CHAFFIN, Sarah Margaret "Margie"
b. JUL 1871
Family:

Spouse: **BIRDWELL, Joseph Edward "Eddie"**
b. 29 MAY 1872 Jackson Co., Tennessee
d. 27 SEP 1930 Putnam Co., Tennessee
Parents:
Father: BIRDWELL, John Harvey
Mother: KIRBY\KIRBEY, Martha Jane
Children:

BIRDWELL, Thomas "Bedford"
b. JAN 1895 Prob. Jackson Co., Tennessee

BIRDWELL, James C.
b. DEC 1899 Prob. Jackson Co., Tennessee

BIRDWELL, John William

BIRDWELL, Harvey C.

BIRDWELL, Oda D.
b. ABT 1906 Prob. Jackson Co., Tennessee

BIRDWELL, Lola E.

BIRDWELL, Simon T.

KIRBY\KIRBEY, Martha Jane
b. 6 AUG 1854 Jackson Co., Tennessee
d. 26 AUG 1922 Jackson Co., Tennessee
Family:

Spouse: **BIRDWELL, John Harvey [aka: , Jr.]**
b. 20 FEB 1846 Jackson Co. Tennessee
d. 25 DEC 1886 Jackson Co., Tennessee
Parents:

Father: BIRDWELL, John Harvey

Mother: CHAFFIN, Martha

Children:

BIRDWELL, Joseph Edward "Eddie"

BIRDWELL, James William "Will"

BIRDWELL, Fred Monroe

BIRDWELL, Alsa Clarise

b. 21 JAN 1878 Jackson Co., Tennessee

BIRDWELL, Alice\Alcie Elizabeth

BIRDWELL, Thomas Franklin

BIRDWELL, Sarah Susan

BIRDWELL, John Dudley\Dudley

CHAFFIN, Martha [aka: **Martha Chaffin /BIRDWELL/**]

b. 18 OCT 1814 Tennessee or Webster Co., Missouri

d. 31 JAN 1897 Jackson Co., Tennessee

Parents:

Father: CHAFFIN, Joseph

Mother: FOX, Nancy Norvell

Family:

Marriage: BET 1835 AND 1836 Jackson Co. Tennessee

Spouse: **BIRDWELL, John Harvey** [aka: , Sr.]

b. 25 APR 1812 Jackson Co. Tennessee

d. 1 OCT 1892 Jackson Co. Tennessee

Parents:

Father: BIRDWELL, William

Mother: LeFEVER(?), Rachel "Betsy"

Children:

BIRDWELL, William N.

BIRDWELL, Joseph "Joab\Jo Ab"

BIRDWELL, Benjamin Franklin "Frank"

BIRDWELL, Sarah Ann (M.) "Sary"

BIRDWELL, John Harvey

BIRDWELL, Thomas Edward

BIRDWELL, Jones M.

BIRDWELL, Nancy Emaline

b. 22 NOV 1851 Jackson Co. Tennessee

d. Probably died young

BIRDWELL, Martha "Emiline"

BIRDWELL, Albert Overton

BIRDWELL, Polly Ann M.

William Birdwell md Rachel Betty "Betsy" LeFever/LaFever =
John Harvey Birdwell Sr. md Martha Chaffin =
John Harvey Birdwell Jr. md Martha Jane (Kirby) Fox =
Joseph Edward "Eddie" Birdwell md Sarah Margaret "Margie" Chaffin =
William "Bill" Edward Birdwell md Mary Evelyn Davis =
Dr. Michael E. Birdwell

William Birdwell md Rachel Betty "Betsy" LeFever/LaFever =
John Harvey Birdwell Sr. md Martha Chaffin =
Jones M. Birdwell md Virginia W. Jackson =
Ruth Alice Birdwell & Clara Jeanette Birdwell (sisters) md Ray Kirk Loftis =
Milton Otis Loftis md Essie Avo Jernigan =
Geraldine Loftis md Tim Denny =
Audrey J. Denny md Michael Lambert =

(*See stories On the Trail of a Legend & Birdwell stories).

(*See Mary Evelyn (Davis) Birdwell Obt.)

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