

## **Long-time school board member dies**

### **Harold Bartlett Obt. & Story**

Harold Bartlett of Silver Point, who gave many years to serving the public here, died yesterday at the age of 82.

Known to many as "Major Bartlett" from his 22-year career in the United States Marine Corps, he served with distinction on the Putnam County School Board for 26 years, where his words and his stands were marked by honesty and strength.

He became ill a few months ago and had been hospitalized here until last week, when he was moved to Masters Health Care Center, where he died on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1998.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. at the chapel of Baxter Funeral Home with Brothers Bryant White and Ernest Abston officiating. Burial with full military honors will be in Crest Lawn Cemetery. US Marines will serve as pallbearers.

Visitation will be after 5 p.m. today, Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Major Bartlett was born June 19, 1916, in Buffalo Valley. He was the son of the late Virgle Morgan and Cordorva Fisher Bartlett. He was a member of the Silver Point Church of Christ.

He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

After retiring from the Marines, he worked as a Veterans Services officer and as a Juvenile Probation officer for the state.

He served on the Putnam School Board from 1966 to 1990 and served in the Baxter Civitan Club. He was a member of the VFW, the American Legion, and was a Mason.

When he was honored a few years ago by Baxter citizens who named Upperman High School's athletic field house for him, David Brewington of Baxter said of him, "He has served both his country and his community, showing leadership abilities surpassed by few in the state."

He was preceded in death by his parents and by two wives, Lillie Dale Puckett Bartlett and Audrey Louise Mitchell Bartlett.

His family includes two sons and daughters-in-law, Skip and Jean Bartlett of Baxter and Danny and Ginny Bartlett of Topeka, Kansas; one daughter and son-in-law, Trudy and Earl Wheeler of Cookeville; one sister, Margaret Ann Wallace of West Liberty, Kentucky; two brothers, Lehman Bartlett of Silver Point and Frank Bartlett of Florida; five grandchildren, Michael Bartlett, Mark Wheeler, Stephen Wheeler, Dennie Carr,

Regina Walker; three great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Wheeler, Gavin Bartlett, and Kaitlin Morgan Walker.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Major Harold Bartlett Field House at Upperman High School in Baxter.

Whitson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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