



COUNTY HISTORIAN PASSES AWAY

COOKEVILLE -- Putnam County historian **Maurine Patton**, whose mind and collected records contained enough local history to fill a library, died yesterday in Cookeville Regional Hospital. She was 93.



She leaves a legacy that includes property she donated to help preserve local history, a book she wrote about cemeteries in the Upper Cumberland, and numerous records and documents of historical interest. Her keen, curious mind, filled with the people history of this region, will be missed.

Her home library was stuffed full of census books, marriage records, death records, and print clippings detailing the lives of Upper Cumberland residents. Just last year, she agreed to donate property she owned for use in establishing an official county archives.

She taught home economics in Putnam schools for 34 years, but developed a love of history through working on genealogy and became so well known here for her research and her collections that in 2004 she was named county historian. She once said about her interest in local history, "It's contagious. It's addictive, and I enjoy it."

Over the years she was honored many times for her contributions to this county, for instance, as grand marshal of the Cookeville Christmas Parade in 2007 at the age of 90.

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MAURINE PATTON OBT.

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for Maurine Patton, 92, of Cookeville, will be held at 3 p.m. today, Sunday, Feb. 15, from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from noon until time of services today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Patton died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, in Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 30, 1917, in Putnam County to the late Charlie Bradley and Pearl Huddleston Ensor.

Mrs. Patton attended Summit County Ohio Elementary School in Akron, Ohio and the Gentry Elementary School in Putnam County. She graduated from Baxter Seminary where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She received her BS degree from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute (Tennessee Tech University) and her master's degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, both in home economics.

She taught home economics at Lambuth College in Jackson for one year and in the Putnam County School system for more than 34 years.

Mrs. Patton was a longtime member of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, a lifetime member of the National Educational Association, a lifetime member of the American Home Economics Association (now called Family and Consumer Sciences), a member of the Putnam County Retired Teachers Association, a member of the Friends of the Depot Museum, a member of the board of directors of the Cookeville Heritage Museum, a member and former treasurer of the Upper Cumberland Genealogical Association, served as secretary to the Putnam County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and worked in the American

Red Cross Blood Mobile for many years following her retirement.

Mrs. Patton was named Putnam County Historian in 2004 and was grand marshal of the Cookeville Christmas Parade in 2007 at the age of 90. She was one of the first to be certified in Reach to Recovery in Putnam County and was the oldest living cancer survivor in Putnam County.

Mrs. Patton's hobbies included reading, dancing, gardening, arts and crafts, hunting, fishing, traveling, genealogy and necrology and she was active in them until her recent illness.

Her family includes her sister, Eleanor Ensor Huddleston of Buffalo Valley; a brother, Charles Eugene Ensor or Nashville; four nieces, Betty Lynn Ensor Thomas, Maura Kay Ensor Nolan, Patti Jo Patton Ammonette and Theona Patton Kotz; seven nephews, Clarence Taylor Huddleston Jr., Charles Dow Huddleston, Ronald Ensor Huddleston, Gary Denton Huddleston, Michael Young Ensor, John Chester Patton and Robert David Patton; six great-nieces, Debra Huddleston Francis, Angela Joy Huddleston Fountain, Charlotte Ann Huddleston DeVasher, Regina Sue Huddleston Huddleston, Rhonda Huddleston Petty and Lana Raychelle Huddleston; five great-nephews, Donald Bradley Huddleston, Christopher Dow Huddleston, Ronald Huddleston Jr., Jeffrey Taylor Huddleston and Michael Kotz; three great-great-nieces, Emily Frances Sliger, Jenna Thorton and Leann Francis; eight great-great-nephews, William D. Francis, D.J. Key, Jason Huddleston, Seth Huddleston, Noah DeVasher, Samuel Fountain, Joshua Petty and Justin Petty; a great-great-great-niece, Lana Jade Sliger; a great-great-great-nephew, Jacob Ryan Rodriguez; and her angels at Heritage Pointe Senior Living.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Denton Patton.

Pallbearers will be Fred Breeding, Dr. William Shipley, Ralph Jared, Doug Frances, Glen Jones, Teddy Johnson, Wayland Hawkins and Pharoah Smithers.

Memorial donations may be made to the Putnam County Archives, 900 South Walnut Avenue, Cookeville, TN 38501.

You may share your thoughts and memories at www.hhhfunerlas.com, 526-6111.

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TRIBUTES:

Robert David Patton: (nephew)

We spent many joyful times with Aunt Maurine and Uncle Runt as kids growing up and later as adults. The wonder and excitement of going to the farm in the Willys jeep, riding "Dolly" the pony, camping and fishing on Center Hill Lake and many other memories will last a lifetime. She had a very sharp mind up to the very end and touched so many people in a so many ways. My wife Debbie and I wish we had the time and opportunity to say goodbye in person. We wish to extend our sincerest prayers to the entire family of relatives, friends and healthcare providers who were such an important part of her life. May we all be reunited in Heaven.

Jo Ann Hutcheson Brown: (former student Patton decendant)

My deepest sympathy to each of you. She will be dearly missed. As a descendant of the Hymlos Patton I corresponded with her some 20++ years ago while researching families of that area and enjoyed her very much May God Bless each of you. Sybil.

Donna Huddleston Moore: (2nd cousin)

I am a 2nd cousin, the granddaughter of Charlie Huddleston, who migrated from Putnam Co. to Texas in the early 1900's. As far back as I can remember, my father, Doyle, spoke fondly of Maurine (they were near in age) & we always looked forward to her regular visits to Texas. She will be missed. Her contributions to the genealogical community is overwhelming. I treasure the visit my sister & I had with her last summer...three days of cemetery-hopping with her all over Putnam Co! What a gal...til we meet again.

Brenda Brown Golden

Mrs. Patton was a good teacher. I really learned alot from Home Economics Class. She will be missed but never forgotten. We have some fun memories of her. Others that had her have been talking about her and I have never heard a bad word. Everyone remembers her at bottom of stairs in front of her class and blowing her whistle for running down steps or down the hall. She will always be in our thoughts and heart. My prayers go with you at the loss. Brenda.

Dorothy McDonald (friend)

Our Sincere Sympathy to all of Maurine's family. We have lost an unforgettable lady and dear friend. Her knowledge and dedication to the genealogy & history of our area will be greatly missed.

Charlve Jaeger (cousin)

My daddy, Doyle Huddleston, was Maurine's cousin. She was our way to connect with our relatives in Putnam County where my granddaddy, Charles L Huddleston was born and raised. She would come visit her Texas cousins every few years. Mother and Daddy always looked forward to visiting with Maurine. My sisters and I were lucky to get to know her as children and as adults. The knowledge Maurine carried in her head was staggering. Her 'dungeon of data' was overflowing with invaluable documents all meticulously gathered by this remarkable woman. Maurine was a generous, kind, witty and caring person. She made me laugh. She was truly a treasure to our family, her church, Putnam County, and the state of Tennessee. Maurine was the consummate teacher. She instilled in me a respect for our ancestors and the legacy they left behind. My sister and I trekked through cemeteries with Maurine for days, trying to absorb all the information she so generously shared with us. What great memories! I now share her love of genealogy, and for that I am eternally grateful. I know there was a big reunion in heaven when she arrived. I will miss her warm, generous spirit. Good bye my sweet friend, until we meet again.

Brenda Clinton Bandy (friend)

She was a wonderful person, teacher, friend and co-worker. She tried so hard to teach me to sew, it didn't work. I have to admit, that was due to my domestic inabilities rather than her instructional ability. She will be missed. Brenda Clinton Bandy

Michael Stephen Jackson (fellow genealogist)

I never met Mrs. Patton, but I research in her book Putnam County Tennessee Cemeteries daily. Putnam Countians and those with roots in Putnam County owe a huge debt of gratitude to Mrs. Patton. Her work may be the most significant genealogical ever for Putnam County and its descendants. Thank You, Mrs. Patton Michael Stephen Jackson with Putnam County Roots Freeburg, IL 62243

Jim & Lynda Hall (friend)

What a blessing it always was to sit with Ms. Patton during services at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. She always had a very touching word for everyone. It was always so enjoyable to hear her speak of our family members that we never had the pleasure of meeting. She truly loved her church and was so excited to see the growth that the church has had in recent years. May God be with her family.

Glenda Garza (relative)

I am the granddaughter of Maurine Patton's mother's brother Charles L. Huddleston who came to Texas in the early 1900's and raised his family in this area. Thanks to a cousin whose interests in genealogy kept her connected to Maurine I was informed of her death. Isn't the internet a valuable tool!

Audrey J. Lambert (distant cousin & friend)

Maurine was a dear friend, mentor and distant cousin of mine. My husband and I went to visit her at her house/family museum several times. I have all her books (signed by her). I asked her to sign my copy of 'The History of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church' and she said "No that is my mother Pearl Huddleston Ensor's work, I just helped her finish it." When I asked her to lead the invocation at the William Jared Cemetery Dedication on the 20th of October 2007 she was quite honored and pleased to do it. Because of her love of history and genealogy she helped so many people find their roots. She gave of her time, money and passion of preservation that kept historical places from being deserted and forgotten. She is truly one of a kind a hard act to follow. Gone But Not Forgotten, my friend, mentor and cousin. Luv, Audrey J. (Denny) Lambert

Maurine Ensor Patton Obt.

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PUTNAM COUNTY Maurine Patton - Age 92. Died February 12, 2009. She was the daughter of the late Charlie Bradley and Pearl Huddleston Ensor. She received her BS Degree from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute (TTU) and her Masters Degree from University of Tennessee both in Home Economics. She was a former instructor at Lambuth College in Jackson and retired from the Putnam County School System after 34 years of service. She was well-known and active in the Upper Cumberland Area. Her civic and community work especially in Genealogy and Necrology. Survivors include her sister, Eleanor Ensor Huddleston of Buffalo Valley, TN; brother, Charles Eugene Ensor of Nashville; several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and great great niece and a great great nephew. Funeral services will be Sunday, February 15, 2009 at 3 p.m. in the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Cowan officiating. Interment will follow in Crest Lawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Putnam County Archives, 900 S. Walnut Avenue, Cookeville, TN 38501. Visitation will be Sunday from 12 noon until service time at Hooper-Huddleston & Horner, (931) 526-6111. www.hhhfunerals.com

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