

Willie Howard (Draper) Huddleston Obt.



COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for **Willie Howard Draper Huddleston**, 85, of Cookeville, will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, at Collegieside Church of Christ. Burial will be in Smyrna Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, March 22, at Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home; and from noon until 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, at the church.

Mrs. Huddleston died on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Sept. 1, 1916, in Putnam County to the late Howard Young and Adelia Lynn Draper. Mrs. Huddleston was a retired teacher with 35 years at all levels, including Cookeville High School and Tennessee Tech. She was a charter member of Collegieside Church of Christ.

Mrs. Huddleston was active in Cookeville Book Lovers Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, **Old Walton Road DAR**, and a charter member of the Upper Cumberland Genealogical Society.

She received her bachelor and masters degrees from TTU. **She was a descendant of the pioneer families, Lynns and Drapers of Putnam and Jackson Counties. Mrs. Huddleston was one of the compilers of the book "Draper Families In America."**

Her family includes a daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Retired U.S. Army Colonel Steven F. Rausch of Cookeville; a brother, Robert Lynn Draper of Cookeville; two grandsons, Andrew Draper Rausch of Fulton County, Ga., and Matthew David Rausch of Knoxville.

In addition to her parents, she was **preceded in death by her husband, David Charles Huddleston**, who died on June 3, 1985.

Pallbearers will be Andrew and Matthew Rausch, David Cummins, Charles Pardue, H.S. Barnes and Michael O'Mara.

Honorary pallbearers will be Tommy Lynn, Ross Compton, Dr. Carl Hollman and Oliver Anderson.

Bro. Kelly Campbell will officiate at the services.

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