

# Saluting long lives...



## Margaret is 80

Margaret Duke Jones of Silver Point was honored with a surprise 80th birthday party on Feb. 12, with her three daughters and all eight of her brothers and sisters in attendance. Marking the

occasion are, from left, her daughter Marilyn Goos of Galloway, N.J.; the honoree; daughter Peggy O'Neal of Mt. Laurel, N.J.; and daughter Robin Bennett of Buffalo Valley.

Herald – Citizen, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: Tuesday, 15 March 2005, pg. 6.

**GORDA MARGARET DUKE JONES** is the oldest child of Blanchard Edward Duke and Parilla Ruth Burton. Blanchard Edward Duke, b. 3 February 1903, TN – d. 15 June 1982, Putnam Co., TN & his wife Parilla Ruth (Burton) Duke, b. 29 November 1906 – d. 21 July 1960, both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN. Blanchard Edward Duke md 2<sup>nd</sup> Annie Jackson. Blanchard Duke is the s/o Noah Duke (1877-1959) & Oregon McCaleb. Parilla Ruth (Burton) Duke, d/o Willie Burton & Callie Smith.

Noah Duke md Oregon McCaleb on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 1899: Source: Marriage Records from Putnam County, TN.

Blanchard Edward Duke md Parilla Ruth Burton on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 1923: Source: Marriage Records from Putnam County, TN: Vol. 6, pg. 193, certificate 2031.

The children of Blanchard E. Duke & Parilla Ruth Burton are: Gorda Margaret, William “Bill”, Thelma Lou, Melba Sue, Peggy, Carl Ray, Ina, Reece Edward, Royce, Grace, and Shirley Duke.

Gorda Margaret Duke, b. 12 February 1925; William “Bill” N. Duke, b. 29 October 1927; Thelma Lou Duke, b. 25 February 1926; Melba Sue Duke, b. 3 October 1930; Carl Ray Duke, b. 10 March 1931 – d. 13 October 1976; Ina Michel Duke, b. 27 March 1933; Reece Edward Duke, b. 14 February 1935 – d. December 2009; Peggy Ruth Duke, b. 8 December 1938 – d. at 1 ½ yrs. old, buried at Walter Burton home cemetery in DeKalb Co., TN; Royce Burton Duke, b. 30 March 1939; Callie Grace Duke, b. 9 May 19\_\_; Shirley Rose Duke, b. 12 August 19\_\_.

Margaret’s daughter Marilyn Duke md Pastor Norman Goos of Galloway, NJ. He is the senior pastor at Christ’s Wesleyan Church, NJ.

Carl Ray Duke md Elfriede Bentz, b. 4 January 1933 – d. 13 October 1976. Carl Ray Duke: SFC US Army Korea-Vietnam is buried in the Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Elfriede Duke, widow of Carl Ray Duke, s/o Blanchard and Ruth Burton Duke. Elfriede met Carl in Germany during a war and married him, came here and is one of the most faithful Americans in America.

Thelma Lou Duke md Clodus Randolph.

**1860 census Dist. 13, Pekin post office, Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 1002

**William Duke** 38 M W Farmer TN

**Sarah Duke** 39 F W TN

Mary J. Duke 16 M W TN

**William W. Duke** 13 M W TN

*(William W. Duke md Elizabeth, parents of Noah J. Duke is the f/o Blanchard E. Duke)*

**John G. Duke** 12 M W TN *(John Green Duke md Mary Jane Gentry)*

Edmond T. Duke 10 M W TN

Sarah Duke 8 F W TN

James Duke 6 M W TN

Tennessee Duke 4 F W TN

Hester Duke 2 F W TN

**1870 census 10<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 39 Family: 39

**William Duke** Head 50 M W Farmer (value of real estate, 360) (value of personal estate, 300) TN

**Sarah Duke** Wife 50 F W Keeping House TN *(Sarah McGuffrey)*

**John Duke** 21 M W Farm Laborer TN *(John Green Duke md Mary Jane Gentry)*

Thomas Duke 19 M W TN

Sarah Duke 18 F W TN

James Duke 16 M W TN

Tennessee Duke 14 F W TN

Hester Duke 12 F W TN

Josephine Duke F W TN

Charley Mairzer M W TN

Camel Mairzer M W TN

**Census Place: 1880 District 1<sup>st</sup>, Putnam Co., Tennessee**

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 78D

Dwl: 37 Family: 37

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>John DUKE</b>	Self	M	M	W	31	TN
	Occ:	Drygood Merchant		Fa: TN	Mo: TN	<i>(John Green Duke md Mary Jane Gentry)</i>
<b>Mary J. DUKE</b>	Wife	F	M	W	24	TN
	Occ:	House Keeping		Fa: TN	Mo: NC	
Eldora I. DUKE	Dau	F	S	W	2	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
<b>Hop. L. DUKE</b>	Son	M	S	W	1	TN <i>(Hop Lee Duke)</i>
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		

**Census Place: 1880 District 17, Putnam Co., Tennessee**

Source: FHL Film 1255275 National Archives Film T9-1275 Page 199B

Dwl: 190 Family: 196

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>W. W. DUKE</b>	Self	M	M	W	33	TN
	Occ:	Carpenter Trade		Fa: TN	Mo: TN	<i>(William W. Duke md Elizabeth)</i>
<b>Elizabeth DUKE</b>	Wife	F	M	W	31	TN
	Occ:	Keeping House		Fa: TN	Mo: NC	
William B. DUKE	Son	M	S	W	11	TN
	Occ:	Works On Farm		Fa: TN	Mo: TN	
James E. DUKE	Son	M	S	W	8	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
Mary E. DUKE	Dau	F	S	W	5	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		

Noah J. DUKE Son M S W 4 TN  
 Fa: TN Mo: TN  
 Mizelle DUKE Dau F S W 8M TN  
 Fa: TN Mo: TN

**John Green Duke**  
 b. 18 July 1848, TN  
 d. 15 January 1928  
 Wife: Mary Jane Gentry  
 Father: William Duke  
 Mother: Sarah McGuffrey  
 Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam  
 Co., TN

**Mary Jane (Gentry) Duke**  
 b. 8 December 1855, TN  
 d. 22 July 1951  
 Husband: John Green Duke  
 Father: William Newton "Esq. Bill" Gentry  
 Mother: Elizabeth "Eliza" Ann Taylor  
 Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam  
 Co., TN

**1900 census 1st Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 406 Family: 416

**John G. Duke** Head 51 M W b. July 1848 M1 Postmaster TN TN TN  
*(John Green Duke md Mary Jane Gentry)*

**Mary J. Duke** Wife 44 F W b. December 1855 M1 TN TN VA

Hop L. Duke Son 21 M W b. January 1879 Single TN TN TN

Jessie L. Duke Dau 17 F W b. March 1883 Single At School TN TN TN

Blanchard Duke Son 14 M W b. January 1886 Single At School TN TN TN

Bettie Quarles Servant 33 F W b. August 1866 Single TN TN TN

**1900 census 11<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 77 Family: 77

**Noah Duke** Head 22 M W b. January 1878 Married (11/12 yrs. married) Blacksmith TN TN TN

**Manda M. Duke** Wife 24 F W b. January 1876 Married (11/12 yrs. married) no children TN TN TN

**1900 census 17<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 98 Family: 99

**Wade Duke** Head 52 M W b. September 1846 Married (32 yrs. married) Blacksmith TN TN TN

**Elizabeth Duke** Wife 52 F W b. May 1848 Married (32 yrs. married)

(9 children born, 9 children living) TN GA GA

Mizell Duke Son 19 M W b. October 1880 Single Saw Mill TN TN TN

John C. Duke Son 15 M W b. December 1884 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Sam H. Duke Son 11 M W b. September 1888 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Mittie J. Duke Dau 9 F W b. July 1890 Single TN TN TN

**1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., DeKalb Co., TN**

Dwl: 89 Family: 93

**John G. Dauke/Duke** Head 61 M W M1 (34 yrs. married) Merchant Groceries TN US US

*(John Green Duke md Mary Jane Gentry)*

**Mary J. Dauke/Duke** Wife 54 F W M1 (34 yrs. married) (4 children born, 3 children living) TN TN TN

*(Mary Jane Gentry, d/o William Newton "Esq. Bill" Gentry & Elizabeth "Eliza" Taylor)*

**Blanchard Dauke/Duke** Son 24 M W M1 (2 yrs. md) TN TN TN

Nellie C. Dauke/Duke Daughter-in-Law 23 F W M1 (2 yrs. md) TN TN TN *(nee Smith)*

Kenneth Dauke/Duke Grandson 18/12 M W Single TN TN TN

**1910 census 16<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., DeKalb Co., TN**

Dwl: 41 Family: 41

**Noah Duke** Head M W 32 M1 (8 yrs. married) General Merchandise TN TN TN

**Oregon Duke** Wife F W 28 M1 (8 yrs. married) (4 children born, 4 children living) TN TN TN

*(Oregon McCaleb)*

**Blanchard Duke** Son M W 6 TN TN TN

*(Blanchard Edward Duke md 1<sup>st</sup> Parilla Ruth Burton – md 2<sup>nd</sup> Annie Jackson Hancock)*

Clarence Duke Son M W 4 TN TN TN

Harmon Duke Son M W 2 TN TN TN

Herbert Duke Son M W 2 TN TN TN *Herbert Dudley Duke md Gertrude Blackman.*

**1910 census 14<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Monterey, Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 164 Family: 165

**Sam H. Duke** Head 22 M W M1 (5 yrs. married) Laborer Railroad TN TN TN

**Francis A. Duke** Wife 18 F W M1 (5 yrs. married) (2 children born, 1 children living) TN TN TN

William R. Duke 2 M W Single TN TN TN

**1910 census 14<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Monterey, Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 164 Family: 166

**Mizell Duke** Head 29 M W M2 (4 yrs. married) Laborer Railroad TN TN TN

**Matte Duke** Wife 24 F W M1 (4 yrs. married) (1 children born, 1 children living) TN TN TN (*Mattie Lee*)

William G. Duke Son 5 M W Single TN TN TN

Edgar Duke Son 3 M W Single TN TN TN

Mizell Duke md Mattie Lee on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 1906: Source: Marriage Records from Putnam Co., TN: Vol2, pg. 322, certificate 4.

**1920 census 16<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Laurel Hill & Silver Point Rds., DeKalb Co., TN**

Dwl: 63 Family: 63

**Noah Duke** Head M W 32 Married

**Oregon M. Duke** Wife F W 38 Married

Blanchard Duke Son M W 16 Single TN TN TN

Clarence Duke Son M W 14 Single TN TN TN

Harmon Duke Son M W 11 Single TN TN TN

Herbert Duke Son M W 11 Single TN TN TN

Compton Duke Son M W 8 Single TN TN TN

Harley Duke Son M W 7 Single TN TN TN

Allen Duke Son M W 3 8/12 Single TN TN TN

**1930 census 16<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., DeKalb Co., TN**

Dwl: 3 Family: 3

**Blanchard Duke** Head M W 27 Married (20 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Merchant General Store TN TN TN

**Ruth Duke** Wife F W 22 Married (16 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) TN TN TN

**Margaret Duke** Dau F W 5 Single TN TN TN

William Duke Son M W 3 5/12 Single TN TN TN

Thelma Duke Dau F W 2+ Single TN TN TN

Melba Duke Dau F W 5/12 Single TN TN TN

**1930 census 16<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., DeKalb Co., TN**

Dwl: 7 Family: 8

**Noah Duke** Head 53 Married (20 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Merchant General Store TN TN TN

**Oregon Duke** Wife 48 Married (21 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) TN TN TN

Clarence Duke Son 25 Single Clerk General Store TN TN TN

Herman Duke Son 22 Single Laborer General Store TN TN TN

Compton Duke Son 18 Single Laborer General Store TN TN TN

Harley Duke Son 17 Single Clerk General Store TN TN TN

Allen Duke Son 13 Single TN TN TN

Aaron Duke Son 6 Single TN TN TN



**Margaret (Duke) Jones**

Baxter Seminary, Baxter, TN: 1943 Senior



Carl Ray Duke  
(1931-1976)



Clodus Randolph and his wife Thelma Lou Duke.

Picture: Herald Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 27 Feb. 2005.



L to R: Tim Denny, s/o Virgil Timothy Denny & Audra Camilla Anderson sitting on the swing with Blanchard E. Duke, s/o Noah Duke & Oregon McCaleb. Photo taken at the Virgil Timothy Denny house on Hopewell Rd., Putnam Co., TN.



L to R: Euda (Warren) Shanks, w/o Walter Robinson Shanks; Maurine (Bartlett) Leftwich, w/o Burch Leftwich; Audra Camilla (Anderson) Denny, w/o Virgil Timothy Denny and Blanchard E. Duke, s/o Noah Duke & Oregon McCaleb. Photo taken at the Virgil Timothy Denny house on Hopewell Rd., Putnam Co., TN.



William "Bill" N. Duke, s/o Blanchard Edward Duke & Parilla Ruth Burton. Pictures of him in the service WWII.

**Blanchard Edward Duke Obt.**

**SILVER POINT** – Funeral services for Blanchard Edward Duke, 79, of Rt. 1 Silver Point will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Chapel of Baxter Funeral Home, with Bro. Donnie Agee and Rev. Woodrow Jackson officiating. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Mr. Duke a native of DeKalb County died Tuesday, June 15, 1982; in Smith County Hospital. He was the son of the late Noah Duke and Oregon McCaleb Duke; retired employee of Welch Furniture Company and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Jackson Duke of Silver Point; four sons, Ronald Allen Duke of Silver Point, Bill Duke of Knoxville, Reece Edward Duke of OH, Royce Duke of Kodak, TN. Three step-sons, Jimmy Hancock and Charles Hancock both of Silver Point and Sammy Hancock of Madison, TN, six daughters, Margaret Jones of Silver Point, Lou Randolph and Ina Searcy, both of Cookeville, Sue Addis and Grace Boyd, both of Knoxville and Shirley Bennett of NV; four step-daughters, Viola Brown and Vistie Whitehead both of Silver Point, Geraldine Williams of Baxter and Betty Hensley of Madison, TN.

Three brothers, Aron Duke of Shelbyville, Allon Duke of Nashville and Harley Duke of FL; 37 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home after 6 p.m. Wednesday night. Baxter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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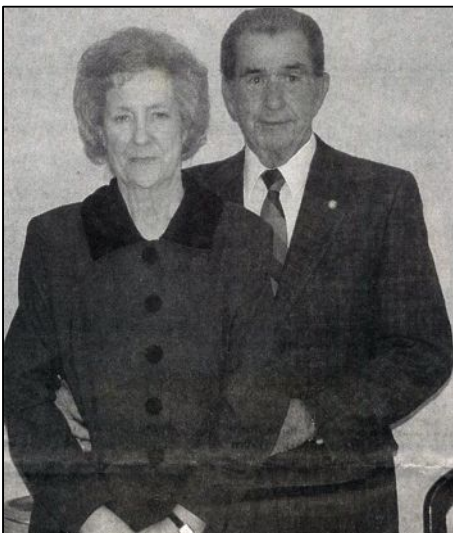
**Carl Duke Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** – Funeral services for Carl Ray Duke, 45, will be conducted from the Chapel of Hooper and Huddleston Funeral Home Friday, October 15 at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Wesley Henry officiating. Burial will be in Crest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Duke died October 13 at the Cookeville General Hospital. He was a native of Putnam County, the son of Blanchard Duke and the late Ruth Burton Duke. He was retired from the US Army and at the time of his death he was employed by the State Highway Department.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elfriede Bentz Duke; four sons, Patrick Duke, Richard James Duke, Silver Point, Carl Ray Duke, Jr. and Royce Duke, Kodak, TN; William Duke, Knoxville; six sisters, Mrs. Margret Jones, Silver Point; Mrs. Lou Clemons, Mrs. Ina Searcy of Cookeville, Mrs. Sue Addis and Mrs. Grace Boyd, Knoxville; Mrs. Shirley Bennett, Las Vegas, NV.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 14 October 1976.



INA AND ROBERT SEARCY  
TOGETHER 50 YEARS

Robert and Ina (Duke) Searcy of Cookeville celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 12 with a celebration at the Hampton Inn, given by their family. The couple was married on February 12, 1955, in Kingston, GA. They have three children, a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Debbie Searcy of Gainesboro; and two daughters, Michelle Maples and Sharon Maddaloni, both of Cookeville; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 20 February 2005

Ina (Duke) Searcy is the d/o Blanchard Edward Duke & Parilla Ruth Burton.

**Gertrude (Blackburn) Duke Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Graveside services for Gertrude Duke, 93, of Silver Point will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30, at Crest Lawn Cemetery.

There will be no visitation at the funeral home. Family and friends will meet at the cemetery.

Mrs. Duke died on Monday, June 28, 2004, at her home in Silver Point.

She was born on April 2, 1911, in Wolf Creek to the late Willie and Laverney Marcelia Love Blackburn.

Mrs. Duke was a homemaker and retired from Holiday Inn in Cookeville.

Her family includes a son-in-law, Joe Hall of Gallatin; four grandchildren, Debra Robertson of Chattanooga, Susan Baird and Mike Hickey, both of Clarksville and Brenda Rogers of Vicksburg, Miss.; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Dudley Duke, who died on April 9, 1966; two daughters, Reba Ruth Hickey and Hilda Marie Hall; and a sister, Ruth Jacobs.

Bro. Roger Cooper will officiate at the services.

Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home of Cookeville in charge of arrangements.

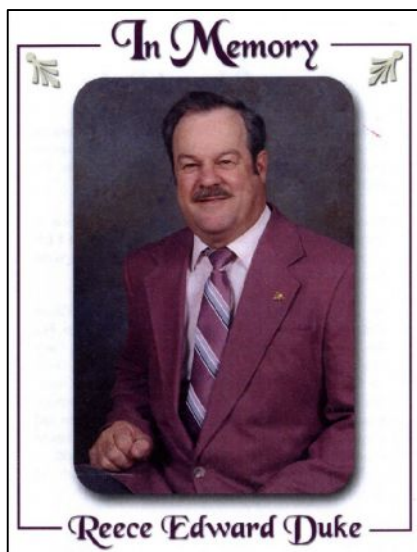
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**Peggy Ruth Duke**

**BUFFALO VALLEY**- Peggy Ruth Duke Dies – 18 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard Duke. Rev. Mason of Smithville conducted the funeral services Sunday at the home of the late Bill Burton. Internment was in the family cemetery. (9 June 1938).

**Reece Edward Duke Obt.**

b. 14 February 1935, Putnam Co., TN – d. 11 December 2009 md Linda Wilson. **Reece Edward Duke, s/o Blanchard Edward Duke & Parilla Ruth Burton.**



Services for Mr. Duke will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Round Lick Baptist Church with the Rev. Gary Dorsey and the Rev. Steve Mayle officiating. Interment will be in Poplar Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Hunter Funeral Home and Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 1 p.m. until service time at the church.

Mr. Duke, 74, of Watertown, died Friday, Dec. 11, 2009, at Alive Hospice at Skyline Madison Campus. He was retired from General Motors Corp. in Parma, Ohio, and a 21 year member of the Round Lick Baptist Church. He was a Senior Adult Coordinator at the church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Blanchard E. and Ruth Burton Duke.

Survivors include: wife of 31 years, Linda Wilson Duke of Watertown; children, Debbie Rhodes of New Port Richie, Fla.,

Rhonda (Pat) McMullen of LaGrange, Ohio, Gary (Tammy) Duke of The Colony, Texas, and Tony (Amelia) Duke of Cedar Hill, Tenn.; grandchildren, Zeke (Traci) Overy, Mark Rhodes, Alison McDaniel and Brian McDaniel; great-grandchild, Reece McDaniel; brothers, William Duke and Royce Duke, both of Knoxville and sisters, Margaret Jones of Moorestown, N.J., Ina Searcy of Cookeville, Lou Randolph of Cookeville, Sue Addis of Knoxville, Grace Boyd of Knoxville and Shirley Smith of Toledo, Ohio.

Pallbearers: Zeke Overy, Mark Rhodes, Mike Searcy, Brian McDaniel, Mike Duke, Ray Duke, Richard Duke & Eddie Duke. Honorary pallbearers: Douglas Upchurch & Kim Walker.

Hunter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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