

Maddux Services Wednesday



One of Putnam County's best known citizens, Robert Bob Lee Maddux, died yesterday at Cookeville General Hospital. He was 96.

Funeral services are set for Wednesday, December 11, at 2 p.m. at the Collegieside Church of Christ with Brother Walter Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Maddux was one of the founders of the store that is now Maddux & Proffitt on the Courthouse square, one of the oldest businesses in Cookeville. He and a partner opened Maddux and Massa dry goods in 1914.

He was well known across the state and elsewhere for his knowledge and love of fox hunting, and he wrote magazine articles and two books on the subject. He was active in the county, state, and national fox hunting associations.

He was a man of good humor and sharp wit, and warmly funny stories about him are told throughout this area.

One such story, a favorite with many of his friends, involves a fox hound he had. Someone from another state wrote to Maddux inquiring about buying a good fox hound, the story goes. Maddux, it is said dictated a letter to a secretary in which he described in detail the excellent qualities of a dog he had. But when the secretary read the letter back to him, he decided not to sell the dog. "Tear that letter up and throw it away – I've been wanting a dog like that all my life," he reportedly said.

He was known as a Bible scholar, teaching Bible and Sunday school classes at the old Broad Street Church of Christ here from 1920 to 1953 and at the Collegieside Church of Christ until just a few year ago.

He was a farmer and a real estate developer.

During World War II, he served on the Rationing Board here, helping handle the government rationing of tires, shoes, and other items.

A native of Putnam County, he was the son of the late James N. and Dora Jared Maddux.

His family includes one son, David H. Maddux of Cookeville; one daughter, Mrs. Ledora M. Dunlap of Chico, CA; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Elders and deacons of Collegieside Church of Christ will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends at Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University Christian Student Center in care of Colleside Church of Christ.

Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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