

DR. CLARENCE V. BRUNER OBT.

b. 16 November 1893 – d. 5 December 1996 md 26th of December 1917, Murfreesboro, TN to **Ethel (Overall) Bruner**, b. 1894 – d. 1 July 1953, both buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

COOKEVILLE -- Graveside memorial services for **Dr. Clarence V. Bruner** will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tues., May 30, at Cookeville City Cemetery. Full military honors will be provided by Cookeville American Legion Post #46, Cookeville VFW Post #6296, and VVA Post #741.

Dr. Bruner died on Thurs., Dec. 5, 1996, at the age of 103 at the Hays Medical Center in Hayes, Kan.

He was born on Nov. 16, 1893, in Dechard to the late Simon Peter and Clara Virginia Garling Bruner. He married **Ethel Overall on Dec. 26, 1917, in Murfreesboro**, and she died on July 1, 1953. Dr. Bruner served in the Army Signal Corps during World War I and was a life member of the American Legion of Cookeville.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Hays and Hays Rotary Club, and past member and District Governor of the Cookeville Rotary Club. He also became a Paul Harris Fellow. Dr. Bruner taught Sunday School at the First Presbyterian Church in Cookeville for 58 years. **He was chairman of the Department of Social Science at Tennessee Tech University from 1935-1965. He served as Professor of History, Dean of Faculty and supervisor of the first self-study for accreditation by the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.**

Dr. Bruner authored several textbooks in history and political science and has two adopted high school textbooks. His work includes "A History of the U.S. by the Unit Plan" in 1924; "A History of the U.S. for High School" in 1942; and "Fundamentals of Citizenship" in 1952. **Bruner Hall was built and named after him in 1964 on the campus of TTU.** In 1964, he was named to Who's Who in America. In 1983, at the age of 90, he moved to Hays.

His family includes a daughter and son-in-law, Claire and Art Dreiling of Hays; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Roy Bruner; four sisters, Elsie Holland, Edna Kinningham, Lelia Snyder and Ruby Marson; and a half brother, John Augustus Bruner.

Dr. Charles McCaskey will officiate at the services.

Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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Bruner Hall is the home of the Departments of Computer Science, Mathematics, and Physics.

Bruner Hall is named in honor of **Clarence V. Bruner**. It was constructed in 1966.