

**Ruth (Medley) Neal Obt.**

b. 17 October 1919, Putnam Co., TN – d. 13 October 2014, Sparta, White Co., TN, md on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 1946, Putnam Co., TN to **John T. Neal**, b. 12 March 1913, TN – d. 2 January 1985, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Benjamin Morgan Neal** (1885 - 1968) & **Maggie E. Blaylock** (1890 - 1988). Ruth (Medley) Neal, d/o **Ernest Medley** (1885-1967) & **Micheal Martellia "Telia" Anderson** (1891-1952).

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 482 - John T. Neal married 29 June 1946, Putnam Co., TN, age 23, address: Baxter, TN to Ruth Medley, age 26, address: Rt. 2, Baxter, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Ernest Medley, Rt. 2, Baxter, TN).

Funeral services for Ruth Medley Neal, 94 of Baxter will be Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 1 P.M. from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home with interment in Crest Lawn Cemetery.



Mrs. Neal died Monday morning, October 13, 2014 in Life Care Center of Sparta.

She was born October 17, 1919 in Putnam County to the late Ernest and Martelia Anderson Medley.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, John T. Neal on Jan. 2, 1985, four brothers: Lamar, Roy, Morris and Arnold Medley.

She attended Baxter Seminary and was a member of Baxter First United Methodist Church. She was an accomplished seamstress, loved to garden and was a great cook.

Survivors include sister Louise Medley of Cookeville, nieces and their husbands: Pat and Carl Prentice of Madison, Deane and Sutton Kay of Clinton, nephews and their wives: Donald M. and Shirley Medley of Harrisburg, Ill., James Ernest and Sarah Medley, Mark Lamar and Donna Medley all of Clinton, host of great and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Rev. T.J. Bennett will officiate.

Her family will receive friends Wednesday from 11 A.M. until service time at the funeral home.

Hooper Huddleston Funeral Home memory book:

*I knew Miss Ruth for over fifty years. As a child growing up in Baxter, I lived for a little while near the shop downtown and then across the street from her on Grace Avenue. We*

*lost touch after I left Tennessee and my grandmother, Ella Lowe, passed away. When I returned to Tennessee in my thirties, she and I reconnected. After leaving Tennessee again about 15 years ago, I never came to visit friends and family without seeing her and I attended her 90th birthday party at my Aunt Ophelia's home. She was always glad to see me and interested in my life. We discussed politics and world events as well as memories from long ago. She would tell me that she kept a watchful eye on me as I played across the street and she never failed to tell me that she loved me. Baxter will not ever be quite the same for me without her but I will long remember sitting outside on the green chairs sipping a coke while she smiled.*

*I really want to express my condolences to all the family. She talked about all of you with pride.*

*Debbie Minich-Underberg*

\*Read more in Chapter 2 and Crest Lawn Cemetery and Anderson Family at:  
<http://www.ajlambert.com>



Ruth Medley Neal (left) with her sister Louise Medley (right).