



### Story of Lamar Medley

*Picture of Lamar and colleague. Lamar is the man with his hand on his hip.*

Lamar Medley, Putnam native, retires at AS AEC in Oak Ridge  
s/o Ernest & Micheal Martelia "Telia" (Anderson) Medley

Oak Ridge, Tenn.—Lamar Medley a Putnam County native and a veteran of 35 years with the Federal Government, is retiring from his position here with the Energy Research and Development Administration's Oak Ridge Operations.

For the past 15 years Medley has been engaged in the execution and administration of ERDA's contracts with southeastern-area universities, colleges, industrial and commercial firms for the conduct of research, education and training program related to the energy research and development efforts of ERDA.

Mr. Medley's sister is Louise Medley who lives on Walnut Street, Cookeville, TN.

He has been a member of the Contract Division of ERDA's Oak Ridge Operations since 1972 and before that was associated for some 10 years with the Research and Development Division of the former Atomic Energy Commission (AEC).

A native of Baxter, Tennessee, Medley first came to Oak Ridge in 1946 with the U.S. Army and was assigned to the Facilities and Services Division, which later became the Community Affairs Division, with responsibilities related to providing housing, commercial, medical, utility and transpiration services within the City of Oak Ridge, prior to its' incorporation.

Medley began his Federal service with the U.S. Army Air Force in 1942 and later served as Squadron Commander in the Mariana Islands during World War II. He was discharged from active duty as a Captain in 1947.

Medley and his wife, the former Carolyn Hall of Clinton, have three children: James E. Medley is serving as a Lieutenant with the Army in Fort Stewart at Savannah, Georgia, after recently graduating with honors from the University of Tennessee. At the time of his graduation he was a Cadet Colonel in the ROTC Ranger Corps and was named the outstanding cadet of the year. Their daughter, Deane, graduated this month with honors from U.T., and a second son is Mark Lamar 12 years old.

The Medley home is 107 Dogwood Lane, Clinton.

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I also was told that **Lamar Medley**, my father's 1<sup>st</sup> cousin, served in the U.S. Air Force as a Captain in World War II. Two years of his service were in the Mariana Islands in the Pacific, and it was from there that the first Atomic Bomb was flown and dropped by the Enola Gay (B-29) on Hiroshima. This plane was piloted by Co., Tibbetts, with whom Lamar was personally acquainted. *Story by: Audrey J. (Denny) Lambert.*

**Lamar Medley** – Obituary

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Retired DOE administrator



Lamar Medley, 83, of Clinton, died Wednesday, July 19, 2000, at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge.

Mr. Medley served in World War II in the Pacific Theater as a captain in the Army Air Corps. He came to Oak Ridge in 1946 while still a captain and worked in community affairs.

After the Army left Oak Ridge, Mr. Medley remained and worked for the Atomic Energy Commission, predecessor to the Department of Energy. He retired from the DOE in 1976 as a contract administrator.

He was born Dec. 9, 1916, in Baxter. Mr. Medley was an active member of Memorial United Methodist Church in Clinton and a member of the church's Wesley Bible Class.

According to his family, he enjoyed the outdoors, especially raising cattle.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter, James E. Medley and his wife Sarah, Mark Medley and his wife Donna, and Deane Medley, all of Clinton; two sisters, Ruth Neal of Baxter and Louise Medley of Cookeville; five grandchildren, Harper Pietrzak, Ben Medley, Anne Medley, Patricia Medley and Corey Medley; and by one great-granddaughter, Georgia Pietrzak.

Mr. Medley's wife, Carolyn Hall Medley, is deceased.

The funeral will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, July 21, at Memorial United Methodist Church with the Rev. Don Thomas officiating.

A graveside service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 22, at Sunset Cemetery in Clinton.

The family requests any memorials be in the form of donations to Memorial United Methodist Church, 323 N. Main St., Clinton, TN 37716.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Holley-Gamble Funeral Home in Clinton is handling arrangements.

*\*See Chapter 2 for complete family listing.*

Lamar Medley

b. 9 December 1916

d. 19 July 2000, Clinton, TN

Elizabeth Carolyn (Hall) Medley

b. 1 October 1924

d. 26 September 1998, Clinton, TN

Both Buried: Sunset Cemetery, Clinton, TN

*Located on Sunset Drive in Clinton, TN.*