

**Paul Edwin Birdwell Obt.**

**GAINESBORO** -- Funeral services for Paul E. Birdwell, 89, of Whitleyville, were held at 1 p.m. today, Tues., Dec. 5, from the chapel of Anderson Funeral Home. Burial was in Rob Draper Memorial Cemetery in the Stone Community of Jackson County.

Mr. Birdwell died on Sun., Dec. 3, 2000, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Oct. 14, 1911, in Jackson County to the late Joseph Bedford and Ina Shoulders Birdwell. Mr. Birdwell was a retired banker and community and civic leader. He was married to the former Mary Jo Meadows, who died on Oct. 24, 1977. Mr. Birdwell was a member of the Whitleyville Church of Christ in Jackson County. He was a former president and chairman of the board of Jackson Bank & Trust and a former interim manager, board member and chairman of the board of Upper Cumberland Electric Membership Corp.

His family includes four sons and daughters-in-law, **Paul Draper and Gail Birdwell** of Southaven, Miss., **Dr. Ben J. and Peggy Birdwell** of Nashville, **Jim N. and Sharon Birdwell** of Whitleyville, and **Gary and Betty Gene Birdwell** of Marietta, Ga.; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Walter G. Birdwell Sr.; and two sisters, Bennie and Rubye Dudney.

Memorial donations may be made to the donor's favorite charity by contacting the funeral home.

Tom Bilbrey, Jim N. Birdwell and David Langhans officiated at the services.

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