

Dibrell Mills Boyd Obt.

b. 29 November 1914, Putnam Co., TN – d. 22 August 2002, TN, md on the 29th of September 1951, Salem Methodist Church, Cookeville, TN to **Mattie Jane Mires**, b. 26 November 1925, Putnam Co., TN. Dibrell Mills Boyd, s/o **George Dibrell Boyd** (1871-1923) & **May Belle Nicholas** (1879-1947), both buried in Salem Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

COOKEVILLE – Funeral services for Dibrell Mills Boyd, 87, of the Bohannon Community of Putnam County will be held at 7 p.m. today, Friday, Aug. 23, from the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Graveside services, with military honors by the Veterans Honor Guard, will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24, at Salem Cemetery.

The family will receive friends after 4 p.m. today, Friday, at the funeral home.

Mr. Boyd died on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002, at Bethesda Health Care Center.

He was born on Nov. 29, 1914, in Putnam County to the late George Dibrell and Belle Nicholas Boyd. He was a retired dairy farmer.

He earned the American Farmer Degree from the Future Farmers of America in 1936. He was educated in Putnam County schools and graduated from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute in 1938 with a BS degree in agriculture, later receiving the Outstanding Agriculture Alumnus from the Tennessee Tech Ag Foundation in 1995.

Mr. Boyd served in the Army from 1941-45, seeing action in North Africa, Sicily and Europe, and he received seven Battle Stars. He was elected to five terms as justice of the peace (now county commissioner) fro Putnam County. He also served on the Putnam County Selective Service Board from 1951-1972. Mr. Boyd served in many capacities on the Putnam County Fair Board, including manager and secretary from 1954-1956. He served as a director of the Farm Bureau, Putnam Farmers Co-Op and served 12 years on the Jersey Sire Committee for Select Sires. He developed one of the top registered Jersey herds in the nation and was recognized in 1984 as having the second highest herd for milk in the Untied States. He was honored by the Putnam County Soil Conservatiio9n District as Master Conservation Farmer in 1974 and as Farm Bureau Family of the year in 1998 by the Putnam County Farm Bureau. Mr. Boyd taught periodically in the Putnam County School System. He was an active member of Salem Methodist Church since 1929.

His family includes his wife of more than 50 years, Jane Mires Boyd (whom he married on Sept. 29, 1951); a daughter and son-in-law, Carol Boyd Kelly and Philip Kelly of Rockwood; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. George D. and Darla Boyd of Cookeville and David M. and Deborah Boyd of Parrottsville; two brothers, Aubrey and Hartford Boyd; and five grandchildren, Becky Kelly Spearman, Philip Kelly Jr., and Brandon, Corey and Tyler Lee Boyd.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Minnie Mullins, and three brothers, John H., Henry and Asberry Boyd.

Pallbearers will be Dr. George Boyd, David Boyd, Philip Kelly Sr., Philip Kelly Jr., Brandon, Corey and Tyler Lee Boyd and Mark Spearman.

Revs. Larry Pedigo and Wayne Simmons will officiate at the services.

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