

Hugh J. Childress Ob.
s/o Brownlow Childress & Anne Wilson

COOKEVILLE – Funeral services for **Hugh J. Childress**, 98, a former Putnam County Agriculture Extension agent, will be at 2 p.m. today, Sunday, December 22, at First United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Cookeville City Cemetery.

Mr. Childress died Friday, December 20, 1991, at his North Maple home.

The son of Brownlow and Anne Wilson Childress. Mr. Childress was born in Campbell County, TN and grew up in Whitley County, KY, where he attended public schools.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from the University of Kentucky and his graduate degree from Oklahoma State University.

He started his career with the US Department of Agriculture as a dairy extension agent in Oklahoma and moved back to Kentucky as a county agent there before coming to Putnam County in 1924 to work as an extension agent.

Mr. Childress retired as a agent in 1957, having served 33 years in agriculture education.

He served in the armed forces during World Wars I and II, and when his National Guard unit entered federal service in 1941, he trained at Camp Forrest, Miss., and in Louisiana. He transferred to the Air Force in 1942, serving as bas commander at a post in Hudson Bay, Canada, and then in Edmonton, Canada, and then in Fairbanks, Anchorage and Nome, Alaska.

He retired with a rank of major.

Mr. Childress was an active member of the Cookeville Lions Club for more than 50 years, serving in every office within the club and as district governor in 1956-57.

He received the Melvin Jones Fellow award for dedicated humanitarian service to Lions International, and the Cookeville Kiwanis and Cookeville Barber Shop Harmony Singers recently recognized him for his outstanding community service.

He was a Mason for 50 years as well as a 32nd degree Scottish member, a Shriner and a member of the American Legion and the First United Methodist Church, where he was a Sunday school teacher, president of the Senior Neighbors group and a member of the Backsliders Sunday school class.

His family includes a son and daughter-in-law, Robert Q. Childress; a grandson and **his wife, Dr. Clark Childress and Colleen Wynne Childress;** and three great grandsons, Kyle, Andrew and Jimmy Childress.

The family asks that memorial contributions be sent to First United Methodist Church or to Lazarus House Hospice.

Active pallbearers will be Robert Turney, Bruce Plummer, John Hendrix, Sonny Allen, Buddy Darwin and Frank Barnes. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Lions Club, Backsliders Class and Senior Neighbors of the First United Methodist Church.

Rev. Tom Smith, Rev. Lexie Freeman and Rev. Charles McCaskey will officiate at the services.

See Chapter 5 Robert Quillen "Chick" Childress & Nancy Jane Clark for more family information: <http://www.ajalmbert.com>

Zachariah Denney/Denny md Catharine/ Katherine Stallings =
Jonathan Denny md Agnes "Aggie" T. Winfree =
Thompson Luther "Tobe" Denny md Frances "Fannie" Jane Ford =
Marguerite "Maggie" Black Denny md Judge Oscar K. Holladay =
Mabel Jane Holladay md Hubert H. "Jimmy" Clark =
Nancy Jane Clark md Robert Quillen "Chick" Childress =
Dr. Robert Clark Childress md Colleen Wynne