

William “Bill” Rankin Medley Obt.

b. 26 September 1923, TN – d. 1 November 2018, Algood, Putnam Co., TN, (WWII Radio Operator), md 1st b. 26 September 1923, TN – d. 1 November 2018, Algood, Putnam Co., TN to **Bonnie Mae (Herndon) Medley** b. 24 February 1925, TN – d. 24 January 1987, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Dewey Herndon & Elizabeth Harney**. William “Bill” Rankin Medley, s/o **Eugene Eschol “Dock” Medley** (1902-1982) & **Buena Vista Denny** (1898-1976). William “Bill” Rankin Medley also md 2nd 10th of September 1988, Putnam Co., TN to **Gertha Marie (Breeding) Roberson Medley**, b. 15 November 1927. William “Bill” Rankin Medley and his first wife Bonnie Mae (Herndon) Medley are both buried in Rock Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

*See Bonnie Mae (Herndon) Medley Obt.

(**Source:** South Dakota Marriage record, Minnehaha, SD – William R. Medley married 28 September 1944, Minnehaha, SD, age 21, address: Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN to Bonnie M. Herndon, age 21, address: Madison, Davidson Co., TN).

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 502 – William R. Medley married 10 September 1988, age 64, b. 26 September 1923, address: Rt. 3, Box 33, Gainesboro, TN to Gertha Marie Roberson, age 60, b. 15 November 1927, address: 670 Dakota Avenue, Cookeville, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Ann Karch, Forrest Road, Cookeville, TN).



Funeral services with military honors for Mr. William R. (Bill) Medley, age 95, of Algood, will be at 11 a.m. Monday November 5 at Algood United Methodist Church. Pastor Albert Willis will officiate.

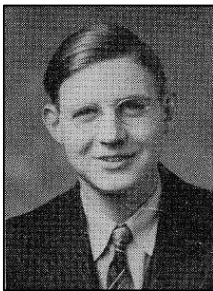
The family will receive friends Sunday from 4 - 7 pm at the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home and again Monday from 10 am until service time at the church.

Bill passed away Thursday evening November 1, 2018 at his home.

He was born September 26, 1923 in Buffalo Valley, TN to the late E.E. (Dock) Medley and Buena Vista Denny Medley.

Bill served in War World II as a radio operator on a B-29 aircraft. He was stationed on Tinian Island in the South Pacific.

Bill was a retired soil conservationist who earned his degree from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute (TTU) on the GI Bill. He served from Dyersburg to Gainesboro, TN helping farmers and land owners build ponds, prevent soil erosion, and cut and plant trees. He was a naturalist before his time. His knowledge of plants, trees, and soils was tremendous. He was an avid gardener and planted an abundance of his favorite plants. Needless to say, he had plenty of fresh vegetables to share with everyone! It wasn't uncommon for him and his wife, Gertha, to "Can" 300 quarts of green beans a season! He worked with 4-H and other youth groups teaching them about the land. Bill and son, Gene, also raised and showed Shorthorn Cattle and traveled the state to compete. After retirement, he and his wife enjoyed many trips within the United States to attend as many shows, plays, and music events as possible. They traveled several times a year to Pigeon Forge to enjoy the mountains and all the family and friends that gathered with them. He was a member of the Algood Methodist Church, where he served on many committees and loved being a member. (Pictured: William Rankin Medley Class of 1941, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).



He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Gertha Breeding Roberson Medley; daughter-in-law, Maura Little Medley of Livingston; two grandchildren, William Robert (Rob) Medley and wife Samantha of Livingston, and Allison Medley Ogle and husband Vince of Flintville, TN; a sister, Vista Carroll of Old Hickory, TN; a

brother-in-law, Mike Broderick of Alexandria, VA; and three precious great-granddaughters, Mila and Piper Ogle and Alyssa Medley; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife of 42 years, Bonnie Herndon Medley of Madison, TN; his only child, Eugene "Gene" Medley of Livingston, TN; his sister, Esther Medley Broderick of Alexandria, VA.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Algood United Methodist Church, 135 W Main St, Cookeville, TN 38506 or the charity of your choice.

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Bonnie Mae (Herndon) Medley Obt.

b. 24 July 1925, TN – d. 24 January 1987, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md b. 26 September 1923, TN – d. 1 November 2018, Algood, Putnam Co., TN **William "Bill" Rankin Medley**, b. 26 September 1923, TN – d. 1 November 2018, Algood, Putnam Co., TN, (WWII Radio Operator), s/o **Eugene Eschol "Dock" Medley** (1902-1982) & **Buena Vista Denny** (1898-1976). William R. "Bill" Medley md 2nd on the 10th of September 1988, Putnam Co., TN to **Gertha Marie (Breeding) Roberson Medley**, b. 26 September 1923. Bonnie Mae (Herndon) Medley, d/o **Sheridan Dewey "Tennessee" Herndon** (1900-1984) & **Dovie Elizabeth "Lizzie" Harney** (1907-1991), both buried in Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, Titusville, Brevard Co., FL.

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COOKEVILLE – Funeral services for Bonnie Mae Medley, 61, will be conducted from the Chapel of Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home Tuesday, January 27, 1987 at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Randall Ganues officiating. Burial will follow in the Rock Springs Cemetery. Mrs. Medley died Saturday, January 24, 1987 at Cookeville General Hospital.

Mrs. Medley was a native of Tennessee, the daughter of Elizabeth Harney Herndon of Titusville, FL and the late Dewey Herndon.

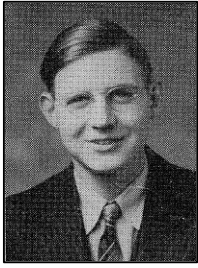
She was a graduate of Tennessee Tech and worked as a librarian at Gainesboro Elementary School.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, William R. Medley, Morristown, TN; one grandson, William Robert Medley, Morristown; three sisters, Mrs. Maxie Anglea, Franklin, TN, Mrs. Jane Futch, Titusville, FL. And Mrs. Florence Werershausen, Austin, TX; two brothers, Andrew Herndon, Titusville, FL and Arthur Herndon, Americus, GA.

Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Pvt. William R. Medley, son of Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Medley of Silver Point, Rt. 1, has been assigned to the AAF Training Command Radio School at the Sioux Falls Army Airfield, Sioux Falls, SD for training as a radio operator-mechanic. He attended Baxter Seminary and prior to his induction into the service, he was employed with the Vultee Aircraft Corporation in Nashville and previous military training has taken at Miami Beach, FL, Lockborne, OH and Maxwell Field, AL.

(Picture: William "Bill" Rankin Medley, Class of 1941 Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN).



William "Bill" Rankin Medley, b. 26 Sept. 1923, TN – Cookeville, TN, s/o **Eugene Eschol "Dock" Medley & Buena Vista Denny**. William's grandparents are William Riley Medley (1857-1944) & Ada "Ader" McCulley (1876-1958). His grandfather William Riley Medley was the Putnam Co., TN Registrar for many years. William Riley Medley, s/o George "Goat" Washington Medley (1826-1916) & Amanda Smith. George "Goat" Washington Medley is buried in the Bloomington Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

*Read more about the people of Putnam Co., TN & surrounding areas at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>