

Prichard remembered as a 'cornerstone' of Commission

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Obt. of Joe Pritchard



Joe Pritchard, who served in Putnam County government for many years, chairing the Putnam County Commission several times, died at his home on Wednesday, May 19, 2004. He was 81.

Funeral services are set for Saturday, May 22, at 4 p.m. in the chapel of Hooper Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home with Rev. Charles Anderson and Rev. James Walling officiating. Burial will be in the Arlington of Tennessee Cemetery with military honors.

His family includes his wife of 57 years, Edna Marie Huddleston Pritchard of Cookeville; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ron Pritchard of Cookeville, Bill and Theresa Pritchard of Hanahan, SC and Chuck and Carol Pritchard of Cookeville; one daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Wayne Jared of Smithville, TN; two brothers, Ralph Pritchard of Niceville, FL and Jack Pritchard of Kansas, MO; one sister, Ruth E. Richardson of Miami; seven grandchildren, Catina Bohannon, Kim Brady, Tim and Terry Jared, Kelly Atkinson, and Jon and Amanda Swearingen; and three great grandchildren, Alaina and Allison Bohannon and Ashlynn Brady.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today, Friday, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 1 p.m. until time for the service at the funeral home.

Mr. Prichard was born 1 February 1923, in Putnam Co., TN to the late Cordell and Ruth West Pritchard.

He was a retired design engineer with Tennessee Metal Fabrication Corp.

He was an active member of Midway Baptist Church, serving as deacon, Sunday School teacher, and in other positions for many years. He was a member of Cookeville Masonic Lodge #266 F & AM.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

His public service to this county included terms on the old Putnam County Quarterly Court and then later served elected terms on the same legislative body after it became the Putnam County Commission. He was elected chairman of the Commission several times over the years.

His commission terms began in the 1970's and continued into the 1990's. Throughout those years, he never hesitated to stand up strongly for what he believed in and what he thought was best for Putnam County.

Among his services to county government were many, many hours of work on the recurring task of redistricting the county, that is , the adjusting of districts and precincts to align with census data for the purpose of equalizing representation.

“He was one of the most respected of commissioners because of just plain honesty,” said Commissioner Billy Rodgers, who has served many years on the legislative body, “Joe was on the commission when I first got there.”

Rodgers called Joe Pritchard “one of the cornerstones” on the Commission.

“When he took a stand, it was what he considered the best interest of this county. You know, some people are not flashy - - they just get the job done, and that’s how he was, one of those people who are honest in what they believe. You respect that.”

Putnam County Executive Kim Blaylock said, “Mr. Pritchard gave a lot of his time for this county.”

In addition to his parents, a brother, Lloyd Pritchard, and a sister, Sue Scribner, preceded him in death.

His grandchildren will serve as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Midway Baptist Church building fund by contacting the funeral home.

Hooper Huddleston & Homer Funeral Homer is in charge of arrangements.

Census Place: 1880 District 11, Fentress, Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255254 National Archives Film T9-1254 Page 561D

Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace	
William PRITCHARD		Self	M	M	W	40 TN
Occ:	Farmer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Lovina PRITCHARD		Wife	F	M	W	36 TN
Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Charles T. PRITCHARD		Son	M	S	W	15 TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Willis G. PRITCHARD		Son	M	S	W	13 TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
John PRITCHARD		Son	M	S	W	11 TN
Occ:	Works On Farm	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Eliza A. PRITCHARD		Dau	F	S	W	9 TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Absalum PRITCHARD		Son	M	S	W	8 TN
		Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Sarah M. PRITCHARD		Dau	F	S	W	6 TN

Fa: TN Mo: TN
Mary M. PRITCHARD Dau F S W 4M TN
Fa: TN Mo: TN

1900 Census: 19th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 202 Family: 208

Prichard, Willis G. Head M W January 1867 33 Married (4 yrs. md) Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

Prichard, Hannah Wife F W March 1874 26 Married (4 yrs. md) (2 children born, 2 children living)
KY KY KY

Prichard, Alice Dau. F W October 1896 3 Single TN TN KY

Prichard, Emma Dau. F W August 1899 9/12 Single TN TN KY

Hicks, Mary Aunt F W September 1856 43 Widow (1 child born, 1 child living) TN TN KY

Hicks, Bertha Boarder F W May 1884 16 Single At School TN TN KY

Williams, Joseph Board M W June 1884 15 Single Farm Laborer KY KY KY

Rodes, George Servant M W May 1868 32 Single Farm Laborer KY KY KY

1910 Census: 19th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN – Livingston Road

Dwl: 209 Family: 210

Prichard, Willis G. Head M W 43 Married1 (13 yrs. md) Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

Prichard, Hannah W. Wife F W 36 Married1 (13 yrs. md) (6 children born, 5 children living) TN TN TN

Prichard, Alice M. Dau. F W 12 Single TN TN TN

Prichard, Flora C. Dau. F W 11 Single TN TN TN

Prichard, Cordell J. Son M W 6 Single TN TN TN

Prichard, Vina L. Dau. F W 4 Single TN TN TN

Prichard, Kenneth J. Son M W 2 Single TN TN TN

1920 Census: 19th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN - Algood to Monterey Road

Line: 88 Dwl: 143 Family: 143

Prichard, Willis G. Head M W 52 Married Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

Prichard, Hannah Wife F W 45 Married KY KY KY

Prichard, Cordell J. Son M W 16 Single TN TN KY *Cordell J. Prichard md Ruth West.*

Prichard, Vina L. Dau. F W 13 Single TN TN KY

Prichard, Thomas Son M W 11 Single TN TN KY

Prichard, Cecil Ray Son M W 4 Single TN TN KY

1930 Census: 19th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Line: 77 Dwl: 61 Family: 64

Prichard, Willis G. Head M W 62 Married (29 yrs. old 1st marriage) Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

Prichard, Hannah Wife F W 56 Married (22 yrs. old 1st marriage) KY KY KY

Prichard, Kenneth Son M W 22 Single Laborer Farm TN TN KY

Bohannon, Opal Servant F W

1930 Census: 19th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Line: 81 Dwl: 62 Family: 65

Prichard, Cordell Head M W 25 Married (18 yrs. old 1st marriage) Farmer TN TN KY
(*Cordell J. Prichard, s/o Willis G. Prichard & Hannah*)

Prichard, Ruth Wife F W 21 Married (19 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN (*Ruth West*)

Prichard, Joe Son M W 7 Single TN TN TN

Prichard, Lloyd Son M W 6 Single TN TN TN

Prichard, Eline Dau. F W 2 ?/12 Single TN TN TN *Ruth Eline Prichard*

Cordell J. Prichard – b. 13 September 1903, TN – d. 23 June 1960 md Ruth West – b. 9 February 1902, TN Both Buried: Brotherton Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

...Joe Prichard – b. 1 February 1923, TN – d. 19 May 2004 – md ca. 1947, Edna Marie Huddleston

...Lloyd Prichard – b. 21 March 1924, TN – d. 6 July 1936

...Ruth Eline Prichard – b. ca. 1927, TN md Mr. Richardson of Miami, FL
Buried: Brotherton Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

...Ralph Prichard – of Niceville, FL

...Jack Prichard – of Kansas City, MO

...Ron Prichard – of Cookeville, TN

...Bill Prichard – of Hanahan, SC md Theresa

...Chuck Prichard – of Cookeville, TN md Carol

...Sandra Prichard – of Smithville, TN md Wayne Jared

possibly...

...Betty Sue (Prichard) – b. 18 January 1933 – d. 2 March 1995 – md Mr. Vaughn –
md George Scribner – b. ca. 1917 – d. 22 February 1994 –

Both Buried: Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

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