

Clara (Loftis) Winfree Obt.

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for **Clara Loftis Winfree**, 95, of Algood will be held Thursday, Dec. 27, at 1 p.m. from the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Cookeville Cemetery.

Family will receive friends today, Wednesday, Dec. 26, from 5-8 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 27, from 11 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home.

Mrs. Winfree died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, at her residence.

She was born May 6, 1912, in Morrison's Creek in Jackson County to the late George R. and Mattie Loftis. (*George Rufe Loftis, b. 8 August 1880 – d. 24 September 1936 and Mattie, b. 16 September 1888 – d. 5 February 1980. Records came from Bible of George Rufe Loftis recorded in 1922. Source: Loftis and the Descendants of Laban Loftis, by Jimmie R. Loftis & Bobbie H. Byrant, pages 361 & 362: George Rufe Loftis was the son of John Pierce Loftis & Frances America Loftis. John Pierce Loftis was the son of Thomas Jefferson Loftis & Parlitha Gallion. Frances America Loftis was the daughter of James Madison “Matt” Loftis & Elizabeth Holcombe. John and Frances were 1st cousins.*)

Mrs. Winfree was a charter member of Willow Ave. Church of Christ. She, along with her husband, sister and brother-in-law, were among the first three families to organize the church in 1948.

She was a retired associate with Acme Boot Company, a veteran breeder of Yorkshire Terriers and an avid gardener.

Her family includes a daughter and son-in-law, Joann and John Myers of Clarksville; a son and daughter-in-law, Sam and Cindy Winfree of Cookeville; six grandchildren, Alan Winfree and wife Jennifer, and Sara Winfree, all of Cookeville, Patti Evans of Oak Ridge, Marsha Johnson and husband Wayne of Chesterfield, Va., Al Myers and wife Susan, and Michael Myers and wife Lentyn, all of Tellico Villiage; nine great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Winfree was preceded in death by her husband, A. J. Winfree; a twin daughter, Sandra Lee Winfree, who died at birth in 1944; a sister, Lassie Bennett; and four brothers, Jones R., Ernest D., Morgan and Harold Loftis. (*Clara May Loftis, b. 6 May 1912 and 4 April 1930 to Alton J. Winfree, b. 27 April 1909 – d. 10 July 1978.*)

Pallbearers will be Alan Winfree, Al and Michael Myers, Wally and Randy Shaw and Drew Walker.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Happy Haven Home for Children by contacting the funeral home.

Bro. Clarence Deloach will officiate the services.

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