

### **Hollis Moore Loftis Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for Hollis M. Loftis, 75, of Cookeville will be held Thursday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. in the Cookeville chapel of Whitson Funeral Home. Burial will be in Smith Chapel Cemetery in Jackson County.



His family will receive friends Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 7 a.m.- 9 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 22, from 7 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home.

Mr. Loftis died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007, at Masters Health Care Center in Algood.

He was born Sept. 8, 1931, in Jackson County to the late Lee Martin and Lora Langford Loftis.

Mr. Loftis was a highly regarded educator of 45 years in Putnam and Jackson Counties. He earned his BS degree in elementary education and MS degree in library science and school administration from TTU. He was the principal of Park View School and Bangham School in Putnam County and also Dodson's Branch School and Arbor School in Jackson County. During his career in education, he also was a coach, music teacher, librarian and classroom teacher of many students whom he loved and remembered. After retiring, he was involved in education as a member of the Park View Retired Teachers' Association and the Putnam County Retired Teachers' Association.

Mr. Loftis was also a well-known gospel music enthusiast, singing with many area quartets, and was remembered as the tenor singer for the Crownsmen Quartet. He enjoyed traveling and was a summer tour guide, leading groups on excursions throughout the U.S. and Canada. He was also an avid cattle farmer.

Mr. Loftis loved God, his family and his friends. He was a lifelong member of the Southern Baptist Church at Popular Springs in Overton County. Throughout the years, he faithfully served God as a deacon, secretary-treasurer, Sunday school superintendent and congregational song leader.

His family includes three sisters, Thelma Loftis Pierce, Reba Loftis Dillon and Merle Loftis Smith, all of Cookeville; 11 nieces, Glenda Faye Daily, Roanna Bryant, Sharon Allen, Linda Lee, Connie Clinton, Sarah Pierce and Vicky Poston, all of Cookeville, Marie Cantrell of Bull Gap, Jean Hunt of Dover, Del., Darlene Payne of Union, Ohio, and Claudia Anderson of Bowie, Md.; six nephews, Joe G. Allen, Don Loftis, Marshal G. Dillon and Sherrill W. Smith, all of Cookeville, James Lee of Troy, Ohio, and Bobby Loftis of Rickman; several great-nieces and -nephews, several great-great nieces and nephews; and many cousins.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Loftis was preceded in death by two sisters, Livie Loftis Lee and Louvada Loftis Allen; two brothers, Walter and Claude Loftis; a niece, Judy Smith Sloan; and a great-niece, Donna Cantrell.

The family of Mr. Loftis would like to give special thanks to his sitters, David Bryant, Kim Bean, Margaret Mayberry, Rhoda Martin, Mary Ann Goolsby, Ronella Mayberry, Peggy Ragland and Lori Jackson, who assisted the family and helped to provide around-the-clock care at Masters Health Care Center. He loved each one of you.

Pallbearers will be family members, former students and friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be retired Putnam County principals and colleagues.

Revs. Jim Phillips and Earl Dirkson will officiate the services.

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Source: Loftis & the Descendants of Laban Loftis by Jimmie R. Loftis & Bobbie H. Byrant, pgs. 36, 39, 40, 41, 52:

Hollis Moore Loftis never married. He taught school for more than 42 years including principal at Park View school.

He was the son of Lee Martin Loftis, b. 5 December 1888, Hilham, Overton Co., TN – d. 10 September 1960, Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN, married 17 October 1908 Lora Langford, b. 11 February 1890, Jackson Co., TN – d. 25 May 1990, Putnam Co., TN. Both buried in the Smith's Chapel Cemetery.

Lee Martin Loftis was the son of James Peyton Loftis, b. 10 November 1861/62, Jackson Co., TN – d. 7 December 1937, TN, married 1<sup>st</sup> 7 February 1882 Clarinda Americus Loftis moved to Idaho. She was born ca. 1863, Jackson Co., TN, and may be the d/o William & Rachael Phillips and she died 10 November 1911, Davidson Co., in Central State Hospital of exhaustion (TN DC #13894). He married 2<sup>nd</sup> Fannie Smith (common law).

James Peyton Loftis was the son of Bailey “Balie” Peyton Loftis, b. 7 October 1844, Jackson Co., TN – d. 13 February 1925, Louisiana and married 1<sup>st</sup> 1860-61 Elizabeth Hawkins, b. 1844 – d. 1918 Free State, Jackson Co., TN. Elizabeth was the d/o John Chapman & Mahalia “Nancy” Lee Hawkins of Spring Creek, Jackson Co., TN (note: “Nancy” Lee was d/o Henry Lee half brother to General Robert E. Lee). He married 2<sup>nd</sup> 23 March 1891, Louisiana to Sarah Ferguson Kinchen d/o Oran Malloy & Rosealba Gatlin Kinchen. Bailey Peyton Loftis served as a Private, K Co., 13<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, Confederate, during the Civil War.

Bailey “Balie” Peyton Loftis was the son of Laban “Laborn” Samuel Loftis, b. 20 November 1819, Jackson Co., TN, married Mary Pauline “Polly” Morgan, b. 30 August 1823, Jackson Co., TN – d. 11 March 1885. She was the d/o Job & Sallie Hawkins Morgan. Job Laban & Polly Loftis married about 1840, Jackson Co., TN and had 16 children. Laban is said to have fallen over a cliff and was killed.

Note: The records of Spring Creek Baptist Church give different dates for the children of Labe and Polly Loftis.

Laban “Laborn” S. Loftis was the son of John L. “Jack” Loftis, b. 7 October 1791, SC – d. April 1842/44, Jackson Co., TN. He is said to have been killed by a millstone. He married ca. 1818 enroute to Tennessee in a wagon train to Ermilla “Millie” Dill, b. 1800/1805, VA or SC – d. after 1880, Jackson Co., TN. She was the d/o Archibald Dill who according to records served in the Revolutionary War. Her brother Roland C. Dill owned considerable land together with William Loftis, brother of John L. Loftis, on Balackburn’s Fork in Jackson Co., TN. Issue. The Dill and Loftis families are known to have been living near each other in the Tyger River area of Greenville Co., SC before coming to TN.

John L. “Jack” Loftis was the first child of Laban Loftis & Elizabeth Holcombe. Laban Loftis, b. 1760, MD – d. 8 November 1850, TN married ca. 1790, SC, Elizabeth Holcombe, b. 1769, MD – d. 29 December 1859, TN.



1.1.3.1 (Seated) James Peyton Loftis (1861-1937)  
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Bedford Clay Loftis, b. 15 February, Hilham, TN – d. 15 April 1949, Scofield, Washington Co., OR & buried Forest Grove, OR. He was killed by a falling tree. He married 1 March 1903, Jackson co., TN to Ada Robinson, b. 26 August 1885, Gainesboro, TN – d. 3 May 1975, Portland, Multnomah Co., OR, buried Portland, OR

and d/o Isaac Montgomery & Martha Emeline Brinley Robinson. Issue. Bedford married 2<sup>nd</sup> Rosa Ellen Winger, b. 16 or 19 June 1886 at Ravannah, MO – d. 16 February 1920, Preston, Franklin Co., ID, d/o Noah Wilson & Juda Stotemyer Winger. Issue. Bedfore & Rosa Winger Loftis moved to ID with James Peyton Loftis, then Bedford. He married 3<sup>rd</sup> Alvina Wilhelmina Lena Brinkman, b. 13 March 1900 in Germany, d/o Fredrick & Mina Domke Brinkman. Issue.

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