

92ND BIRTHDAY - J. T. BILLINGSLEY

**J.T. Billingsley** celebrated his 92nd birthday on March 25, 2009 with a trip to Golden Corral with friends and family. Billingsley was **born in 1917 in Jackson County to the late Jim and Clevie Billingsley** and now resides in the McBroom's Chapel Community of Cookeville. Attending his birthday celebration were his daughter, **Peggy Mathis** of Reddington Beach, Fla., her son **Jimmy** and his family; son **Lloyd Billingsley** of Mt. Juliet; his younger brother, **Ernest Billingsley** of Oneida; sisters **Velma Flatt** and **Bernese Carter**, both of Putnam County, and **Juanita Gross** of Sterling Heights, Mich.; and a host of nieces, nephews and other family members and friends. In front from left are the honoree and **Ernest Billingsley**, brother; and in back are **Jimmy Mathis**, grandson, holding **Avery Mathis**, great-granddaughter; **Lacey Mathis**, granddaughter-in-law; **Peggy Mathis**, daughter; **Bob Mathis**, son-in-law; and **Juanita Gross, Bernese Carter** and **Velma Flatt**, sisters. Herald-Citizen Photo/Camille Fliss-Mayberry, Cookeville, TN.

(1900 census 7<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 100 – **Buck Billingsley** is head of household, 38 yrs. old, b. September 1861, TN md 15 yrs. to **Rhoda**, 38 yrs. old, b. March 1862, TN, 6 children born, 5 children living. Children: Mary F., 13 yrs. old, b. January 1887; **James W.**, 8 yrs. old, b. September 1891; Harry, 2 yrs. old, b. October 1897 & Bradley Billingsley, 11/12 yrs. old, b. June 1899. All born in TN).

(1920 census 7<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Granville, Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 29 – **James W. Billingsley** is head of household, 28 yrs. old, TN md to **Clure**, 27 yrs. old, TN. Children: Lee, 6 yrs. old; Roscoe, 4 yrs. old; **John T.**, 2 yrs. old & Ruby 4/12 yrs. old. All born in TN).

(1930 census 7<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN: Dwl: 29 – **James W. Billingsley** is head of household, 39 yrs. old, TN md 22 yrs. to **Louise C.**, 38 yrs. old, TN. Children: Leo, 15 yrs. old; Roscoe, 13 yrs. old; **Jay**, 11 yrs. old; Ruby V., 10 yrs. old; Austin P., 7 yrs. old; Velma, 5 yrs. old; Ernest L., 3 yrs. old & Deller M. Billingsley, 1+ yrs. old. All born in TN).

**James W. Billingsley**, b. 15 September 1891, TN – d. 3 February 1952 & his wife **Clevie L. (unknown) Billingsley**, b. 15 October 1892, TN – d. 7 May 1976, both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Buried next to them: **Savella June Billingsley**, b. 18 March 1948 – d. 2 May 1948, **d/o Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe Billingsley**).