

**Charlcie (Matheney) Presley Obt.**

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**OAK RIDGE — Charlcie Matheney Presley** passed away on Saturday, Oct., 8, 2016. She was born on a snowy day in Monterey on Mar. 21, 1917, to Charles Winton and Mary Jane Story Matheney.

Becoming engaged on a fateful day in our country's history when the bombing of Pearl Harbor happened, Dec. 7, 1941, she was married to the late Charles Warren Presley for almost 55 years before his passing in Sept. 1997. They met at a Works Progress Administration (WPA) dance in 1940. They were proud parents of two sons, Robert and David.



Charles and Charlcie moved to Oak Ridge in Dec. 1945, to a flattop house located at 68 Outer Drive. This is the same house that is now located on the ground of the American Museum of Science and Energy for future generations to enjoy how families lived in the early Manhattan Project days. In January 1950, they moved from the flattop to a brand new Woodland “block” house, also built by the government. When the government sold homes to private citizens in 1957, the Presleys purchased their previously rented home and immediately started working with a contractor to bust out the walls and make their home larger. She resided there, in the same home, which went through two more remodelings and additions, until Nov. 2005, when she moved into an assisted living home.

**Charlcie was a devoted schoolteacher, teaching first in a one-room schoolhouse in Putnam County, and studying in Cookeville at what was then known as Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. She taught in the Putnam County communities of Bangham, Poplar Grove, Hilham, and Bloomington Springs. After moving to Oak Ridge she taught in the Clinton City Elementary School, starting in 1946, teaching physical education.**

She was one of the early teachers who taught on a “teacher’s certificate” without a degree. Leaving husband Charles in Oak Ridge to work, she spent several summers going to school at Tennessee Tech to obtain her degree in Elementary Education. Son Bob joined her in Cookeville while she worked on her degree, also going to “college” at Tech’s Training School. She retired from teaching in 1977 to help Charles run their family-owned Presley Optical Dispensary in Oak Ridge.

A member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Oak Ridge, in her younger years she was active there in Vacation Bible School and women’s church activities, serving several

terms as president of the Women in the Church. She was a member of the Oak Ridge Lionesses and the Retired Teachers Association. She became a Pink Lady, a volunteer at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge. That volunteer passion of hers led to her being president several years, a Methodist Hospital Foundation board member and member emeritus, and a Tennessee Hospital Association “Volunteer of the Year” award honoree.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her oldest son, Robert Winton Presley; and by two brothers, Nashaw and Ovid Matheney; and two sisters, Iva Lee Matheney Tallent and Jonny Matheney Holloway.

Cherishing their memories of Charlcie are: son David Warren Presley (Rene Viggue) of Maple Valley, Wash.; beloved granddaughter, Brooke Ownby (Kevin Ownby); great-granddaughter, Kendall Ownby; great-grandson, Braden Ownby; and daughter-in-law, Louise Stoddard Presley, all of Seymour, Tenn.

Special love and appreciation goes out to Charlcie’s healthcare “Angels” at Sevierville Health and Rehab Center, her home for almost five years.

Receiving friends will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Weatherford Mortuary in Oak Ridge. A celebration of life service will follow at 2 p.m. with Rev. Dr. C. Nicholas Willborn of Covenant Presbyterian Church and Rev. Jack E. Sills, Chaplain at Methodist Medical Center, officiating. Internment will follow the service at Oak Ridge Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Covenant Presbyterian Church, 3000 Clearview Court, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, or to Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge Hospitality Houses, 990 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN 37830. An online guestbook can be signed at [www.weatherformortuary.com](http://www.weatherformortuary.com).

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Charles Warren Presley, 77, of Oak Ridge, died Sunday, Sept. 21, 1997, at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge.

**Mr. Presley and his wife, Charlcie Matheney Presley, owned and operated the Presley Optical Dispensary in Oak Ridge from 1971 to 1983.** During this time, Mr. Presley served the state of Tennessee as a member of the board for Licensing Dispensing Opticians for several terms, and in 1983, was named Optician of the Year by the Tennessee Dispensing Opticians.

From 1944 to 1961, he was a medical technologist for Union Carbide Nuclear Division at the Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant. He later managed Christenberry Optical Dispensary in Knoxville for 10 years.

A native of Putnam County, he was the son of Robert Denton and Jeanie Mae Gentry Presley of Bloomington Springs, now both deceased.

Mr. Presley served with the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1938 to 1940, assigned at Cumberland Mountain State Park. The family said he was very proud to have assisted in the building of the bridge into the park which still stands today. From 1940 to 1942, he served in the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant in the 181st Artillery Division.

He was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder. As a member of the Oak Ridge Lions Club, he assisted in providing glasses for patients with a need. When his sons were younger, he became active in the Boy Scouts of America organizations in both Oak Ridge and Clinton.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Presley is survived by two sons and their wives, Robert Winton and Louise Presley of Clinton and David Warren and Fran Presley of Germantown; and a granddaughter, Brooke Presley Ownby and her husband, Kevin, of Sevierville.

He is also survived by a sister, Jean Presley Watts; and two brothers and their wives, C. Ray and Grace Presley and Willard H. and Vivian Presley, all of Baxter.

The funeral will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Covenant Presbyterian Church with the Rev. David W. Hall officiating.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at **Oak Ridge Memorial Park**.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

The family requests that any memorials be in the form of donations to Covenant Presbyterian Church, 190 Manhattan Ave., or to the Methodist Hospital Foundation, Chaplain's Fund, 990 Oak Ridge Turnpike, both Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

Weatherford Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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**Charles Winton Matheny Obt.**

b. 9 December 1882, Netherland, Overton Co., TN – d. 4 May 1933, Overton Co., TN, and **Mary Jane (Story) Matheny**, b. 5 August 1888 – d. 10 May 1970. Charles Winton Matheny, s/o **Alexander Timothy “Tim” Matheny** (1851-1926) & **Mary Jane**

**Stover** (1851-1914), both buried in Shady Grove Community Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Funeral services for C W Matheney, 50, who died in City hospital Thursday night from injuries sustained when he was struck by a limb from a falling tree near Rickman last Wednesday were conducted at the home here Friday by Rev Sam Edwards, pastor of the First Baptist church, with **burial in the Algood cemetery.**

Mr Matheney was injured while aiding in cutting some trees. As a tree fell, a large limb struck the back of his head, rendering him unconscious and fracturing his skull. He was rushed to the hospital here and died the next night.

Mr Matheney was born in Netherland in Overton county, and had spent most of his life in Putnam county. He was well and favorably known here.

He is survived by his widow and 5 children; 3 boys, Nashaw, Ovid and Johnnie; 2 girls, Iva Lee and Chalcie. He is also survived by 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

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