

LENA V. (WHITAKER) PLUNKETT KESTNER OBT.

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for **Lena Kestner**, 103, of Cookeville will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Kestner died on Monday, Dec. 16, 2002, at NHC Healthcare of Cookeville.

She was born on July 4, 1899, in Putnam County to the late James Lawrence and Geniva Lousetta Robinson Whitaker.

Mrs. Kestner was a retired school teacher with more than 50 years of service. She taught at Baxter Seminary and Baxter Elementary. She was a charter member and charter treasurer of the Putnam County Retired Teacher's Association and charter member of Putnam County Democratic Women's Club.

Her family includes a niece, Helen Spicer of Cookeville, and three nephews, Kenneth Whitaker of Montgomery, Ala., Howard Whitaker of Athens and Dr. Robert (Bob) Craighead of Cookeville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two husbands, Lem Plunkett and R.E. Kestner; three sisters, Sally Whitaker, Mattie Maddux and Beatrice Craighead; and two brothers, Clarence and Ernest Whitaker.

Pallbearers will be Jim Hicks, Gleason Pebley, Kenneth Huddleston, Bob Winchester, James Bush and Bill Brown.

Memorial donations may be made to the Baxter Seminary Alumni Scholarship Fund by contacting the funeral home.

Dr. Bill Starnes will officiate at the services.

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1900 census 10th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 40 Family: 40

James Whitaker Head 32 M W b. February 1868 Married (12 yrs. md) Farmer TN TN TN

Lue Whitaker Wife 36 F W b. August 1863 Married (12 yrs. md) TN TN TN

Sallie Whitaker Dau 10 F W b. August 1889 Single TN TN TN

Clarence Whitaker Son 7 M W b. January 1893 Single TN TN TN

Earnest Whitaker Son 5 M W b. October 1894 Single TN TN TN

Lenora Whitaker Dau 2 F W b. July 1897 Single TN TN TN

1910 census 10th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 57 Family: 57

James L. Whiteaker Head 42 M W M1 (20 yrs. md) Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

Geniva L. Whiteaker Wife 46 M1 (20 yrs. md) (6 children born, 6 children living) TN TN TN

Sallie F. Whiteaker Dau 19 F W Single TN TN TN

Clarence C. Whiteaker Son 17 M W Single Farm Laborer Home Farm TN TN TN

Ernest C. Whiteaker Son 14 M W Single Farm Laborer Home Farm TN TN TN

Lena V. Whiteaker Dau 11 F W Single TN TN TN

Mattie J. Whiteaker Dau 8 F W Single TN TN TN
Mary B. A. Whiteaker Dau 6 F W Single TN TN TN

1920 census 9th Civil Dist., Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 5 Family: 5

John B. Plunkett Head 56 M W Married Farmer TN TN TN

Josie Plunkett Wife 48 F W Married TN TN TN

Lem W. Plunkett Son 24 F W Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Rube Plunkett Son 21 M W Married Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Eunice (?) Plunkett Daughter-in-Law 16 F W Married TN TN TN

Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

*Claude Maddux, born 6 November 1901 – died 24 January 1979

*Mattie (Whitaker) Maddux, born 9 June 1901, TN – died 18 October 1956

*Ernest Whitaker, born 18 October 1894, TN – died 16 March 1982

*Sallie Whitaker, born 11 August 1897 – died 5 September 1974

Lena (Whitaker) Plunket, born 4 July 1899, TN – died 16 December 2002, w/o Lem W. Plunket & R. E. Kestner.

Leige Whiteaker Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN

*James Lawrence Whitaker, born 21 February 1867, TN – died 11 November 1950

*Geniva Lousetta (Robinson) Whitaker, born 21 August 1863, TN – died 28 April 1953

Plunkett Family Graveyard, Putnam Co., TN

*John B. Plunket, born 1863, TN – died 1939

*Josie (Love) Plunket, born 1872, TN – died 1949

Lem W. Plunket, born 6 January 1896, TN – died 13 February 1944, s/o John B. Plunket & Josie Love.
Husband of Lena (Whitaker) Plunket Kestner.

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