

**Terry Robert Edgington Obt.**

b. 22 January 1934, Covington, KY – d. 7 October 2019, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 1957, Putnam Co., TN to **LaValla (Presley) Edgington**. Terry Robert Edgington, s/o **John Kenton Edgington** (1909-1989) & **Mary Bell Bert** (1910-1995), both buried in Fairview Cemetery, Norene, Wilson Co., TN.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 79 – Terry Robert Edgington married 31 May 1957, Putnam Co., TN, age 23, b. 22 January 1934, address: 817 Vantrese Dr., Madison, TN to Lavalla Presley, age 20, b. 11 December 1936, address: 1503 N. Dixie, Cookeville, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Hallie Presley, mother, 1503 N. Dixie, Cookeville, TN).

**COOKEVILLE** — Celebration of life service for Mr. Terry Robert Edgington, 85, of Cookeville, will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until service time Friday, Oct. 11, at the church.



Mr. Edgington died Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, at NHC Healthcare in Cookeville.

He was born Jan. 22, 1934 in Covington, Kentucky to the late John and Mary Edgington.

Mr. Edgington was raising in Nashville. He came to Cookeville to attend Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, where he met the love of his life and wife, LaValla Presley Edgington.

He often told the story that he and his friends were walking through the quad one day and he told his buddies that he was going to ask the next pretty girl they met to go out with him. The next girl he saw was LaValla Presley and the rest was history.

He was a lifelong member of Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ. Mr. Edgington received a B.S. Degree in Agriculture from TTU. After graduation from TTU, Terry and LaValla moved to Columbus, Ohio, where Terry attended Ohio State University towards a Master's Degree in microbiology.

Mr. Edgington served in the U.S. Army for two years before being honorably discharged after an extended illness with rheumatic fever.

After moving back to Cookeville, Terry worked in agriculture as a farm supply store manager and owner for nearly 18 years. After 18 years of working in agriculture, Terry went back to school at the University of Tennessee for three semesters to get his Master's Degree in Vocational Education.

Mr. Edgington then became the Vocational Agriculture teacher at Upperman High School, where he also served as head baseball coach, and assistant football and basketball coach for a number of years.

Mr. Edgington was affectionately known as Mr. E during his years as a teacher, where he was a mentor to thousands of young people. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, LaValla Presley Edgington.

He is survived by sons, David Edgington and wife Karen, John Edgington, and Fred and wife Angie Edgington, all of Cookeville; grandchildren, Katie Edgington (Dan) Beasley, Drew (Kori) Edgington, Hallie Edgington (Cody) Hillis, John David (Sara Beth) Edgington, John Terry (Amanda) Edgington, Jacob Edgington and Will Edgington; great grandchildren, Virginia Grace Beasley, Tucker Edgington, Ben Beasley, Tate Edgington and Wyatt Gray (WG) Hillis; and brother, Ronald Edgington and wife Margaret of Lebanon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Happy Haven Homes for Children, 2311 Wakefield Dr., Cookeville, TN 38501.

Hooper Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 526-6111.

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