

Reginald "Reggie" Roscoe Shanks Obt.

Reginald Roscoe Shanks, age 85 of Cookeville, passed away Tuesday evening, October 17, 2017, at Cumberland House Hospice in Crossville, TN.

Mr. Shanks was born July 8, 1932, on a farm in the Buffalo Valley Community of Putnam County to the late Walter R. and Euda Warren Shanks. **He married the love of his life, Andelene Stout Shanks, on January 11, 1952 and they were married for 61 years upon her death.**

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Brandon "BT" Thomas; brothers, Walter Warren Shanks and Teddy Craven Shanks; nephew, Stanley Warren Shanks; and brother in law, Ralph Fike.

During his early life, Reggie attended the Denny Seminary Methodist Church. He was a member of the Park View Methodist Church and in his later years he attended the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church.

Mr. Shanks was a veteran of law enforcement. He spent 35 years with the Putnam County Sheriff's Department and retired as a police officer with the City of Cookeville. He was the first detective in Cookeville and the chief deputy sheriff under Sheriff Bill Bilyeu. **He was a Putnam County Commissioner representing the 6th District for 48 years.** He was the longest serving county commissioner in Putnam County and the second longest serving county commissioner in the state of Tennessee. He and his wife, Andelene, were active members of the Putnam County Fair Board for over 50 years. During this time, he was recognized by the Fair Board, receiving a Lifetime Honorary Membership on the Board.

Survivors include his three loving daughters Gina, Pam, and Penny and their families: Daughter Gina and husband Paul Hooper, grandchildren Chris Weber and Trina and Johnnie Allison, great grandchildren Tristan, Stacy, Rookie, and Cruz; Daughter Pam and husband Tim Thomas, granddaughter Brandy Minnear and Brian Beechboard, great granddaughter Maddi, grandsons the late Brandon Thomas, Mark and Debbie Thomas, great granddaughter LeAnna and extended family Sara, Laura, Keynan, Kyara, Kayden; and Casey and Courtney Thomas, great granddaughters Caylee and Kenzleigh; Daughter Penny and husband Brian Gilliam, grandchildren Austin and Jessica; sister, Dorothy Fike of Madison; brother, Robert A. Shanks of Buffalo Valley; sister in law, Wanda Stout Shanks of Buffalo Valley; and special friend of the family Tyler Miller.

The Shanks family will receive friends from 1-9 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, and on Friday, October 20, from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Crest Lawn Funeral Home. The funeral service for Mr. Shanks will be held at 3 p.m. at the Putnam County Fairgrounds. Interment will follow at the Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Cookeville with full Police Honors.

Pallbearers will be Austin Gilliam, Chris Weber, Mark Thomas, Casey Thomas, Brian Beechboard, Johnnie Allison, Tristan Allison, Stacy Allison, Rookie Allison, Cruz Allison, and Tyler Miller.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Eddie Farris, Danny Holmes, County and City Police Honor Guard, and Randy Porter and the Putnam County Commissioners.

Johnny Fox and Bill Cowan will officiate the service. "The Redeemed" singers: Sharon Griggs, Linda Fox, and Teresa Randolph, will be singing special songs and music will be played by Lavetz McClain. Wayne Shanks, the nephew of Reggie Shanks, will be doing the eulogy.

The Shanks family requests that memorials for Reggie Shanks be made to: Reggie Shanks Memorial Fund for the Putnam County Fair (make checks payable to the Putnam County Fair Board and receipts will be given during visitation times), St. Jude (www.stjude.org), Fraternal Order of Police Cordell Hull Lodge#10 (www.tnstatefop.com). Following interment at the cemetery, the family will gather for a fellowship meal at the Holladay Church of Christ at 1765 Mine Lick Road, Cookeville, TN 38501. Food may be dropped off at the church Friday, October 20, between 3-5:00p.m.

Crest Lawn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 931-526-6384. You may share your thoughts and memories at www.crestlawnmemorial.com

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