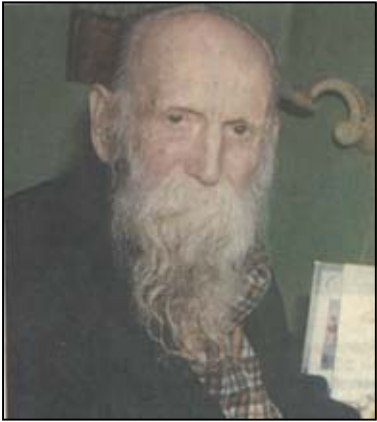


Bethel Robinson Prichard Obt.
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BAXTER -- Funeral services for Bethel R. Prichard, 100, of Silver Point, will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 22, from the chapel of Baxter Funeral Home. Burial will be in Smellage Memory Gardens. Boma, TN.

The family will receive friends after 5 p.m. today, Thursday, March 21; and until time of services on Friday, March 22, at the funeral home.

Mr. Prichard died today, Thursday, March 21, 2002, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Jan. 21, 1902, in Putnam County to the late Willie Benjamin and Betty Shanks Prichard. He was a farmer.

His family includes a son, Benjamin Prichard of South Carolina; two daughters, Betty Virginia Jernigan and Billie Roberts, both of Silver Point; a sister, Nettie Allison of Silver Point; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and three great-great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Elizabeth Carr Prichard; a sister, Ollie Brown; three brothers, Robert Schuyler "Skyler"; Everett and Ralph Prichard; and a grandson, Terry Roberts.

Bro. George Sweeney will officiate at the services.



Bethel Robinson Prichard led a very interesting life style. He was a vegetarian most of his life. Probably in his late 20's he joined a group of five men who formed a religious group calling themselves Israelites. The men grew long beards and hair. They never went to cemeteries. They would say, "Let the dead bury the dead". They believed they would never die. Bethel Robinson was the last member of this group to die. He was 100 yrs. old on his last birthday in 2002. He has a 95 yr. old sister still living in 2002 and had a 90 yr. old brother who recently died ca. 2002. Letter received by Carolyn (Shanks) Huddleston cousin of Bethel Robinson Prichard.

**See Chapter 15, Amanda "Mandy" Wallace for complete family listing.*