

Martin Luther Meador

September 7, 1921 – March 28, 2008

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Martin Luther Meador, 86, of Parkersburg, passed away at Camden Clark Memorial Hospital on Friday, March 28, 2008.

Martin was born at Hinton September 7, 1921, a son of the late Luther and Mary Pitzer Meador. From 1924 until 1938, Martin lived in Jumping Branch, and was a graduate of Hinton High School Class of 1939. Martin began his adult life as an employee of Koppers Stores in August of 1939 and continued to work for them as they became the General Department Stores until 1944. In 1944, Martin answered his nation's call to arms to serve in World War II, serving at Camp Fannin, Texas, Camp Stoneman, Calif., The Island of Luzon (Philippines) and the Military Occupational Government, Republic of Korea.

When Martin returned to the continental United States in 1946, he returned to the General Department Store Company, where he managed all departments of the store in Kimberly and also managed the store in Barrett. In July of 1954, he left the company stores and moved to Nitro, where he began selling insurance for Kemper Insurance Company. In late 1954, he was promoted to Regional sales manager and was transferred to Romney. In 1962, he was promoted to regional sales manager in Milton, and in July 1969, he was promoted to state manager and moved to Parkersburg, where he retired in 1984.

Martin was a member of the 19th Street Church of God in Parkersburg. Martin was a great gardener, but of all Martin's hobbies, he loved giving back to his community by acting as the transportation coordinator for Parkersburg Food Charity Distributors.

Martin is survived by his wife of 68 years, Norma Lee Cooper Meador; his three children, James E. Meador of Knoxville, Tenn., Beverly A. Meador of Cleveland, Tenn., and Martin "Marc" Meador of Waldorf, Md.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a multitude of extended family and friends.

Martin was preceded in death by six sisters; and three brothers.

The funeral service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Leavitt Funeral Home, 403 Seventh St., Parkersburg, with Bishop David Meadows and Bishop Randall Fuson officiating. Entombment will be in Sunset Memory Gardens Chapel of Peace with full military graveside rites by Parkersburg American Legion Post No. 15.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the West Virginia Church of God Boys Ranch in Fayetteville, WV or the Downs Syndrome Foundation.