

Joseph Buell Swope

July 1, 1887 – January 10, 1986

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NARROWS, Va. — Joseph Buell Swope, 98, died Friday in a Pearisburg, Va. hospital of natural causes.

Born July 1, 1887, in Monroe County, he was a son of the late Jonathan and Antoinette Diddle Swope.

Mr. Swope was a former member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, having served McDowell County from 1917-1918. He and his father founded the first newspaper published in Wyoming County.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie Mae Harvey Swope in 1975.

Survivors include three sons, Joseph B. Swope Jr. of Southport, N.C., Burbridge C. Swope of Narrows, Va. and Thelbert A. Swope of McConnells, S.C.; a daughter, Janis S. Toler of Mullens; 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Funeral Home in Prosperity with the Rev. Rodney Foster officiating. Burial will follow in the Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens in Prosperity.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.