

## **Jack Lee “Buzzy” Hellems**

Jack Lee "Buzzy" Hellems was born August 31, 1930 at Madams Creek, he was the son of the late Earl L. and Mary Wallace Hellems.

Buzzy was a 1948 graduate of Hinton High School where he played football and later attended Concord College. A Veteran of the United States Navy, he proudly served his country on the Submarine Tender USS Orion (AS-18).

A lifelong resident of Hinton, he owned and operated Hellems Cash Store for more than 58 years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hinton where he served as an Elder and Trustee, he was a member of the Hinton Masonic Lodge #62 A.F. & A.M. and the Beni Kedem Shrine of Charleston.

A lifelong Democrat who served Summers Co. as a member of the West Virginia State Senate from 1975 to 1976 and a former chairman of the Summers County Democrat Executive Committee, a former Director of the National Bank of Summers and Horizon Bank Corp.

A sports enthusiast, he was an avid Dodgers fan. In 1957 he became a Charter Member of the Bobcat Boosters, remaining an active member until 1997. He attended every Bobcat football game and assisted Coach Garten on the sideline. Buzzy is an honorary member of the Bobcat Hall Of Fame. Beyond the playing field he was a loyal friend and willing mentor of many young men and women who attended Hinton High School. He assisted many families who lived in the community as well.

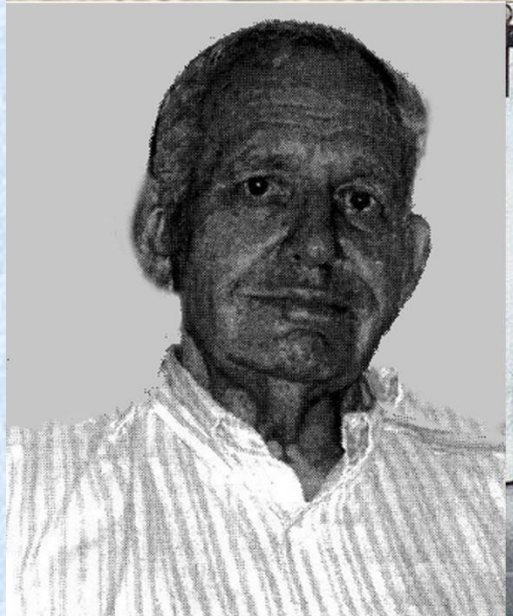
At the age of 78, Buzzy passed on at his home following an extended illness, at 5:30 A.M. Friday January 9, 2009.

Survived by his wife of 51 years, Glenda Hamm Hellems; two sons, E. Kent Hellems of Hinton and Jack Kennedy Hellems and wife Connie of Hinton; two daughters, Beth Hellems of Waynesburg, PA and Janie Sayre and husband Tim of Waverly, WV; Five grandchildren, Megan and Bryce Sayre, Maggie Hellems, Paige and Emma Hellems; one sister Mary June Cales and husband George of Beckley.

**Jack Lee “Buzzy” Hellems, We Salute You!**

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Buzzy Hellems on retirement day 9/28/1995