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Obituaries for Sat., May 16, 2015

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MADELYN G. POWELL

Madelyn Powell, 94, passed away in hospice care at her home in Red Level. She was born on April 5, 1921.



Powell

She met the love of her life, Ralph Powell, on the dance floor at Old Riverside Inn in River Falls. They married at her home in Danely Crossroads, near Elba.

Madelyn came to Red Level as a third grade teacher. She taught in Covington County schools for 40 years. She spent many faithful years in the town of Red Level. She was involved in the Red Level Women's Club, the Women's Society of Christian Service, the Red Level Methodist Church, and various local festivals, parades and Red Level High School ball games. She devoted many hours to family, friends and relatives. She loved cooking for her family and friends. Her flowerbeds overflowed with beautiful flowers for arrangements for church, home and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, H. Sturgeon and Amy Lindsey Grimes; her two brothers, James Edwin and Patrick O. Grimes; as well as her beloved Ralph. She will also meet her family, Patricia Connally, Robert E. Connally and Mary Daniel at the crossing.

She took great joy in her many nieces, nephews and their children. They remain here to mourn her loss.

Madelyn is survived by her first cousin, Lucy Grimes Martin of Andalusia; her nieces, Joanne Rhoads and Lillian Connally (Jake) Renfroe; her nephews, Mike (Kathy) Purnell and Donald Pullin; her nephew-in-law, Frank G. Daniel; and their numerous children, E.L. Wingo, Jr., Michael Connally Wingo, Connie Huggins, Donnie (Phillip) Stinson, Mary Ann Lambert, Frank (Cindy) G. Daniel Jr., Sharon and Kay Connally, Keith Connally, M. Dee Renfroe, John (Jane) William Renfroe III, J. Ben (Tammy) Renfroe and Kathy Rhoads.

The family wishes to also honor and thank her very special friends, Carolyn Ivey, Jeanette Huber, Pam Nolan, Rhonda Patterson, as well as Diane and Melanie.

Madelyn instilled in her third grade students the attributes of responsibility, respectfulness, courtesy, cleanliness and physical fitness. She began every day with the Pledge of Allegiance to our Nation's Flag and a reading from the Bible. She believed strongly in the benefits of education. She contributed generously to a scholarship at Troy University in honor of Patrick O. Grimes.

She will be buried next to her beloved Ralph after a funeral service at Foreman Funeral Home in Andalusia.

Details of the arrangements will be announced by Foreman's.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Red Level First United Methodist Church, 30017 County Road 107, Red Level, Alabama, 36474.

We Love You,

We Will Miss you,

We Will Never Forget You.

JOHN THOMAS BASS SR.

John Thomas Bass Sr. was born in April 1924 near the fork of Five Runs Creek in Covington County. Tommy passed away on Tues., May 5, 2015, at a local hospital.

Tommy was a World War II veteran. He was in the 13th Air Force and drove a dozer, clearing and building air field landing strips for the B47s during the Battle of Morotai, an island in the South Pacific.

In 1945, Tommy married Roberta Howell and moved to Troy to attend Troy University and received his teaching degree in 1949. The family moved to Panama City, Fla., where Tommy began his teaching career at Springfield Elementary. Tommy left teaching to join the U.S. Postal Service. He enjoyed playing semi-pro baseball and played with the Louisville Sluggers at one time.

Tommy taught for the Covington County School System from 1963 to 1986 at Pleasant Home High School, Straughn High School, Red Level High School and Bethune High School. He will be remembered for his drivers education classes by so many in the community.

Tommy was pre-deceased by his wife, Roberta; his parents, Mayme and John Riley Bass; his son, John (Johnny) Thomas Bass Jr.; siblings, Joel Sidney Bass, Catherine Bolding and Ann Kilcrease; and grandchildren, John David Morgan and Thomas Sean Morgan.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories his daughters, Judith B. Casey; son-in-law, Rick Casey, Jacqueline Bass and Janet Bass; daughter-in-law, Frieda Bass; grandchildren, Sean (Stephanie) Anderson, Ashley Frederick, Zac Casey, Griffin Casey, Tyler Casey, Russell Messick, Roberta (Jason) Hall, Kristi Reddish and Terry Headley, Shane Reddish and Alanna Moore; great-grandchildren, Brandon and Ryan Frederick, Alex, Ethan and Cameron Casey, Gage Messick, Blake Jones, Olivia Hall, Jason Wyatt Hall, and Laken and Kira Moore.

The remains will be cremated, and there will be no funeral service. A memorial will be held at a later date.

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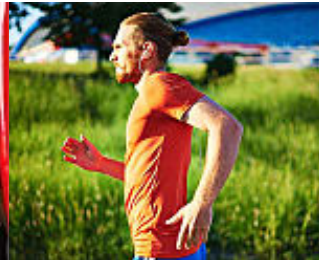


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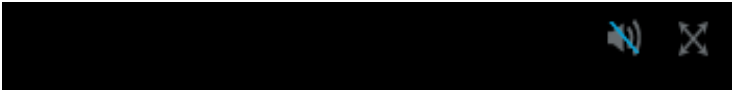
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