

McAlister, James W.

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James "Jim Mac" W. McAlister James "Jim Mac" W. McAlister, age 90, of Wytheville, passed away on November 4, 2015. He was born in Reidsville N.C., on a tobacco farm, the son of James Denny McAlister and Maggie Meador McAlister. Jim was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Peggy McAlister; sisters, Charlotte Carter, and Nancy Motley Haden; and brothers, Irvin, Robert, and Marion. Jim served in the 750th Field Artillery Battalion during WWII earning the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal with a Bronze Service Star. He came to Wytheville in 1948 playing professional baseball for the Wytheville Senators where he met his future wife, Peggy, and many friends. Jim and Peggy made Wytheville their home. Jim was the car business for 38 years, known by many in Wythe County as a fair man to deal with. He served the community as a member of the Jaycees and Lions Clubs. He was a member of the Wytheville Presbyterian Church. He may best be known for being a kind and caring neighbor, his dedication to hard work and fairness, and a person that never spoke ill of others. Jim is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Jim Jr. and Sue McAlister, of Christiansburg; daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Terry Bradbery, of Chester, Va.; three grandchildren, Terri Padgett, Jordan Aldrich, and Amanda Bradbery; and five great grandchildren, Madison Padgett, Mac Padgett, Emma Padgett, Jaden Aldrich, and Jase Aldrich. Funeral services were held 1 p.m. Friday, November 6, 2015, at the Wytheville Presbyterian Church conducted by Pastor Brad Simpson, interment followed in the West End Cemetery, American Legion Post #9 will preform Military Graveside Rites. The family received friends Friday from 11 a.m. until service time. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Wytheville Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 285 Church St. Wytheville, VA 24382. The family also welcomes visitors to the home of Jim & Sue McAlister at 1170 Falcon Run, Christiansburg, VA 24073. Grubb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.