



Eugene B. Alford

January 19, 1921 - February 13, 2008

Eugene Butler Alford age 87 of Kingston passed Wednesday February 13, 2008. Born January 19, 1921 in the Caney Ford community of Roane County. He attended Kingston schools where he played basketball and football at RCHS. He received the Dr. John Roberts award for most outstanding student. At TTU Gene was captain of the Golden Eagles football team and was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. After graduation he attended Columbia University in New York as part of the U.S. Navy's officer's training program. Lt. j.g. Alford was skipper of a LCT which landed on Normandy Beach on D-Day. After WW II he returned to Roane County High School to teach science and to coach. He later became a car salesman. In early years, Gene was a deacon in his family's church, Caney Ford Baptist. At present he was a member of Kingston United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents Paul and Rose Butler Alford, sister in law, Lorna Alford, son Eugene Kent Alford, granddaughter Heather Cochran, and brother Rhue Alford. Also brothers in law Sam, George, Bob and wife Anne Poteet.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years Doris Poteet Alford.

Daughters Melinda Cochran of San Francisco and Teresa Goolsby and husband Larry of Cookeville.

Brothers Jack Alford and wife Lois of Knoxville and Don Alford of Kingston.

Granddaughters Nicole and Michelle Cochran of Nashville and grandsons

Travis Frey and Kent Goolsby of Cookeville.

Brother in law John Poteet and wife Bettie and sisters in law Ann Poteet and Betty Poteet. Several nieces and nephews.

Funeral 2pm Saturday February 16, 2008 in the Kyker Chapel with the Rev. Donald Morris officiating. A family burial will follow in the Bowers Evans cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorial donation be made to your favorite church or charity. The family will receive friends from 12 noon until 2pm Saturday at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston.