

R. LEON ORR

Mr. R. Leon Orr, age 95 of Crockett, passed away Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 3:20 p.m. at home. Mr. Orr was born January 3, 1914, in Prairie Township, Tipton County, Indiana, to Pearl and Maude (Wheatley) Orr. He married Mark K. Shockley on January 3, 1935. She preceded him in death on August 12, 2006.

After graduating from Prairie High School and Ball State University, he enjoyed teaching in several area schools for over 40 years, including New London, Sugar Creek, Jackson Township, Forest, Greentown, Kokomo and Haworth. His career began as a teacher and coach and finished in school administration.

After he and his wife retired, they volunteered at St. Joseph Hospital for 25 years. He was an active church member all his life, serving in a variety of capacities including Elder, Deacon, and Sunday school teacher. He served both West Point Christian Church near Russiaville and the South Side Christian Church in Kokomo.

Mr. Orr and his wife cherished time with their family, including their own three children, and always had an open invitation to brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. He especially enjoyed summer vacations with family in Minnesota.

Survivors include his two sons and spouses, Harold and Judy Orr, of Kokomo, Ind. and Mike and Pam Orr, of Crockett; son-in-law Phil Smith and wife Kathy, of Markle, Ind.; six grandchildren and spouses, Brent and Rachel Smith, Brian and Jennifer Smith, Melissa Orr, Matthew Orr, Dan and Kim Clark, and Bryan and Katie Culpepper; 11 great-grandchildren, Nikka Palmer and husband Nathan, Kayla Orr, Mariah Smith, Marisa Smith, Kody Orr, Bethany Smith, Addison Clark, Luke Smith, Isaac Smith, Kayci Clark, and Tabitha Smith; three great-great-grandchildren Garrett Palmer, Dylan Palmer, and Sydney Palmer; and one sister-in-law Elva Orr, of Kempton.

Preceded in death by his parents Pearl and Maude (Wheatley) Orr; wife Mark K.

Shockley; daughter Wanda Kay Smith; and two brothers Vern Orr and Lavon Orr.

Funeral Services for Mr. R. Leon Orr were held Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home in Kokomo, with Pastor Brain Smith of Indianapolis officiating. Interment followed in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery, Kokomo.

Memorial contributions may be made to West Point Christian Church at 5112 N. 1250 E., Russiaville, IN 46979. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Online condolences to the family can be made at www.mem.com.

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