



Frank Head

March 19, 1915 - October 11, 2021

Frank E. Head, age 106, of the Range Community went home to be with the Lord on Monday, October 11, 2021 at James H. Quillen VA Medical Center CLC. Frank was born March 19, 1915 in Limestone Cove, Unicoi County to the late William John and Dora Byrd Head. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marie Hart Head; a sister, Mae White and four brothers, Jessie, Carl, Blake and Sherman Head.

Frank was the youngest Circuit Court Clerk ever elected in Unicoi County. He was drafted into the United States Army on October 16, 1942 and Marie, his bride of barely six months, was appointed to serve as Circuit Court Clerk in his absence.

When his daughter Judy Marie was born, Frank returned briefly before being shipped out to the South Pacific. He served mostly in New Guinea and the Philippines. He returned to home and family when Judy was three years old. During his military service, Frank served in the third Brigade in a platoon of approximately 40 soldiers because the number varied as a result of casualties. He maintained a friendship with many of his friends during the war by phone, letters or visits until his age prevented or death broke their special bond in life. Even still, they all remained in his heart. He is the only surviving of these friends and brothers in a time of war. He could still name most of his "buddies in war" and tell a story about each of them. He loved them very much!

After his military service, Frank attended Slagle's United Methodist Church after moving back to Carter County and served as Trustee for many years. He attended regularly until his health prevented his attendance. He dearly loved Slagle's United Methodist Church and missed his church family.

Frank served as the President of Range Community Club. In 1954 he was elected Commissioner of the 13th District. He resigned after serving 24 years in that capacity. Frank was an active member of the Republican Party, Board of Directors for the Watauga Volunteer Fire Department (which he helped found). He was also a member of the Watauga Mason's Lodge and the American Legion. He served on the Carter County

Planning Commission in addition to being a member of the East TN Development Commission, and served as a delegate to the Governor's Conference on Aging. Frank has spent his many years loving his family, friends, community and country serving others as best he could.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Clarence Reed of the Range Community; two grandsons and spouses, Danny and Myoka Reed of Hampton and Clinton and Mary Reed of the Range Community; a great-granddaughter and spouse, Wendy and Ward Tanner of Johnson City; two great-grandsons and spouses, Austin and Lacey Reed of Stoney Creek and Lucas and Caitlin Reed of Atlanta; a great-great-granddaughter, Kate Reed (daughter of Austin and Lacey) of Stoney Creek; and a treasured and dearly loved friend and companion, Delores Jarrett of Roan Mountain.

A service to celebrate the life of Frank E. Head will be conducted on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 2:00 pm at Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton with Pastor LeAnn "Lou" Crandle officiating. Music will be under the direction of Mr. Dale Williams, soloist and Mr. Scott Reynolds, pianist. The family will receive friends prior to the service on Thursday from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm. at the funeral home.

The graveside service and interment will be immediately following the service at Happy Valley Memorial Park. Military Honors to be conducted by VFW Boone Damn #4933. Active pallbearers will be Clinton Reed, Danny Reed, Austin Reed, Lucas Reed, Ward Tanner, Bobby Ray, WA Renfro and Clarence Reed. Honorary pallbearers will be John Riddle, Eddie Nikazy, his treasured church family of Slagle's United Methodist Church, Beecher O'Quinn, Junior Stanley, Russ Swanay, Tony Bowers, Doug Smalling, Dr. Aninyei, Dr. Paul, Wayne Mottern, his friends and neighbors of the Range Community, Doctors, Nurses and staff of CLC, VA Mountain Home, Larry Jarrett, Terry Jarrett, Bobby Stout, Rolling Thunder, Brad Johnson, Ethan Troutman and Cameron Troutman Fair.

After a serious fall breaking a hip and leg in 2018, Frank made his home in the CLC VA Mountain Home under the watchful and loving care of the angels that cared for him. Each of his caregivers cared for him with unmeasurable commitment, kindness and respect. He was truly happy there. "Thank you" could never be enough to say to each of those that loved and cared for him.

Those who prefer memorials in lieu of flowers, may make donations to Slagle's United Methodist Church, 285 Old Watauga Road, Elizabethton, TN, 37643.

Online condolences may be shared with the family on our website, www.tetrickfuneralhom

e.com, Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton is honored to serve the Head family. Office
423-542-2232, service information line, 423-543-4917.

Events

OCT 14 **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

Tetrick Funeral Home
211 North Riverside Drive, Elizabethton, TN, US, 37643

OCT 14 **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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OCT 14 **Interment**

Happy Valley Memorial Park
2708 Elizabethton Hwy, Johnson City, TN, US, 37601-7107

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Tetrick Funeral - October 13, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ The children of Cornerstone Christian Academy loved Mr. Head and have prayed for him for over four years every day. He will be missed. He meant a lot to us and was a great role model.

Jessica Edwards - November 11, 2021 at 10:47 PM



“ I, too, was a member of the CCA group. Mr. Head was a hero. I so very much enjoyed spending time with him. Forever when I hear the word “right”, I am admonished to “turn right and go straight.”R. Alan Davis, M.D.

Alan Davis - December 15, 2021 at 08:00 AM



“ 39 files added to the album Memories Album



Tetrick Funeral - October 20, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ Frank was a man of character. He was a pleasure to talk to. He lived a life that should be witness to us all. I had the privilege of being his pastor. Patty and I send our sympathy and prayers to Judy and family.

Estel F Williams - October 15, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ I’m so sorry that Frank has moved on. I really cared for him and will always remember our conversations we had at dinos.He was a wonderful man. Kent Williams

kent williams - October 14, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ Condolences to the family and friends of Mr Head!!



Bernice McAninch - October 13, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ Beth purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frank Head.



Beth - October 13, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Mr. Head. Our thoughts and prayers to the family. He must have been quite a man.

dick ryan - October 13, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ Frank was the most beautiful person I ever met. He was so wonderful to my family. Mom and dad cherished him. He loved my sister Dolores and she love him with all her heart. Her sons Larry and Terry loved him also. If my sister had looked the world over she could have never found a better friend and companion for so many years. Frank will be missed. Every year I went home to visit my family we had a special day together. Frank was a true gentleman. I have only met Judy his daughter and she is so lovely. Judy my heart goes out to you because I know how much you loved your dad. Its a sad day for all of us but Frank is now in heaven and I am sure he is still telling the beautiful stories of his life. Frank is the meaning of true friends and I loved him so much. I am Dolores Jarrett sister from Florida. With love Claire Malito

claire malito - October 13, 2021 at 08:20 AM



“ God speed my friend! You will be missed more than you can know. God makes a few great men and you are one of them.

Kelly H. - October 13, 2021 at 07:06 AM



“ God Speed my friend! You're one of the greatest men I've ever been blessed to have in my life and you will be missed more than you can know.



Kelly - October 13, 2021 at 06:48 AM



“ My condolences to the family of Frank. I am the granddaughter of Walter and Bertha Vest who were part of the Range Community....My family are related to Marie. I am Kathy (Lacey) Bentley and have lived in South Dakota for several years.

Kathy Bentley - October 12, 2021 at 06:10 PM



“ PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY. ONLY GOT TO MEET HIM A COUPLE OF TIMES AT THE BYRD REUNIONS. A VERY NICE AND CAREING PERSON. WE ARE RELATED ON THE BYRD SIDE. PAT (PRESNELL) MONTGOMERY

Pat Montgomery - October 13, 2021 at 08:42 PM



“ Thank you Judy and the rest of the family for sharing papaw with us from at CLC. He was a joy to take care of, and I will cherish the time I got to spend with him.

Papaw, you won't ever need "that soap made for a mule" anymore. I know you're up there with your war buddies swapping stories. Just know I love you dearly and I'll see you again one day!



April Vermillion - October 12, 2021 at 03:58 PM