



## William Melvin Woods

September 23, 1923 - January 15, 2019

William “Melvin” Woods, 95, of Bluff City, went home to be with his Lord, on January 15, 2019. Melvin was a lifelong resident of Sullivan County, born and raised in Bluff City. He was the son of the late Millard “M.E.” Sr. and Lizzie Woods. In addition to his parents, Melvin is preceded in death by his brothers, M.E. Woods, Jr. and Earl T. Woods.

Melvin was a faithful member of First Christian Church of Bluff City since 1939. Melvin was a farmer, gardener and beekeeper on the farm where he was raised. He enjoyed feeding and caring for the wild animals and being outdoors. He entered the Army on August 11, 1943 and was stationed in GA, FL, WI, NY, and MS. In Europe, he served in the countries of England, France, Luxemburg, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Following his discharge in November of 1945, he attended ETSU where he received his Master of Arts degree. Mr. Woods taught school in Sullivan County at Fort Robinson, Chinquapin, Bluff City Elementary and Bluff City Middle School before retiring in 1977 with 30 years of service. Those left to cherish his memory include, his nephew, Carl D. “Sonny” Woods and his wife, Ann, and their family; his niece, Connie Adams and her husband David, of Bluff City. great-niece, Kimberly James and her husband, Jeremy; great-great-nephew, Cooper James; and great-great-niece, Bellamy James, all of Piney Flats. He also leaves behind special friends, Marvin and Patsy Melvin and Judy Parker among many other friends. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the doctors and staff at Sycamore Shoals Hospital, Caris Hospice and all the caring staff at Ivy Hall Nursing Home.

The family will receive friends at Tetrick Funeral Home of Bluff City from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, January, 18, 2019, with a celebration of life service to follow at 7:00 PM, with Pastor Ron Whitacre, officiating.

The Graveside service will be held at 1:00 PM at Glenwood Cemetery on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Military honors to be accorded by the United States Army and the Carter County Honor Guard. Pallbearers will be Elders and Deacons of First Christian Church of Bluff City. Those wishing to attend the graveside service are asked to meet at Tetrick Funeral Home, Bluff City, at 12:00 PM Saturday to go in procession to the cemetery.

Those wishing to express sympathy or share special memories with the family may do so by visiting [www.tetrickfuneralhome.com](http://www.tetrickfuneralhome.com) and signing the online guestbook. Tetrick Funeral

Home, Bluff City has the honor to serve Mr. Woods and his family. Office phone: 423-538-7131 – Obituary line 423-543-4917

# Cemetery

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## Glenwood Cemetery

839 Bluff City Highway

Bristol, TN, 37620

# Events

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**JAN** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Tetrick Funeral Home - Bluff City Chapel

245 Main Street, Bluff City, TN, US, 37618

**JAN** **Celebration of Life** 07:00PM

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**JAN** **Graveside Service** 01:00PM

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Glenwood Cemetery

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# Comments

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“ I had the honor of being a part of the Honor Guard Team that paid tribute to Mr. Woods today. I understand that he was a veteran of the Normandy Campaign and maybe even participated in the D-Day Landings. If a member of the family could contact me, I would like to learn more about his service, especially in France.

God blessed America with you Mr. Woods and all those that served.

**Eric Montgomery** - January 19 at 09:30 PM



“ Thank you so much Eric. The military part of the service was so humbling and we were all touched by it. We look forward to contacting you soon. If you would please leave your phone # with Tetrick's office in Bluff City. We will gather the info for you and give you a call. Thank you again for your participation in his service.

**Connie** - January 23 at 01:10 PM

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“ Mr Woods was such a inspiration to all came he into contact with, always a smile, a kind word and as far as I can remember. never a complaint . What a blessing to have known him. I think he's now on a porch in heaven rocking in the sunshine. Bill & Charlotte Bullock

**Charlotte Bullock** - January 18 at 11:14 PM



“ Thank you Charlotte & Bill. He was one of a kind. Such a blessing to so many over the years.

**Connie** - January 23 at 12:13 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Woods passing. He made such an impression on me in school, I had him for Math. I've always remembered his kindness, he had such a kind heart.

**Teresa Whitaker** - January 18 at 01:47 PM

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“ Mr. Woods was my teacher in the eighth grade. He was the best, what a true teacher is. A very nice and humble man. Thank you Mr. Woods! I'm sure Heaven is celebrating today! Janet (Holt) Rasnick

**janet rasnick** - January 18 at 06:39 AM

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“ Mr. Woods was my eight grade teacher at Bluff City Elementary. I enjoyed being in his class and he was an excellent teacher. Your are in my thoughts and prayer during this difficult times. Please rejoice his wonderful life on earth and now an angel for the Lord.

Phyllis Malone Hilliard-Greenville, SC



**Phyllis Hilliard** - January 17 at 02:41 PM

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“ I had the privilege to take care of Melvin. He was such a joy to be around. If I was ever having a bad night he could always make me smile. He was such a sweet man with an innocent grin. We would tease and joke with each other every night. My heart hurts so much knowing he won't be at work when I'm there. You will always hold a special place. Love you Melv. See you again someday.



**Ashley** - January 17 at 10:24 AM



“ Ashley, Thank you for your sweet words and your kindness toward Uncle Melvin. He made so many friends during his stay at Ivy Hall. We appreciate how well he was cared for there. God bless you for taking care of him. I'm sure he loved you too.

**Connie** - January 20 at 08:56 AM

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“ Me Woods was my teacher in the eighth grade at Bluff City grade school. He was a wonderful teacher and we all appreciated him so much.  
RIP Melvin.

**Leona Morris** - January 17 at 09:07 AM



“ I had the privilege of having Mr. Woods for math in the eighth grade. He loved his students and was a great teacher. I also taught with him at Bluff City Middle School. He was a kind man. He will be greatly missed.

Linda Rader

**Linda Rader** - January 18 at 07:20 PM