

## EDGAR STUART KITCHEN

Edgar Stuart Kitchen, 94, of Summersville, WV passed away Thursday, November 14, 2013 at his home. Born August 6, 1919 at Tipton, WV, he was a son of the late Lawrence and Myrtle Bennett Kitchen. He was also preceded in death by three sisters and six brothers.

He was a member of the Memorial United Methodist Church at Summersville for more than 50 years. In earlier years he was a Sunday schoolteacher of the youth group and was also a member of the Men's Groups. He was formerly a member of the Glade Creek Ruritan Club and other organizations. He was a graduate of Gauley Bridge High School, attended Glenville State College, was a graduate of New River State College with degrees in Chemistry and Mathematics. He graduated from West Virginia University with a Masters Degree in Education and Social Work. He taught in Elementary School and taught Mathematics at Nicholas County High School. He worked with the Nicholas County School System as a Social Worker. He enacted the first Special Education Classes in Nicholas County.

After retirement from active positions he and his wife organized and promoted Bluegrass and Gospel Festivals on the property they owned. They promoted two Bluegrass Festivals and one Gospel Festival for over fourteen years. Since they were growing by leaps and bounds they decided to cancel having three a year and promoted one larger festival of Bluegrass and Gospel combined. This festival continued on and culminated with a total of twenty six years. He did much charitable work helping children and people who needed help as food, clothing, shelter or other needs.

He and his wife promoted and ran the Summersville Music Park Campground for twenty-six years. His generosity, kindness, and helpfulness will be remembered by many people who knew him for years. He loved to camp, hunt, fish, travel, play the fiddle, and promoted gospel and bluegrass festivals. He served on the Nicholas County Board of Health a number of years. While working on the Board he decided that the county needed a Nicholas County Health Department building. With much work and time he succeeded in getting the building built and at the dedication of the building it was decided to use the name Edgar Kitchen Nicholas County Health Building which is still today a great service to the people of the county.

He was a member of the National Education Association, West Virginia Education Association, and Nicholas County Education Association. He was a member of the Community Action Senior Citizens of Nicholas County.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Eunice Walkup Kitchen; foster son, Allen R. Whitt of Danese; one sister, Edith Colville of St. Petersburg, FL; five nieces and five nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 17, 2013 in the White Funeral Home at Summersville with Pastor David Lancaster officiating. Entombment will follow in the West Virginia Memorial Gardens Mausoleum at Calvin.

Friends may call at the funeral home on Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.whitefuneralhomewv.com](http://www.whitefuneralhomewv.com)