

H. C. White

Howard Coolidge, "H.C.", White, 91, died on January 26, 2014 at Charleston Area Medical Center following a short illness.

He was born on December 24, 1922 in Summersville, WV. He was the son of Martha Launeva Bryant White and Handley Clarence White, and the brother of Genevieve White Chapman, Ralph, Drexel, Mansel, Carlos, and his one surviving sister, Helen White Fogleman, of Summersville.

He graduated from Nicholas County High School in 1941. He was drafted into the army for World War II and then offered a discharge due to a burn injury suffered as a child, but he volunteered, serving from 1943-1946. He fought in Germany and earned the Bronze Star for his bravery. He was truly a member of our country's "Greatest Generation."

He returned home and enrolled in the Cincinnati College of Embalming, graduating and taking charge of the family business. White Funeral Home had been established in 1919, and he became owner and director in 1947. He also provided emergency medical ambulance services for more than 25 years.

In 1949, he married Alice Elizabeth Humphrey, of Summersville. They had nine children: Steven (Nancy) White of McLean, VA; Sara (Ron) Chapman of Huntington; Barbara (Rodney) LeRose of Summersville; Robert (Cherie) White of Charleston; Josie Vassiliou of Charleston; William (Nancy) White of Martinsburg; Daniel Mark White (deceased); Nancy Woodruff of Charleston; and Susan (Mark) Newell of Hendersonville, TN. He is also survived by 23 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He began operating the White Funeral Home in Craigsville in 1992 and owned and managed a funeral home in Richwood for 20 years. He was dedicated to serving local communities through funeral services and took much pride in being able to assist families in this way. He was actively involved through 2011. He was also very involved in banking, having served as Chairman of the Nicholas County Bank Board of Directors for several years, and subsequently on the boards for both Key Centurion Bank and BankOne.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 31, 2014 in the White Funeral Home at Summersville. Interment will follow in the Walker Memorial Park at Summersville.

Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Summersville Regional Medical Center 400 Fairview Heights Road Summersville, WV 26651 in appreciation for the care he received his final days.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.whitefuneralhomewv.com