

Willis Staton

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Willis Staton, 93, of Forest Hills, Ky., passed away Tuesday, December 16, 2003, in the Skilled Nursing Facility of the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born March 10, 1910, he was a son of the late Ballard and Ora Jane Fields Staton.

He was also preceded in death by six brothers, Dewey, Jeff, Joe, Clifford, Ballard and Johnny Staton; five sisters, Lula Roberts Smith, Lassie Gose, Gladys Parsons, Ethel Fannin and Flossie Staton.

He was a retired coal miner and owner/operator of Willis Staton Used Cars; a member and Deacon of Enon Regular Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Greetice Hensley Staton of Forest Hills, Ky.; son, Charles Edgar (Linda) Staton of Moneta, Va.; three daughters, Barbara Sue (Okey) Porter of Forest Hills, Ky., Wilma Lou Cassell of Forest Hills, Ky., and Lois Staton of Forest Hills, Ky.; six grandchildren, Teresa (J.P.) Lockhart of Pikeville, Ky., Sherry (Ronnie) Pyszkowski of Forest Hills, Ky., James Edgar Staton of Lynchburg, Va., Bryan (Jackie) Cassell of Versailles, Ky., Greg (Dianna) Cassell of Lexington, Ky., Todd (Marcy) Cassell of Williamson, W.Va.; and 10 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 19, 2003, at Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, Ky., with Hobart Hamilton, Bobby Scott, Richard Staton and Willie Blackburn officiating. Burial will follow in the Mountain View Memory Gardens at Huddy, Ky.

Pallbearers will be Dewey Staton, Ballard Staton III, Howard Staton, Edgar Scalf, James Spencer, Jason Lockhart, Shaun Cassell and Rodney Varney.

Honorary pallbearers will be Clarence McCoy, Okey Porter, Harrison Varney, Sid Copley, Mike Kohari, Buddy Kendrick, Larry Varney, Ronnie Pyszkowski and J.P. Lockhart.

Visitation anytime Thursday at Rogers Funeral Home with special services at 7 p.m., Thursday night.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, Ky.