

James R. May

1922 - 2008

James Robert “Jim Bob” May, 86, of Lexington, formerly of Greenup, died Wednesday, March 19, 2008, in Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

Mr. May was born Jan. 26, 1922, in Ashland, Ky., a son of the late William and Lucy May.

Mr. May was preceded in death by two wonderful wives of more than 30 years each, Ruth Griffith May in 1974 and Marion Wells May in 2006.

Mr. May was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific with the U.S. Navy. After the war, he returned to his hometown of Greenup and worked for and later acquired Central Station. In the 1960s, Mr. May acquired Griffith Auto Sales, renaming it May Auto Sales.

Mr. May was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church of Greenup, serving many years as a deacon and leading the worship service music. He also served in several positions with the Gideons.

Jim Bob is survived by his son, James W. “Jimmy” May and wife Debby of Lexington; five grandchildren, Lucy May (Jimmy) Nall, Betsy May and Shawn (Beth), Todd and Paige Hunter; and three great-granddaughters.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 22, 2008, at First Baptist Church of Greenup, with a service by Dr. Tom Melvin at 11 a.m.

Burial will be in Plum Grove Cemetery.

Wright’s Funeral Home in Greenup is in charge of arrangements.