



Dr. Tom Miles

KNOXVILLE, TN

James Thomas (Tom) Miles, 98, went home to be with the Lord November 12, 2015. A native of Erin, Tennessee, he was the son of the late Neva Alice Tarwater and George Gideon Miles. He was married to the late Mary Landin Wilson Miles for 69 years.

James served his country with the United States Army during World War II and was awarded the Silver Star for action in the Pacific. He earned a PhD in Dairy Science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He taught in the Dairy Departments at Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, and Iowa State, Ames, IA, before becoming Department Head of the Dairy Department, Institute of Agriculture, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

He then became department head of the Food Technology and Science Department, Institute of Agriculture, UTK, where he remained until he retired. He was an active member of Central Baptist, Church, Bearden, Knoxville, where he worked with and taught middle school youth in Sunday School for more than 30 years. He also served as a deacon and on numerous committees at the church. In retirement, he volunteered at what was then Contact, Knoxville, a telephone hot line service. He prepared tax returns for years as a volunteer with AARP. In addition to children, he delighted in his roses, growing and giving away thousands over a 30 year period.

In addition to his wife and parents, he also was preceded in death by brother, Bill Miles; two sisters, Musa Miles and Alice Miles; his son-in-law, Jerry Cowan; and grandson, Andrew David Miles. Survivors include his son, George Miles and Ann of Charlotte, NC; his daughter, Sarah Cowan of Marietta, OK; his grandson, Daniel Miles and Sharon of Charlotte, OK; his granddaughter, Landen Cowan of Marietta, OK; his great-granddaughter, Andra Miles of Charlotte, NC; his brother, George Benjamin Miles and Ida of Boone, NC; and his sister, Margaret Price of Bartlett, TN.

Friends and family may sign and view the guestbook at [www. Pierce-JeffersonFuneralService.com](http://www.Pierce-JeffersonFuneralService.com). Memorials may be made to the Southern Appalachian Ronald McDonald House, 418 N. State of Franklin Road, Johnson City, TN 37604, where there is a room in memory of his grandson, Andrew.