



## Joseph H Highfill Sr

August 9, 1926 - December 21, 2018

Joseph H Highfill, Sr, 92, of Decaturville, TN, passed away Friday, December 21st, at Westwood Health & Rehab.

He graduated in 1944 from Central High School, Memphis, TN, where he excelled in football and track. Later that year after turning 18, he joined the US Marines to fight in World War II. He was stationed on Guam. In 1946 he was discharged from the corps as a corporal. He graduated in 1952 from Oklahoma A & M with a BS degree in Agriculture. After graduation he was employed by the Wilson Company as a cattle order buyer in Albert Lea, MN. He bought a farm and raised cattle in Clever, MO in 1956. He moved back to Memphis in 1961 where he was employed by International Harvester. He worked for USDA Farmers Home Administration for 30 years. In 1964, he started as an Assistant Supervisor in Lexington and later became a Farm Management Supervisor in Decaturville, serving Decatur and Perry counties. He moved to Parsons in 1966. He retired from his last position as Farmer Programs Specialist in the Federal District Office in Jackson, TN in 1994.

Before his illness, "Mr. Joe" was active with the Decatur County Humane Association. In earlier years, he was Assistant Scout Master with Parsons Boy Scout Troop and a leader with the Decatur County Horse Project. His other interests included dogs, horses, camping, woodworking and watching college football and horse racing.

He is survived by a daughter, Patti (Bob) Fisher, of Scotts Hill, a granddaughter, Audra Marie Fisher (Chance Taylor), of Adamsville, 3 Great Grandchildren - Zane, Knox and Quinn Taylor, step sons, Danny (Adair) Yearwood, of Jacksonville, FL and Jon Yearwood, of Decaturville.

He was preceded in death by 2 wives, Martha Ingram Highfill and Jane McPeak Highfill, a son, Joseph H. Highfill, Jr. and his parents, Herbert Holmes Highfill and Mary Bernadette Jones Highfill.

His family has chosen cremation. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, January 19th at 2 PM at the VFW building in Parsons.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorials be made to support the local animal shelter or humane society.

Reed's Chapel - Decaturville is in charge of arrangements.

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