

Roy
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Estell Hooten

Roy Hayes Hooten Jr. was born (May 11, 1923) in Laager ,Tennessee to Roy Hayes Sr. and Lillie (Tate) Hooten. His grand parents were Andrew Jackson and Jane (Grimes) Tate. Schools Roy attended Mt. Vernon , Gruetli , Tennessee Grundy County High School, Tracy City , Tennessee.

He was a clerk in his Uncle Bert Tate's General Merchandise Store when he received the call to serve his country (January 15, 1943) in World War 11.

He was First Class Company "C" 137 Infantry, Regiment 35th Division ARMY UNITED STATES.

He was in Battles and Campaigns of Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

Earned ribbons and citations in African Middle Eastern Theater 4 Bronze Stars.

American Theater Good Conduct.

Roy Hayes returned home from service January 9, 1946. Bought truck hauled coal from Marion County to Chattanooga, Tennessee until coal mines closed . He helped build new home for his parents did labor and hauled all material to build the home.

Unable to obtain work locally Roy went to Michigan was employed in Great Lakes Steel in Ecorse Michigan was employed with the company for Thirty years (five years not missing a day of work)

On vacations Roy came home to Laager. After his parent's death he was invited to spend Vacations with his Aunt and Uncle Lee and Alma Tate, he planned time during World Baseball

Series. He often mentioned that he and Uncle Lee and Aunt Alma enjoyed watching the games together.

Roy married Estell (Tate) (Junior High School Teacher) December 4, 1972.

On their wedding night when she said her prayers he stood , second night he knelt put his arms around her the way their day ended as long as they were together,

Roy had rented and furnished a house in Lincoln Park Michigan for his bride. They left Tennessee December 7 , to reside in home later bought home in Southgate Michigan.

Estell accepted a teaching position in Taylor , Michigan school .

Retired from Taylor Center Academy 1982.

In 1985 Roy and Estell moved back home to Tennessee , bought home in Grandview Acres In McMinnville Tennessee.

In 1986 a special segment of dedication service was recognition by Jimmy Scott of members of The 1949 Gruetli Baseball Team . The Team is recognized as the city's first.

The 1949 players at this service were Claude Scott, Tom Clark, Roy Hooten and Herbie Caldwell.

Alderman Scott read letters from other members of the 1949 team who were unable to attend the service.

Roy and Estell enjoyed five years of living in McMinnville, Tennessee.

Roy passed on to his reward December 14, 1990.

Estell moved back to Laager Tennessee, August 1997.

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