

Harry Spurgeon

Occupant Name: Harry Spurgeon

Location: **Section 1, Lot 10**

Date of Birth: 10/31/1913

Date of Death: 3/8/2006

Date of Burial: 3/11/2006

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Harry Spurgeon

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



James Harry Spurgeon

Oct. 31, 1913 – March 8, 2006

James Harry Spurgeon, 92, Brownstown, died at 3:05 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at Covered Bridge Health Campus in Seymour.

Mr. Spurgeon was an active member of Brownstown United Methodist Church, where he served as Sunday school teacher and superintendent. He also was a retired educator, farmer and a member of Washington Lodge 13 F&AM in Brownstown and Indiana State Teachers Association. He graduated from Freetown High School in 1931 and from Indiana Central College in 1935 with a bachelor of science degree. He also played basketball for four years while in college. He received his master's degree from Butler University in 1949.

Mr. Spurgeon taught at Clearspring High School in 1936 and 1937 and also coached basketball. He then taught mathematics at Brownstown High School. While at Brownstown, he was the athletic director and basketball coach for eight years. His team was sectional and conference champions. He also served as principal from 1960-1979 at Brownstown Elementary School before retiring in 1979. He served on the Brownstown School Board and had a total of 43 years as an educator with the Brownstown School system. Mr. Spurgeon coached the Marion Kay AAU basketball team from 1955-1960. The team went to the national championship finals.

On Feb. 15, 2005, he was inducted into the University of Indianapolis Hall of Fame

as part of the 1933-34 basketball team that was ranked number one in the state. At that time, the school was known as Indiana Central.

Born Oct. 31, 1913, in Freetown, he was the son of Charles and Grace Bower Spurgeon, both of whom preceded him in death. On Oct. 10, 1935, he married June Denny in Butlerville. She survives.



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Other survivors include two sons, Charles (Janet) Spurgeon, Columbus and David (Pam) Spurgeon, Freetown; two daughters, Ann (Bruce) Furr, Bloomington and Judy (Steve) McWilliams, Greenwood; 15 grandchildren, Steve Furr, Lance Furr, Rex Furr, Greg Spurgeon, Derek McWilliams, Matt Spurgeon, Doug McWilliams, Carol Ann Gillard, Cheryl Louison, Stephanie McWilliams, Jill Klusman, Kim Hendren, Andrea Spurgeon, Lindsey Spurgeon and Lisa Reifinger; and 25 great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph and Lloyd Spurgeon; and two sisters, Nina Bennett and Susan Spurgeon.

The Rev. Jack Shake will conduct funeral services at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 11, 2006, at Brownstown United Methodist Church in Brownstown. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Brownstown.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Spurgeon Funeral Home Inc., in Brownstown and from 9 a.m. until time of service Saturday at the church.

Memorials may be given to Brownstown United Methodist Church or Harry Spurgeon Scholarship Fund. www.spurgeonfb.com

