

## **Irvin S. Maddy** **by Stan Maddy**

A member of a prominent pioneer Summers County family, Irvin was born on March 23, 1907 at Marie, son of Thomas and Emma Leftish Maddy. After graduating from the county's public schools, he received a B.S. degree from Concord College and a Master's degree from West Virginia University. He also did further work on his Ph.D. at WVU and Columbia universities but was unable to complete the requirements due to work responsibilities.

He began his teaching career in Raleigh County, but returned to Summers County where he served as teacher, principal, assistant superintendent and Superintendent of Schools. He retired as Superintendent in 1971, but served one more year as principal of Sandstone High School.

Irvin was a retired U. S. Army Lt. Colonel having served in World War II stationed in this country and in Panama. Following WWII, he remained active in the WV National Guard and the U. S. Army Reserves. He had a brief political career in which he served one term in the WV House of Delegates in 1940-41, and at the time of his death in 1972, he was the Democratic nominee for another term in that position.

A firm believer in vocational education, Irvin worked tirelessly to obtain funding, first in order to get the program initiated at Lincoln School and later to establish it as the Career Center at Barksdale. He considered these the proudest accomplishments of his career. In order to secure the initial funding, he signed a personal note to get the vocational education program started at Lincoln School until the state funding became available.

Working tirelessly for what he believed in, Irvin believed in the school children of our county. He made a point of getting to know them all in his many visits to their schools. Not only did he get to know the children but also their parents and grandparents. One of his favorite things to do was to visit the elementary schools in the county and listen to the children read. The children also seemed to delight in seeing him come into their rooms and couldn't wait to read to him.

In 1938 Irvin married Marie Tallman and they had two sons, Stan and Lynn. He died October 10, 1972 during open heart surgery.

**Irvin S. Maddy We Salute You!**

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Phyllis Keaton, Derna Vest, Julie Brooks, Sam Maddy, Sue Bennett,  
Burr Fedco, Darlene Cunniff, Shirley Forsinger  
Front: Nancy Powell  
about 1956



1950's



Marie and Irvin Maddy  
1939



Irvin  
about 1965



Stan, Irvin, Lynn  
about 1954



Stan, Irvin, Lynn  
about 1951

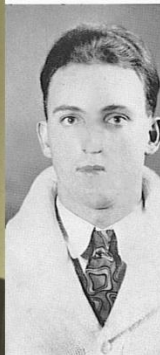


Irvin  
1940's



Basketball

Irvin S Maddy  
Military Pic  
1942



IRVIN S. MADDY  
MARIE, W. VA.  
Manager



1942



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