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After 96 1/2 years of abundant living, Ira Shipp died peacefully at his home at Emeritus at Oxford on January 21. Born and raised in Red Banks, MS, he played every Sport, especially basketball and baseball throughout high school and junior college. He met his first love while playing tennis (he hit the ball out of play in her direction in order to meet her). He and Elizabeth Cochran wed in Holly Springs on December 12, 1943 and were married for 59 years until her death in 2002. He proudly served in WWII and the Korean War as a First Lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers. He worked in insurance as a Certified Life Underwriter, while breeding registered cattle as an expensive hobby. His passion for sports led him to coach church league women's basketball and softball, taking one team to Japan. He loved to hunt and fish and tried unsuccessfully to pass this passion along to his son and 3 grandsons. He was an avid fan of Tiger basketball, attending all home games for decades. An active church member his entire life, he taught adult bible classes for over 50 years. Several years after Elizabeth's death, he met Lois Bonds Swaney of Holly Springs, and they were married when he was a young 90 years old. They enjoyed 7 years together living first in Holly Springs, and then Oxford. He loved his family and added her children and their families to his own. He is survived by his children Charles E. Shipp (Nino) of Memphis, Elizabeth S. Nott of Gainesville, GA, Kathryn S. Hughes (Keith) of Bartlett, and Helen Joy Shipp of Cordova; his grandchildren the Rev. Hester S. Mathew (Andy) of Memphis, Dr. Kimberly H. Essary (Jason) of McKenzie, TN, the Rev. Peyton Kyle Hughes (Allison) of Tomball, TX, Charles Cochran Shipp (Julie) and John Roger Note (Michelle) all of Atlanta and 9 great-grandchildren; his loving wife Lois and her children Jorma Lynn, Dr. Walker Swaney (Molissa), and Farrah S. McAlexander (Larry) all of Oxford, Scott Swaney of Los Angeles, Melody S. Golding (Steve) of Vicksburg, and Randall Swaney (Lori) of Memphis; 18 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren. He also leaves a sister Ruth



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S. Yarbrough (Madison) of Durham, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents Ira Ervin Shipp, Sr. and Frances Vick Shipp of Red Banks, and a brother Lowry Shipp (Ruth) of Memphis. Services will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home at 10am Saturday, with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery in Holly Springs, followed by a reception at the Marshall County Historical Museum. Instead of flowers please direct any memorials to the Museum, the Church Health Center, or the charity of your choice.



Tribute Wall

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ST

Steve posted:

Dear Charles, Beth, Kathryn, and Helen, We all have been blessed with Uncle Ervin's influence in our lives. During the coming days, lean on one another for support. Laugh and cry as you remember the many good times with your father, and mother. He will always be close by, in all of hearts. With love, Your cousin Steve

January 23 at 12:51 PM

KS

Kimberly Shipp-Skillen posted:

Dear Family, please know that you are in my prayers as it is always hard to lose someone. I was honored to call him my uncle. In the years since my dad Lowry's passing, everytime I was around Uncle Ervin I was reminded of him. They were both loving and kind gentlemen and will be greatly missed. Cousin Kimberly Shipp-Skillen

January 23 at 6:22 AM

RC

Reeves Cochran posted:

The person that we know as Ervin has been a part of the Cochran family since 1943 when he married our sister, Elizabeth. Together they raised a wonderful family in a Christian household and passed their life values on to their children and grandchildren. They also shared that spirit with all of the nephews and nieces in the extended Cochran and Shipp families. There are many fond memories of the limited times that we have been able to spend with Ervin over the years because of the long distance between our respective homes, but each time together was a time of treasured memories. Some years after our sister's passing, Ervin married Lois and continued that life style that had made him so special to the Cochrans. He will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him. We extend our heart-felt condolences to Lois, to all of his children and grandchildren and to his sister, Ruth Evelyn. Rosemary and Reeves Cochran (sister-in-law and brother-in-law) and children.

January 22 at 2:09 PM



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PH

Pat (Cochran) Harvat posted:

Charles – Beth – Kathryn – Helen – Aunt Lois & Families, Dear Cousins, I can feel the relief in your hearts that your Dad is no longer suffering and he is finally at peace. I am flooded with memories of our family trips to Memphis over the years and all of those memories have Uncle Ervin telling us kids wonderfully funny stories, the way only he could tell them in his soft, gentle manner. A favorite memory is from when he taught me to fish at the pond on the family's farm land. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your families as you celebrate his life. With Love, Pat (Cochran) Harvat & Frank Harvat
The world has lost a true Southern Gentleman.

January 22 at 11:19 AM

LT

Larry Thompson posted:

I had the honor of knowing Mr Ira for some years now. He was a good man, and I greatly respected him. I was saddened to hear of his death, but I know Ms Lois, all Mr Ira's children and grandchildren, and everyone who knew him are proud to be a part of his life, and each of us were lucky to know him.

January 21 at 10:49 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ira by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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