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Emerson Alford Meggs, 91, and long-time resident of Adams, died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012, at Morningside of Springfield.

Mr. Meggs was born March 19, 1921, in Escambia County, Fla., to the late L.L. and Pearl Alford Meggs. When he was 15 years old, he and his family moved to Adams where in 1938 he graduated from Bell High School. In the early 1950s, Mr. Meggs graduated from the John Gupton School of Mortuary Science in Nashville which began a career spanning more than 30 years as owner and operator of Meggs Funeral Home in Adams.

He was a member of the Adams United Methodist Church where he served as member and past chairman of the Administrative Board, Sunday School Teacher, and Chairman of the Church Building Committee during new construction in 1970.

Mr. Meggs' name has been well-known throughout Robertson County for decades as he received recognition for having served 25 years as director of the Adams Annual Fourth of July Picnic in 1971. He also served as City Recorder for the City of Adams from 1963-73, served on the Adams City Commission from 1967 to 1971, member of the first Robertson County Library Board, former member and Chairman of the Robertson County Highway Commission, former member of the Robertson County Court and Budget Committee, member and Director of the Springfield-

Robertson County Chamber of Commerce, past PTA president, past member of the Robertson County Historical Society and cancer survivor since 1994.

Mr. Meggs served as the Robertson County Executive from 1982-94, during which time NorthCrest Medical Center, the new county jail and National Guard Building were approved. Electronic voting machines, the county road mapping system, building and zoning codes revisions, state health insurance for county employees, an emergency medical system, and 911 communications system were implemented during his term in office. Tribute was paid to him on Sept. 19, 1994 in the House of Representatives, Congressional Record Volume 140 upon the completion with distinction of his service as the Robertson County Executive.

More recently, Mr. Meggs was a member of the Springfield Rotary Club and was named Springfield Rotarian of the Year in 2001. He was a past President of the Adams Cemetery Association and organizer of its Trust Fund, served on the Adams Cemetery Association Advisory Board, was Trustee of Bellwood Cemetery and Trustee of Bell-Willett Charitable Foundation, was executive secretary of the Tennessee-Kentucky Threshermen's Association, served on the United Way Board, served on the Board of Directors of the City of Adams Museum, Archives and Library, and in

2004 was selected as a Person of Character by the Robertson County Times.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Margaret Fort Meggs; children, Emerson Fort Meggs of Knoxville and John Alford (Linda Odom) Meggs of Charlottesville, Va.; daughter, Margaret Lee (Mark Seifferd) Meggs of Havre, Mont.; brothers, Wendell Anderson Meggs of Springfield and Ural Edward "Ed" (Juanita) Meggs of Wilmington, Del.; brother-in-law, John (Elizabeth) Fort of Springfield; sister-in-law, Evelyn Fort of Nashville; and grandchildren, Dylan Fort Meggs, Lillian Amelia Odom Meggs, Eric Konstantin Odom Meggs and Carrie Claire Meggs.

A memorial service was held Friday, Aug. 24 at the Adams Methodist Church with Rev. Randy Mutter officiating.

Burial followed in Bellwood Cemetery with the Friendship Sunday School Class serving as Honorary pallbearers.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Robertson County Archives or to the Robertson County Historical Society.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield was in charge of these arrangements.

