

Thomas Paul (T. Paul) Potts
AEHC featured person for the week of June 6, 2021

Thomas Paul (T. Paul) Potts
March 3, 1913 – June 12, 2008

Died this week in 2008, Thomas Paul (T. Paul) Potts is buried in our cemetery's Section 6, Lot 129, Space 10.

Summary of our research: Thomas Paul Potts was born in Daviess County on March 3, 1913, to Luther (1888-1932) and Lustie M. (Davis) (1890-1928) Potts.

T. Paul's father Luther was the son of John William (1860-1926) and Eliza Jane (Williams) (1863-1911) Potts. Luther was born in Daviess County. Luther was a farmer and an educator. He married Lustie (Davis) in 1909. Lustie was the daughter of Thomas Henry (1872-1929) and Laura Belle (Dyer) (1874-1950) Davis. Lustie was born in Pike County. Luther and Lustie are buried in Daviess County.

T. Paul's paternal grandfather John William Potts was born in Daviess County. He was the son of Andrew (1839-1894) and Sarah (Arms) (1844-unknown) Potts. T. Paul's paternal grandmother Eliza Jane (Williams) Potts was born in Daviess County. She was the daughter of Eli R. Williams (1829-1900) and Martha Jane (Isham) (1847-1872). John William and Eliza Jane (Williams) Potts are buried in Daviess County.

T. Paul's maternal grandfather Thomas Henry Davis was born in Pike County. He was the son of John Moses (1839-1921) and Thankful Jane (Taylor) (1843-1906) Davis. T. Paul's maternal grandmother Laura Belle (Dyer) Davis was born in Pike County. She was the daughter of Brazil Brown (1836-1887) and Margaret D. (Beatty) (1837-1918) Dyer. Thomas Henry and Laura Belle (Dyer) Davis are buried in Daviess County.

T. Paul's paternal great-grandparents: Andrew Potts and Sarah (Arms) Potts were both born in Daviess County. Andrew Potts is buried in Daviess County. Sarah (Arms) Potts' grave location was not found.

T. Paul's paternal great-grandparents: Eli R. Williams was born in Kentucky and Martha Jane (Isham) Williams was born in Daviess County. They are both buried in Daviess County.

T. Paul's maternal great-grandparents: John Moses Davis was born in Kentucky and Thankful Jane (Taylor) Davis was born in Warrick County. They are both buried in Pike County.

T. Paul's maternal great-grandparents: Brazil Brown Dyer was born in Greene County and Margaret D. (Beatty) Dyer was born in Pike County. They are both buried in Pike County.

T. Paul married Mary Elizabeth (Bodey) (1915-2004) in 1937. He had started his teaching career just a few years prior. He taught in Dearborn, Ripley, and Ohio Counties prior to entering the US Army on January 4, 1944. During his service, he received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He held the rank of Corporal when discharged on May 17, 1946. He relocated to Rush County upon discharge and began teaching at Arlington. He taught Biology, Shop, and Vocational Agriculture. He worked with many students in 4-H groups. When Arlington High School closed in 1968, he began teaching Science at Rushville Consolidated High School. He retired in 1977 with 42 years as an educator. He was known as a dedicated teacher who really cared about his students. T. Paul Potts made a life-long impact on some of his students. He and Mary had two children, Thomas William (1949-1949) and Marilyn. Mary died in 2004 and T. Paul passed away in 2008. They are buried next to their infant son in Arlington East Hill Cemetery. Their daughter survived them.

We want to extend a big Thank You to the Potts Family for the Service of Thomas Paul (T. Paul) Potts to our Country, State, and Community.

You can read more about T. Paul Potts' influence on one of his former students, our own Bob Fancher, in the story about him under "History and Families of Arlington" tab on our website's drop-down menu.

(Sources: Ancestry, Find-a-Grave, Newspaper archives, and Arlington East Hill Cemetery records)

More information about our cemetery and its history can be found at www.arlingtoneasthillcemetery.com



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