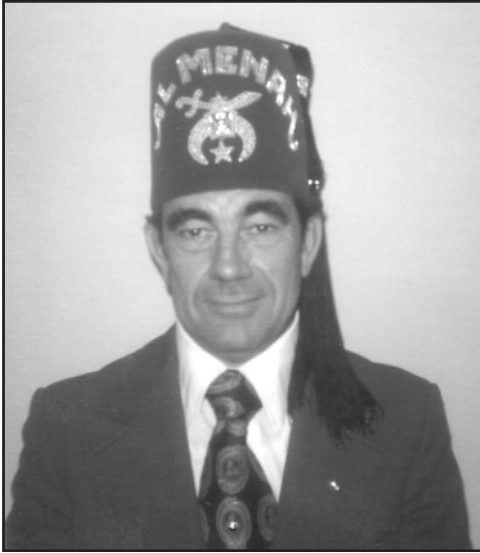


Citizens of the Month

Jesse C. Tate



Jesse C. Tate is a fixture in Eagleville having lived here for a large part of his adult life. He was born September 21, 1933 in Cornersville, Marshall County. He attended elementary and middle school in Cornersville for 10 years and had perfect attendance. He finished school in 1952 when he graduated from Marshall County High School in Lewisburg. Jess's father was a general contractor in the Cornersville area and as Jess grew older he spent much time working with his father learning a great deal about the building trades. This early experience served him well later in life.

Jess served the United States in the Air Force beginning in 1955. He was stationed at Stewart Air Force base and then at bases in the north. He was a "weight and balance man" on air craft. This allowed him to fly all over the United States and overseas as well. While stationed in Greenland, his wife, Jean (Morris) Sinner who he married April 26, 1958 and her son Jimmy made their home in Massachusetts. It was simply to cold for the family to live with him near the base but Jess was able to spend considerable time with his family when military service allowed.

After his time in the service, the family moved to Ashville where he sold homes. Unhappy there, the family moved back to the Eagleville area in 1960 and Jess began a long career in the commercial building field. He started with remodeling homes and made cabinets for kitchens and bathrooms. He then began working in the commercial construction area. This business took him all over the southeast where he built for the Danner Corporation who owned Shoney's among other successful restaurants, various car dealerships, motels and hotels, and other commercial buildings. He and his father built the first portion of the hospital in Murfreesboro Tennessee and he also built the MedCor building in Williamson County.

After 35 years in the commercial building business, Jess retired. But not one to be inactive, he opened a shop in Eagleville. There he continued to work and did refrigeration and service for people and also made a quick name for himself as an excellent appliance repair person. He also was a part time auctioneer and a profession he enjoyed.

In addition to commercial construction, in 1979 Jess and his wife Jean successfully operated a restaurant in Eagleville, Momma Jane's. He owns the building where it was housed which now is home to Las Fiestas, the successful Mexican restaurant now open daily.

Jess has always lived an active life and he and Jean share a love of travel. With their travel camper, they have spent the winter months over the last few years in Florida. They enjoy people and have large circles of friends wherever they go.

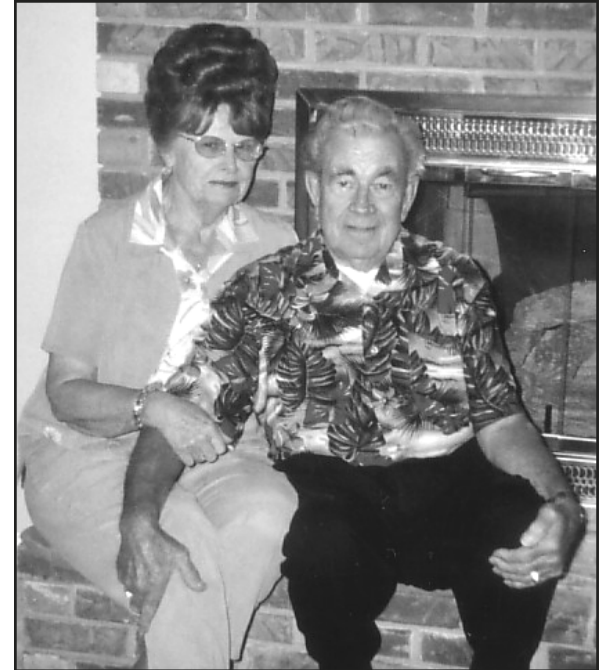
On November 17, 1993 a tree fell on Jess severely injuring him. Jess suffered a broken collarbone and broken pelvis among other injuries.

These injuries limited his ability to walk, but Jess fought back and against the odds was walking and active before any of the doctors thought he would be able.

Jess and Jean both share a strong love and commitment to Eagleville United Methodist Church and faithfully attend on Sunday mornings. They have been active members for 45 years and in the past were adult leaders of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. He taught adult Sunday school for several years and served on the church's administrative board. Jess was also active in Eagleville Lions Club and was past president. Jess also served on the city council of Eagleville for 8 years.

In June 2004, Jess suffered a debilitating stroke at his home. Since then, he has worked hard in rehabilitation. With the support of his wife Jean and other family he has made great progress in his speech and mobility and even enjoyed the swimming pool at the home of his son and daughter in-law, Jimmy and Linda Skinner, last September. Jess continues to benefit from rehabilitation and is stronger every day.

In addition to his close relationship with his son Jimmy, who describes Jess as a great dad and Linda his daughter-in-law, Jess and Jean both enjoy a close relationship with their granddaughter Michelle (Skinner) Huffman and her husband Darrell Huffman. Michelle and Darrell live in Murfreesboro and are able to visit with Jess and Jean often. Jess is the proud great grandfather of 6 year old Tate Huffman, named for him and great granddaughter Mahaley who is 18 months old.



Jean & Jess Tate



Young Jess

