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He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for his name's sake....  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff  
they comfort me. Thou preparest a table  
before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup  
runneth over... Surely goodness and  
mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life: and I will dwell in the  
house of the Lord for ever....*

In Memory Of

JAMES BOWEN MYERS

May 4, 1928 - May 18, 1988

Place and Time of Service  
Graveside

Saturday May 21, 1988  
2:00 P.M.

Officiating Minister  
Reverend Wayne Crumpton

Place of Interment  
Southern Heritage Cemetery

Arrangements By  
Ridout's Southern Heritage Funeral Home

James B. Myers, ('49), died of a heart attack on May 18, 1988. He is survived by his wife, the former Joyce Jones, ('51), who resides at 1815 Thornton Place, Birmingham, Alabama, 35226, and children Mary Beth Myers, Nashville, Tennessee; LeAnne Elliott, Auburn, Alabama; and James Myers; Birmingham, Alabama.

While at LMU, "B.B." was an outstanding basketball and baseball player. His playing days were interrupted by a hitch in the U. S. Navy. Upon his return to LMU, he starred in 1948-49 on Coach Dean Bailey's first Railsplitter basketball and baseball teams. These teams won the Smoky Mountain Conference championship in both sports, and the basketball team was runner-up in the Volunteer State Athletic Conference. Myers played guard in basketball and was a catcher on the baseball team.

Some may remember that in his senior year in basketball, Myers broke his jaw and thereafter wore a modified catcher's mask for most of the basketball season.

Following his graduation from LMU, Myers played professional baseball, coached basketball at Bulls Gap, Tennessee, and earned a master's degree at George Peabody College in Nashville. In 1953 he joined the Gates Rubber Company and remained with that firm until the time of his death.

Myers was a native of Jonesville, Virginia. Brothers and sisters of Myers who attended LMU were: Marie, Louise, Harold, Jack, Tommy, Clark, and Johnny.

Our Sincere Sympathy  
THE OFFICERS AND STAFF OF  
**COMMERCIAL BANK**

The Twenty-Third Psalm  
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 thou anointest my head with oil:  
 my cup runneth over.  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
 me all the days of my life:  
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Mother  
 my Father-in-Law  
 Charles & Jane

In Memory Of  
 Mary F. Myers  
 Born  
 June 30, 1903  
 Entered Into Rest  
 May 15, 1985

Services  
 1:00 P.M. May 18, 1985  
 Friendship Baptist Church  
 Officiating  
 Rev. Carl Simmons  
 Rev. Don James  
 Interment In  
 Lee Memorial Gardens  
 Arrangements By  
 Sturgill Funeral Home

The Eternal Goodness  
 I know not what the future hath  
 Of marvel or surprise;  
 Assured alone that life and death  
 His mercy underlies.  
 And if my heart and flesh are weak  
 To bear an untried pain,  
 The bruised reed He will not break,  
 But strengthen and sustain.  
 And so, beside the silent sea,  
 I wait the muffled oar:  
 No harm from Him can come to me  
 On ocean or on shore.  
 I know not where His islands lift  
 Their fronded palms in air;  
 I only know I cannot drift  
 Beyond His love and care . . .

JOHN B. WHITTECH

my Father-in-Law  
 Charles & Jane

In Memory Of  
 Lester N. Myers  
 Born  
 October 9, 1900  
 Entered Into Rest  
 March 28, 1980

Services  
 2:00 P.M. March 30, 1980  
 Friendship Baptist Church  
 Officiating  
 Rev. Ralph Duncan  
 Rev. Carl Simmons  
 Interment In  
 Lee Memorial Gardens  
 Arrangements By  
 Sturgill Funeral Home



J. B. Myers & Family

MARY BETH D/O  
LEE ANN D/O  
ELLIOTT

JAMES B. MYERS

Joyce  
Jones  
Myers

JAMES E. MYERS

Research on the Grundy County, TN MYRES families - by Dola Tylor

From 1850 census:

1860 census & Other Notes

GU-109 Living with Hardy  
Campbell: G. P. Myres, 12  
Holland Myres, 21

GU-135 Living with Stewart  
Cowen: Griffin W. Myres, 29  
Sarah R., 26  
Francis M., 6, b. MO  
Stewart, 2  
William H., 7/12

GU-136 Living with Martha Howard:  
Pleasant Myres, 23

GU-137 Robert Myres, 35  
Casper, 21  
Griffin W., 13

GU-284 Abigail Myres, 77, b. VA

GU-285 John Myres, 42  
Lavina, 49, b. NC  
Randolph, 19  
Allen, 15  
John, 13  
Benjamin, 12  
Huston, 10  
George, 7

GU-287 Casper Myres, 50  
Nancy, 36, b. KY  
Rachael, 16  
Casper, 13  
Delitha, 5  
Abigail, 3  
Palmyra HARDIN, 11  
George H. PENINGTON, 9

GU-15 Holland Myres, 32  
Martha J., 24  
Moses, 7  
Brittanah, 4  
John, 2

GU-59 Pleasant Myres, 34  
Missouri, 23  
Peggy, 7  
George, 5  
Susannah, 3

GU-60 Robert S. Myres, 43  
Sarah, 34  
William E., 6  
Thomas J., 5  
Mary A., 3

GU-31 Abigal Myres, 89\*  
Christopher, 56  
John, 18

GU-8 John Myres, 50  
Viny, 61  
Huston, 21  
George, 18  
Sarah FULTZ, 14

\*Abigal, Christopher  
& John are living in  
family of David & Ester  
MEEKS.

Holland Myres md Martha Jane Henson, 4-24-1852.

This family not found in later census records, but  
a Britannia Myres md William Argo, 5-11-1873.

G. W. Myres md Sary Rockrana Cowin, 1-15-1848.  
Griffin Myres md Mary Jane Anderson, 1-15-1859.  
Nothing more found on this family.

Pleasant Myres md Lydia M. McPherson, 9-18-1851.  
Nothing on this family after 1870.

Casper Myres md Mary M. Howard, dau of Martha Howard,  
5-22-1852.

Robert S. Myres md Sarah Jane Coulson, 4-22-1852.  
This family remained in Grundy & Coffee County area.  
Sarah died 1926. She and son, William E. and his  
wife, Folia Ann, are buried Stephenson Cemetery,  
Coffee County. Sarah Jane's sister, Lousetta, md  
Ladden Farrell Tate, son of Davidson & Dorcas (Myers)  
Tate. Sarah Jane's mother was Abigail Myers, wife  
of Alexander Coulson (Colston).

Is Abigail Myres, born 1770s, mother of all the Grundy  
County Myres (Myers)?

A John Myres, 20, died 1860, killed by falling tree.

In 1870: John Myres, Sr., 61; Viana, 72; Mary, 10;  
Tennessee McDANIEL, 32.

Myres families not found after 1850: Casper/Nancy  
and Jacob/Darcus.

A Casper Myres, 20, died 1860 of pneumony fever.

Christopher Myres md Nancy Smartt, 4-16-1853 and  
md Sophrony Brown, 10-17-1861.

Is Christian Myres, 46 in 1850, same as Christopher  
who is 56 in 1860?

CITATION  
for the

INDUCTION OF J. B. MYERS INTO THE L. M. U. ALUMNI ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME  
November 5, 1988

(Read by teammate Martin Peters)

*J. B. was  
my brother -  
Law  
HACK SAIN*

Today, J. B. Myers is being inducted posthumously into the LMU Athletes Hall of Fame, and it is a privilege for me to have a part in conducting this induction. I am joined here on the platform by Mrs. J. B. Myers and members of the Myers family. Later in the program, Mr. Tommy Myers, one of J. B.'s brothers will introduce the members of the family. Incidentally, I should mention that all of J. B.'s brothers and sisters attended LMU--Marie, Louise, Harold, Jack, Tommy, Clark, and Johnny.

A 1944 graduate of Flatwoods High School near Jonesville, Virginia, J. B. --like many others who had a tour of military duty-- had two athletic careers at LMU. When he graduated from high school, he was too young to be called up for military service; and so he came on to LMU to begin his freshman year. As the war came to an end during the next year, his enrollment at LMU was extended --only to be interrupted in 1946 when J. B. entered the U. S. Navy. He returned to LMU in 1948 and, having attended all of the summer sessions since his first enrollment, he graduated in 1949. In both portions of his LMU career in athletics, he was a starting player in both basketball and baseball from the very first day. He was an All-Conference basketball player in 1946 and All-Conference in baseball in 1949.

J. B. could play any position in basketball, but he was a guard on LMU's 1949 championship team. In baseball, he was not only the catcher but also the cleanup hitter and team leader. And the baseball team won a championship in his final year.

J. B. majored in mathematics, and following his graduation and a summer of professional baseball, he was persuaded by LMU alumnus Jack Miller, who was the principal of the Bulls Gap High School (in Tennessee) to come to that school to teach mathematics and to coach basketball and baseball; and he was very successful both as a teacher and coach. In 1952, he enrolled at the George Peabody College in Nashville, and he received his master's degree there in 1953.

Almost immediately thereafter, J. B. joined the Gates Rubber Company as a salesman, and within 6 years he was a district manager. He and his family were located first in Memphis, then in Mobile, Alabama, and then for many years in Birmingham. At the time of his death in May of this year, J. B. had worked for 35 years with the Gates Rubber Company.

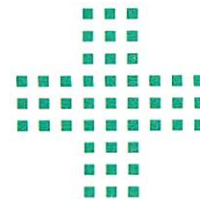
Induction of J. B. Myers into the LMU Athletes Hall of Fame  
November 5, 1988

J. B. married his college sweetheart, Joyce Jones of Rogersville, in 1953. Joyce had also graduated from LMU and had taught school in Oak Ridge. Later she taught in the Memphis and Mobile school systems. J. B. and Joyce had three children-- two daughters, Mary Beth and Lee Ann (now Lee Ann Elliott), and a son, James E. (Jimbo) Myers.

Now, on somewhat of a personal note, let me say that there are several in the audience who played basketball or baseball or both with J. B., and I know the family appreciates your presence for his induction into the Hall of Fame. It was about this time 40 years ago that J. B. and I were practicing for the first basketball game ever to be played in the new Mary E. Mars Gymnasium. J. B. and I were guards together on the basketball team, we played together on the baseball team, roomed together on road trips, and we married LMU cheerleaders who were close enough to be sisters. J. B. loved all sports, and he became a very competitive golfer after leaving LMU. He was the kind of player that any coach would like to have on his team. Although not always poetry in motion when he played, all of us knew well in advance of every game that J. B. would be ready to play. He never had any built-in excuses; he never had a hangnail, or a headache, or a sore arm, or a bruised hip, or anything else that kept him from playing. Some will recall that he broke his jaw (or someone broke it for him) during his senior year in basketball, and someone rigged a modified baseball catcher's mask for him to wear for most of the basketball season. One thing will always be said of J. B. Myers: He was much more than a participant; he was a competitor, no matter the terms or conditions. And I believe he earned his place in the LMU Athlete's Hall of Fame.

Joyce, on behalf of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee and all LMU Alumni, I am honored to present to you and the family this certificate and this plaque, which, noted by the inscription on each, recognize in some measure the athletic accomplishments of an athlete who very much deserves to be recognized in the Hall of Fame. Joyce has asked J. B.'s brother, Mr. Tommy Myers, to introduce members of the family; and J. B.'s son, Jim, will say a few words on behalf of the family.

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Lakeview Internal Medicine Group, P.C.

June 19, 1989

Ms. Charles Sain  
1320 Badham Drive  
Birmingham, AL 35216

Dear Ms. Sain:

Thank you very much for sending the citation for J. B. Myers into the LMU Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame.

It is a fitting tribute to this fine individual.

I have passed it on to Dr. Berryman. Thank you very much for sending it to me.

Very sincerely yours,

Keehn W. Berry, Jr., M.D.

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Cardiology

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