

James Ted Little was born on May 7th 1919. He passed away on February 10th 1987. Ted as his family called him was the son of Charlie Ross Little and Essie Mitchell Little. Essie gave birth to 12 children and Ted was the 8th child born to the couple. Essie died shortly after the 12th child was born. Many years later my grandfather Charlie remarried a lady named Pansy McCalpin and together had six more children. Charlie had a total of eighteen children and that was a lot of republican votes for our family! My father Ted attended Reese school, later Ellendale School and then went on to graduate from Taylorsville High School. At this time in his life War II was in motion. He joined the United States Airforce during the war. He was a radar/radioman on several different planes for the duration of the war. After he left the Airforce he attended Clevenger Business College. After college he married my mother Madge Watts Little. The Watts families in Alexander County were very strong democrats. My mother quickly converted to be a republican and voted that way all of the rest of her life. My parents had five children. My sister Myrna Little, now deceased from a long battle with cancer, myself Terry Little, and three other brothers Tony, Alvin and Phillip Little.

In 1962 Ted Little decided to run for sheriff of Alexander County. At that time Alexander County was mostly a democrat voting county. He was elected after a hard fought battle. He ran for re-election in 1966 and won with ease during the re-election. What I remember most about my Dad as a young boy during this is that he wanted to treat everyone fairly and carry out his duties of the office of Sherriff in a professional manor. During his life Dad taught me about how important it was to adopt conservative ideas and to apply them to my own life. The Republican Party was and still is the conservative party in our country. I believe one of the highlights of his career as our sheriff was when Richard Nixon came to Taylorsville. While shaking hands with my Dad Richard Nixon commented to my Dad that he was sure big enough to be sheriff; as my Dad was a very tall and strong looking man. This made my Dad smile from ear to ear!

My Dad served his county so proudly and loved the job he was elected to fulfill. Those eight years in office meant so much to him. He was very well respected and loved by many people of our county. Even people he had to arrest have

come up to me in years after his death to say that even though my Dad had to arrest them they knew that they deserved it and that he always treated everyone with respect and kindness. There is not too many weeks that go by when I am out and about in the county that someone doesn't ask me "Are you Ted Little's Boy?"

I am always so proud to say yes I am!

There is a sad note I would like to bring up and the fact is that when you enter the old courthouse of our county there are photos of all the sheriffs that served our county since 1959 with the exception of my Dad James Ted Little. Why are those missing years from 1962-1970 not represented in "Our" County Courthouse. I would like to know why those years and my father were intentionally left out of the courthouse. If this is not corrected the public will most likely never know who our sheriff was during those years left out. The only party that is represented in the portraits hung there are of the Democrat Party elected Sheriff's. Is the Democrat party trying to revise history? I believe our party should correct this. The last time I checked the courthouse belongs to both parties! In closing I would like to say that I cannot be more proud of my father and our republican party and I believe he belongs in the Republican Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Terry Little