

Eldon Shipman born on September 22, 1925.

Eldon E. Shipman was named Superintendent of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, effectively July 1, 1966. Mr. and Mrs. Shipman first moved to Romney in August 1952, when he was a teacher in the School for the Deaf. In the fall 1954, Mr. Shipman moved to Jackson, Mississippi, where he assumed the principalship of the Mississippi School for the Deaf. Mr. Shipman returned to Romney at start of 1956-57 school year as Principal for the deaf department.

Prior teaching here, Mr. Shipman had served as a houseparent at the Kendall School for the Deaf for one year and as houseparent at the Missouri School for the Deaf for four years.

He is a veterans of World War II, having served with the United States Sea Bees in the South pacific.

He holds a Master's degree from San Fernando Valley State College, a Master's degree in education from Mississippi College, and Master's degree from Gallaudet College. His undergraduate work was done at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri.

Mr. Shipman is very active in many civic and professional organization including Lions International, Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf, Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf, National Education Association, West Virginia Education Association, and American Association of the Education of the Visually Handicapped. He is a member of Clinton Lodge 1148, and Osiris Shrine- Mr. Shipman is a member of Baptist Church.

His parents were deaf. His father, the Late E.O. Shipman, served in various capacities at the Missouri School for the Deaf for fifty-three years and his mother is a retired employee of the school. His brother, John Shipman, is principal of the Virginia School for the Deaf.

Mr. Shipman and his wife Jean, have two daughters, Mary Lee and Sandy Lou. He passed in March 20, 2003 at the age of seventy-seven.