

MINUTES OF THE
NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES
OF
JESUS CHRIST



Held At The
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION BUILDING
Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky
August 31, and September 1 and 2,1990

HOSTED BY:
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Defeated Creek Church

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Friday, August 31, 1990 and the two following days

The Indian Bottom Association assembled at our Association Building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, Friday August 31, and the two following days. Being hosted by the Ceder Grove and Defeated Creek Churches, the Association met in the congregational department of the Association Building for preaching services. After lifting our voices in singing some songs of praise, Elder Lonnie Gregory introduced the service and led in prayer.

After the introduction and prayer, Elder Clifton Hampton, who had been chosen by the delegates of the 94th session of our Association to preach the Introductory Sermon of this session, came to the stand. He was well blessed.

The delegates were dismissed from the congregation and asked to assemble in the Delegate Room. Then came forth Elder Elwood Cornett, our Moderator, who made a few remarks to the delegates and called upon Elder Monroe Jones to come to the pulpit. Elder Monroe was well blessed to expound the goodness of God. After a song, he also led in prayer.

The Association, now being assembled, was called to order by Elder Elwood Cornett, the Moderator. He appointed a committee on finance, to wit: Johnny Walters, L. D. Mosley, and Homer Smith. Then he called for the letters of our several churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association.

1. A motion was made, seconded, and passed with no objection, to read the letter of the Cedar Grove Church.

The letter was read by the Clerk. By a move and second with no objection, it was received along with all other church letters as they were in regular form; the delegates were seated, and all requests and queries were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

2. The Association was then organized by choosing the following officers:

Elder Elwood Cornett — Moderator Elder Jim Fields — Assistant Moderator Brother Glen Hampton — Clerk Elder Don Pratt — Assistant Clerk

Our Moderator spoke concerning the dedication to do everything possible to remove worldliness from our churches. It is still not alright to adorn yourself like the world. Men and women should have a Godly appearance. The Bible plainly teaches: that women should have long hair; and men should have short hair; that Christians should dress modestly; therefore shorts can't be allowed; that self-righteousness is a sin; and that anything worldly is wrong. The Moderator made a humble plea for moderators, deacons and other leaders to counsel, guide and help those that need it. He expressed appreciation for the improvements that are happening in our churches.

The Moderator discussed false accusations that were being made against the Indian Bottom Association and urged that we do all our work in the Spirit, with humbleness and forgiveness.

- 3. The Moderator called for newly constituted churches, and none responded.
- 4. Churches of our same faith and order who desired fellowship were called for, and none responded.
- 5. By a move and second, with no objections, the reading of the Articles of Faith and the Constitution were omitted. The Rules of Decorum were read, and all were directed to be printed in the minutes.

- 6. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation from the Cedar Grove Church to arrange for preaching services for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.
- 7. The Moderator called for corresponding associations of our same faith and order who desired to correspond with us. The following associations responded with letters, delegates, and files of minutes.
 - A. New Salem: Norman Conn, Walter Akers, John T. Handshoe, Teddy Honaker, Hobert Bates, Zee Holbrook, Benton Caudill, John G. Hall, Dexter Dixon, C. B. Smith, Bobby Whitaker, Lee Fields, Hiram Adkins, Woodrow Dye, Grover Adkins, Ellis Holbrook, Monroe Jones, Coy Combs, Roger Hicks, Glen Hall, Forrest Hall, Curtis Hall, Jack Lucas, Banner Manns, Jimmy Dye. The letter was read and by move and second, with no objection, it was received, the delegates seated and given the right hand of fellowship.
 - B. Union: Hezekiah Osborne, Carson Wright, Astor Eldridge, Franklin O'Quinn, Albert Hamilton, Fon Bowling, Bill Hall, Jesse Lee Williamson, Ellis Amburgey, Paul McClanahan, Frank Newsome, Clifford Hughes, Sam Irwin, Perry Layne, Dewey Sexton, Walter Mullins, Douglas Mullins, John Morgan Mullins, Herman Thompson, Jesse Viers, Bill Campbell, Estil Stiltner, Onis Hogston, Charles Wright, Richard Hall, Bill Ison, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Richard Hale, Frank Short, Amos Bentley, Foster Bentley, Joey Justice, Berry Lucas, Otto Newsome. The letter was read and by a move and second, with no objections, it was received, the delegates seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

- The Moderator called for transient members and ministers and Danny Dixon responded.
- 9. By a move and second, with no objections, the Moderator was directed to make all temporary appointments.
- 10. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements which was to be the same as the Committee on Ministry, with the exception that the Cedar Grove Church should have only one delegate, together with the Association Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, transients, and the entire delegation from the corresponding associations, to meet Friday afternoon at 1:30 P.M. to arrange the agenda for Saturday.
 - 11. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services:

Friday Afternoon: Elder Bill Campbell, Elder Grover Adkins

Saturday Morning: Frank O'Quinn, Hiram Adkins and Walter Mullins

12. By a move and second, with no objections, the Association adjourned until 9 00 A.M. Saturday morning.

The Committee on Arrangements met at 1:30 P.M. Friday afternoon in the Congregational Department of the Association Building. The session was introduced by Elder Bill Campbell, who also led in prayer. He was wonderfully blessed. After prayer had been rendered, Elder Ellis Holbrook preached a heart-warming sermon; our souls had rejoiced again by the good introduction and preaching. This brought that part of the session to an end, after which the Committee on Arrangements arranged the agenda for Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After uniting our voices in a beautiful hymn, Elder Elwood Cornett, our Moderator, welcomed everyone and called upon Elder Fon Bowling to introduce the session. He was warmly blessed with a short message; then Elder Grover Adkins humbly led us in prayer.

- 1. The Clerk called the roll and marked the absentees.
- 2. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was given. By a move and second, with no objections, the work was approved and the Committee discharged.
- 3. The ministers chosen to preach on the stand were excused to go to the Congregational Department of the Association Building.
- 4. The Committee on Finance reported a sum of \$3,465.00 collected from the various churches. By a move and second, with no objections, the report was received and the Committee discharged.
- 5. By a move and second, with no objections, the minutes of this session of the Association were ordered to be printed. The Clerk was to be Secretary/Treasurer; he was to have 3,500 copies of the minutes printed, and he was to receive \$50.00 for his services.
- 6. By a move and second, with no objections, the dates of the Union, Communion and Memorial Services are to be printed in the minutes.
- 7. The Circular Letter was read by Brother H. B. Reedy, Jr., who had been chosen last year to write one for approval by the Association this year. By a move and second, with no objections, the letter was warmly received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

- 8. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation from the Cedar Grove Church. The Committee made the following selections:
 - A. To preach on Sunday: Elders Coy Combs, Teddy Honaker, Albert Hamilton, Doug Mullins, Alonzo Mosley and Elwood Cornett.
 - B. To preach the introductory sermon for the 1991 session of the Association: Elder Harvey Creech and Elder Don Collins is to be his alternate.
 - C. To write the Circular Letter for approval for 1991: Brother Gillus Reedy.

By move and second, with no objections the report was received and the Committee discharged.

- By a move and second, with no objection, obituaries are to be printed in the minutes with a \$10.00 fee for printing of pictures. All obituaries are to be typed, and doublespaced.
- 10. The Treasurer's report was given and by a move and second, with no objection, the report was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes. The report was as follows:

Balance in Treasury (9-2-89)	210.00
Expenses: Printing of Minutes Safe Deposit Box Typing Permanant Record Total Expenses	\$3,710.00 40.00 25.00

- 11. By a move and second, with no objections, it was agreed to correspond with the New Salem and Union Associations and the Clerk was directed to prepare letters to the same.
 - A. New Salem: To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1990, at Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky at their Association Building, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John P. Eldridge, Elwood Cornett, Ivan J. Amburgey, Agnan Back, Euel Ratliff, Taylor Watson, Jim Fields, H. B. Reedy, Jr., John Preece, Earl Mosley, Moses Maggard, Chester Gibson, Alonzo Mosley, Odis Ritchie, Oliver Mullins, Clark Hays, John W. Reedy, Green Watts, Harvey Creech, H. B. Reedy, Sr., Don Pratt, Paul Watson, Glenn Hampton.
 - B. Union: To begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1990, at Ash Camp, Pike County, Kentucky, and the two following days. Delegates to attend: John P. Eldridge, Ellis Adams, Elwood Cornett, Ivan J. Amburgey, Agnon Back, Euel Ratliff, Taylor Watson, Jim Fields, H. B. Reedy, Jr., John Preece, Virgil Combs, Chester Gibson, Clark Hays, Green Watts, Harvey Creech, H. B. Reedy, Sr., Don Pratt, Paul Watson, Glenn Hampton.
 - 12. The request from the Cedar Grove Church that the Indian Bottom Association address the concern of taking children that are too young into the church was read and discussed. By a move and second, with no objections, it was decided that our Committee on Council study the question and give some guidelines next year.
 - 13. The request from the New Home Church to remove the names of Elders Barney Slone and Manford Watts from the list of ministers of our association was read. By move and second, with no objections, the request was granted.

- 14. The request from the Northern New Home Church to have Elder Keith Slone's name removed from the list of ordained ministers was read. By a move and second, with no objections, the request was granted.
- 15. The request from the Little Dove Church to host the 96th session of the Indian Bottom Association was read. By a move and second, with no objections, the request was granted. Hurricane Gap, Clear Fork, and Little Bethlehem Churches volunteered to help the Little Dove Church.
- 16. The request from the Little Bethlehem Church to change the time of their Union Meeting from the fourth Sunday in May to the fourth Sunday in April was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- 17. There were identical requests from New Home, Reynolds Fork, Ivy Point, New Bethlehem, Mount Zion, and Little Bethany Churches regarding re-baptizing members from churches that are not Old Regular Baptist. After much discussion, the churches agreed to take the request back.
- 18. The Committee on Council reported that they had not met during the year. The Moderator appointed the following as the Committee on Council for the next year. Don Pratt — Chairman, H. B. Reedy, Jr., John Preece, Roger Gibson, Bill Moore, Harvey Creech and Toby Breeding.
- 19. The Treasurer of the Trustees gave his report. By a move and second, with no objections, the report was approved and ordered to be printed in the minutes. The report is as follows:

Balance in	the Treasury (9-2-89) \$4485.70
Colle	ections:
	Sunday Service
	Concession Stand

Donations
Church Contributions 6,618.00
Borrowed (Bank of Whitesburg) \$6,000.00
Total in Treasury\$17,925.95
Expenses:
Kitchen
Utilities
Materials and Supplies
Labor\$2,819.91
Insurance960.00
Total Expenses
Balance in Treasury (9-1-90)

- 20. By move and second, with no objections, the Clerks were directed to write a Resolution of Appreciation to the Cedar Grove and Defeated Creek Churches for hosting the 1990 session of the Association.
- 21. By a move and second, with no objections, the reading of the minutes was omitted.
- 22. By a move and second, with no objections, the Association was adjourned until it convenes on September 6, 1991. After singing a hymn, Elder Roger Hicks closed with a wonderful prayer.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1990

On this beautiful Sabbath morning, a good crowd assembled at the Indian Bottom Association Building for the closing day of the ninety-fifth session of the Indian Bottom Association. Amid much rejoicing, the services began with the singing of the joyous hymns of Zion. The congregation was welcomed by our beloved Moderator, Elder Elwood Cornett. Elder Dewey Sexton introduced

the services and led in a humble prayer of thanksgiving. Elder Teddy Honaker then came to the stand and was blessed to preach the Word. Elder Coy Combs followed with a moving sermon on the marks of a Christian. Our hearts were then made to rejoice by the singing and warm preaching of Elder Alonzo Mosley. Elder Elwood Cornett came forth to close the services and was blessed to preach Jesus by preaching, "What manner of man is this?" He extended the privilege of accepting members, but none responded. We rejoiced and embraced with love as an old hymn of Zion was sung, thus bringing to a close the ninety-fifth session of the Indian Bottom Association. Elder I. D. Back closed with prayer.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

We, the Indian Bottom Association, want to express our deep appreciation to the Cedar Grove and Defeated Creek Churches, and to each and everyone who helped in anyway, for the wonderful job that you did in hosting the 95th session of our beloved Association. For all the work you did in getting the building clean and ready; for all the food you so graciously prepared and served; and for the smiles, handshakes, and embraces you gave us and our guests we "thank you". To those who parked cars, carried food up the stairs, ran the consession stand, or kept the building clean, you played a vital role in the success of this session. May God richly bless you and keep you until we meet again.

The Indian Bottom Association

CIRCULAR LETTER

Greetings Brothers and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association:

Being only a servant of low estate, I am very much humbled for having been chosen to submit this letter for your consideration.

To this ninety-fifth assembly I suggest that, in all our godly deliberation, we recall the words of David in Psalms 32:10 "He that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about." And in Psalms 118:8 David wrote, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Paul warns us in Galatians 6:3 and 7, "For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself." "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Let us abide by Paul's instruction to Romans in 14:19 "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."

If we devour one another; Association against Association, church against church, brother against brother, should we honestly expect to influence our children and neighbors?

We must promote unity of the church, through godly living and refrain from foolish talk.

Paul admonished the Ephesians in 4:31 and 32, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind, one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

We need to be reminded of the very plain statement in First John 4:20 and 21, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also."

Matthew 18:21 and 22, Then came Peter to Him, and said, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him: till seven times?" Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times: but, until seventy times seven."

Isaiah tells us of God's plan for peace in 58:10 and 11 "And

if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day: And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose water faileth not."

Even though some may be gathered for mortal combat, let us heed to Paul's remarks in First Corinthians 13:3, "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

We are encouraged by Paul in Ephesians 6:10 through 17, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

I will close by quoting Paul's concluding words to the Ephseians 6:23 and 24, "Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen."

Submitted by, Brother H.B.Reedy, Jr.

UNION COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

MARCH

Little Zion: Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March. Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Bill Moore, Harvey Creech, Eugene Wilder, Don Pratt, Don Fields. Communion: Second Sunday in June. Memorial: Second Saturday and Sunday in July. Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Bob Combs, Ellis Adams, John Preece, Carson Cornett, Curl Dixon.

APRIL

Mount Zion: Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Clark Hays, Virgil Combs, John Preece. Communion: Second Sunday in August. Memorial: Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Bill Moore, Alonzo Mosley, L. D. Mosley.

Blair Branch: Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: I. D. Back, Eugene Wilder, Elwood Cornett, Ellis Amburgey, Squire Watts. Communion: Third Sunday in July. Memorial: Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Danny Dixon, Jim Fields, Agnon Back.

Little Bethany: Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Kenzie Ison, Harlis Watts, Bill Moore, Tennis Sturgill, Willie Vernon Slone, Earl Mosley. Communion: Fourth Sunday in May.

Northern New Home: Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Ellis Amburgey, Toby Breeding, Lonnie Sexton, Kenzie Ison, John Preece, Ivan J. Amburgey, Melvin Watts, Monroe Breeding, Bob Haney, Ellis Adams, Elwood Cornett, Squire Watts, Lonnie Gregory, Jim Fields, B. R. Jones, Alonzo Mosley,

Albert Osborne, John B. Hamilton, I. D. Back, Danny Dixon, Hezekiah Osborne, Don Pratt. Communion: Fourth Sunday in August. Memorial: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Little Bethlehem: Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Eugene Wilder, Carson Wright, Chester Gibson, H. B. Reedy, Sr., Roger Hicks. Communion: Fourth Sunday in August. Memorial: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in September. Ministers called: Ellis Amburgey, Don Pratt, Harvey Creech, Ivan Amburgey, Lonnie Gregory.

MAY

Poor Fork: Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Roger Gibson, Danny Dixon, Squire Watts, Toby Breeding, Jesse Viers, Ellis Adams. Communion: First Sunday in July. Memorial: First Sunday in August. Ministers called: Roger Gibson, Danny Dixon, Squire Watts, Charles Shepherd, Toby Bailey, Teddy Honaker.

Mt. Olivet: Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called. Paul McClanahan, Frank Newsome, Bill Campbell, Communion: First Sunday in August. Memorial: First Sunday in July. Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Squire Watts, Ellis Adams, Virgil Combs.

Little Dove: Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Elwood Cornett, Eugene Wilder, Bill Halcomb, Bill Moore. Communion: Second Sunday in July. Memorial: Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: H. B. Reedy, Sr., Squire Watts, Don Pratt, Agnon Back, Ellis Amburgey.

Reynolds Fork: Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Ellis Amburgey, Bill Halcomb, Daryl Newsome, Ivan J. Amburgey, Jerry Manns, Paul McClanahan. Communion: Third Sunday in June. Ministers called: Jim Fields, Alonzo

Mosley, John Preece, Don Pratt. Memorial: Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Ministers called: Bill Moore, Hauley King, Jimmy Hall(Hemphill), Roger Hicks, Charles Craft.

Bull Creek: Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Curtis Hall, Bill Moore, Eugene Wilder. Communion: Third Sunday in August. Memorial: Third Sunday in June. Melton Cemetery: First Sunday in June.

Cedar Grove: Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Dallas Ramsey, Bill Halcomb, Harvey Creech, Eugene Wilder, Hiram Adkins. Communion: Fourth Sunday in August. Memorial: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

JUNE

Kingdom Come: Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Don Halcomb, Danny Dixon, Homer Smith, Ellis Adams, Bert Fields, Clifton Hampton, Don Pratt, H. B. Reedy, Jr. Communion: First Sunday in July. Memorial: First Sunday in May. Ministers called: Reed Hampton, Virgil Combs, Bert Fields, Powers Caudill, Carl Back, Harvey Creech, Eugene Wilder, Clifton Hampton, Ellis Adams. Memorial Meeting on cemetery: Second Sunday in August. Ministers called: Everyone of the same faith and order are welcome.

Clear Fork: Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Don Pratt, Estill Slone, Alonzo Mosley, Danny Dixon, H. B. Reedy, Sr., J. C. Sparks. Communion: First Sunday in July. Memorial: First Sunday in October. Ministers called: Kinzie Ison, Ellis Adams, Calvin Creech, H. B. Reedy, Jr., Odis Ritchie.

New Home: Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: John Preece, Ivan Amburgey, Jimmie W. H. Hall, Bill Halcomb, Earl Mosley, Hurlie Short, Bill Moore. Communion: First Sunday in July. Memorial: First Saturday and Sunday in

October. Ministers called: Paul Watson, Charles Shepherd, Don Pratt, L. D. Mosley, Roger Gibson, Harlis Watts.

Happy Home: Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Kirby Jent, Roger Whitaker, Bill Hall, Harvey Creech, Hezekiah Osborne, Taylor Watson. Communion: First Sunday in July. Memorial: First Sunday in August. Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

New Bethlehem: Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: All of the same faith and order are welcome. Communion: Third Sunday in August. Memorial: Third Saturday and Sunday in September. Ministers called: All of the same faith and order are welcome.

Friendship: Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Don Pratt, Lonnie Sexton, H. B. Reedy, Jr., Don Halcomb, Ellis Adams. Communion: Third Sunday in July. Memorial: Third Sunday in May. Ministers called: All of the same faith and order are welcome.

Dixon Memorial: Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Oscar Halcomb, Virgil Combs, David Jent, Walter Rose, Zee Holbrook, Moderator, Assistant Moderator. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July. Memorial for the two cemeteries: Fourth Sunday in May. Memorial for deceased members: Fourth Sunday in September.

Big Cowan: Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Bill Moore, Don Fields, Eugene Wilder, Charles Shepherd, Jim Fields. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in September. Ministers called: Squire Watts, Harvey Creech, I. D. Back, John Preece, Virgil Combs, Jim Fields, Ellis Banks.

Ivy Point: Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: All brothers of the same faith and order are wel-

come. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: All brothers of the same faith and order are welcome.

Tolson Creek: Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Bill Moore, Bill Halcomb, Elwood Cornett, John Preece, Toby Breeding, Ellis Adams. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Carson Wright, I. D..Back, Ellis Amburgey, Harvey Creech, Don Pratt, Toby Breeding, Ellis Adams.

Big Creek: Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Roger Gibson, Charles Shepherd, John Preece. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July. Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Harvey Creech, Don Pratt. Memorial: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Ted Everage, Jim Fields.

AUGUST

Defeated Creek: Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Harvey Creech, Danny Dixon, Eugene Wilder, Ellis Adams, Agnon Back, Don Halcomb. Communion: Second Sunday in August. Memorial: Second Saturday and Sunday in July.

Hurricane Gap: Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Toby Breeding, John Preece. Communion: Third Sunday in August. Memorial: Third Sunday in October. Ministers called: Ellis Adams, Toby Breeding, Elwood Cornett.

SEPTEMBER

Little Mary: Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in September. Ministers called: Bill Campbell, Harvey Creech, Roger Hicks. Communion: Second Sunday in October. Memorial: Second Sunday in August. Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

Obituaries

ATLAS FRAZIER



May 3, 1918 Atlas Frazier was welcomed into the home of his parents, Phillip and Katie Fields Frazier. Here on Defeated Creek, he grew up and learned the basic lessons of life...love, honesty, integrity and hard work. These lessons he learned well and they were manifested in his daily life.

When World War II broke out, he answered the call of duty and served in the U. S. Air Force. This call he answered with pride and valor.

Atlas married Ruth Ingram July 5,

1944. They lived a happy and devoted life to each other and in later years, to the Lord. This union was blessed with one son, Robert Atlas Frazier of Linefork, Kentucky; five daughters: Sharon June Banks of Irvine, Kentucky, Wanda Lynn Williams of Linefork, Brenda Sue Combs and Cilla Fields, both also of Linefork, and Connie Hogg of Kings Creek, Kentucky; thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Atlas worked thirty-three years in the mines before retiring. He loved his work and provided well for his family. He loved hard work and continued to work until his health forced him to retire.

Atlas was baptized into the membership of the Defeated Creek Old Regular Baptist Church in August, 1975. A year later, in 1976, he was ordained a deacon. He did this service with pride and diligence, always looking after the needs of the church. His willingness to spend and be spent for the Lord caused other churches to see his good works and borrowed him to serve them as a deacon. He served not only Defeated Creek Church, but Tolson Church, Big Cowan Church, Hurricane Gap Church, and Poor Fork Church as their dea-

con. These churches he served with pride and diligence.

Atlas was a good man. He loved the Lord, he loved his family, and he loved everybody. To know him was to love him. It could deservedly be said that he lived in a house beside the road and was a friend to man.

Atlas leaves to mourn his departure, his loving wife, Ruth; his six children: Robert, Sharon, Wanda, Brenda, Cilla and Connie; thirteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, Ottis Frazier of Madison, West Virginia; two sisters: Osa Ison of Kingdom Come Creek, Kentucky and Verna Ratliff of Crystal Springs, Florida; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Atlas fought a "good fight"; he kept the "faith" and now he has gone to receive his reward (a home in heaven). To all who knew and loved him, and especially to his family, let this not be good-bye but just so long for a liitle while. Prepare to meet him in a better world than this where there is no more sorrow, pain, or death, just praising God while Eternity rolls on and on.

A friend in life and brother in hope, Glenn D. Hampton

BENNIE HAYNES



Bennie Haynes was born February 4, 1904 to Polly Ann Adams and Will Haynes. Will and Polly Ann later married other people and as a result, Bennie had two large families to love and to love him.

Bennie's first years were spent with his grandfather and grandmother, Jim and Sarah Adams, and later with Millie and Leonard Croutcher. He helped on the farm and attended Blair Branch Elementary School.

So, how are we to remember Bennie Haynes, or perhaps better, how would he want to be remembered? He was a worker. He worked hard, very hard, all of his life.

When he was about fifteen he began work at the mines. For the next forty-three years he worked under the mountain. Most of the work was done by hand and was always highly dangerous.

Forty-three years of hard, back-breaking, dangerous work; in winter, going for days without seeing his family in daylight, and most of the time for little pay.

But Ben loved the mines and loved hard work. During these forty-some odd years, he worked at many of the large mines in Letcher and Perry Counties, always like he "was a-fighting fire." In the industry he was noted for being a very knowledgeable and careful miner. Many people sought his advice. And because of his reputation as a hard, careful worker, he always had a job. Even during the Depression he was able to get work.

During these dangerous years he lost many friends and was injured several times himself, barely escaping death on several occasions. He never dwelled on the dangers when he talked of the mines. Instead, he lived to talk of his friends and fellow workers. Most of his stories were humorous. He also liked to discuss and compare the early and present mining methods.

Bennie was a family man. And, of course, to be a family man one needs a partner. And Ben had a superb partner in Julia, his wife. Bennie and Julia left the coal camps in 1930. They rented a house near the head of Spring Branch from Hesey Caudill. While Ben worked the mines, Jul worked the fields and garden. They didn't accumulate a lot of material things but stored many fond memories of their friends and relatives. When Walden was eight and Roger was two they bought the home across from the post office from Leander Caudill. The logs were already cut and grading complete. Almost everyone in the community had a hand in the finished product. Angeletta was born in 1941 and this completed the family.

Bennie and Julie, like a lot of parents, always said, "We wish we could have given our children more." But what could be more than a home, love, and direction.

Ben taught his children by example. He worked at the mine and worked at home. He saved some money when he could. He always paid his debts.

"The best thing you can have," he always said, "is good

friends." Bennie had lots because he returned their kindness. He was never too busy or too tired to help his neighbors.

Bennie was a member of Dixon Memorial Church. We've lost a husband, father and good neighbor. Heaven has gained a "good feller."

FRONA CAMPBELL FIELDS



It's with a sad heart, but with fond and precious memories, I write this obituary of my loving wife.

Frona Campbell Fields was born October 2, 1915 on Turkey Creek at Banks, Kentucky. She passed away April 23, 1990, making her earthly life seventy-four years, six months and twenty-one days.

She was the daughter of John and Mary Smith Campbell, who preceded her in death. Three brothers: Noah, Troah, and Herman Campbell, and two sisters:

Rachel Campbell and Alta Whitaker, also preceded her in death. Her surviving brothers and sisters are: Rev. Cohen Campbell, Dr. Varon Campbell, Dorothy Halcomb, Edna Halcomb and Muriel Barger.

Frona was married to Carson Fields December 19, 1936. We were blessed to be married fifty-three years, four months and four days. Our fiftieth wedding anniversary, in 1986, was acknowledged by ninety-nine friends and relatives who were present to honor us in this celebration.

Unto us were born two sons and three daughters: Owen of Dayton, Ohio, Rodney of Sarasota, Florida, Pat Watts and Lavenne Jones of Mason, Ohio and Suette Hall of Huber Heights, Ohio. In addition to her children and in-laws, she is survived by ten grand-children and three great-grandchildren.

Over the years, for as long as she was able, her life was dedicated to the care and well-being of her family.

The greatest tribute that can be paid to her is that she was a

Christian. When she was saved, she joined the church at Big Leatherwood on the third Sunday of July, 1958. She was baptized into the Cedar Grove Regular Baptist Church at Linefork, Kentucky on the fourth Sunday of July, 1958.

After moving to Ohio, she moved her membership to the Northern New Home Church in Goshen, Ohio.

Her faith in Christ was the source of strength during her lingering years of illness. Her faith gave her hope and hope sustained her, for hope says, "The best is yet to come." That came for her April 23, 1990 as she passed away of a heart attack at her home in Mason, Ohio.

Many lives were influenced by Frona's life as was proven by the number of friends and relatives who shared the family's loss. We're so thankful we can count our loss as heaven's gain.

Written by her husband, Carson Fields, and daughter

HERMAN FELTNER



Herman was the son of Martin and Rhoda Feltner. He was born July 16, 1923 and passed from this life into the arms of Jesus July 5, 1989 at the A.R.H. Medical Center, Hazard, Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Kelly Feltner; two daughters: Juanita G. Smith of Salisbury, North Carolina and Rhoda Lea Napier of Hazard; two sons: John C. Feltner of Hazard and Donald R. Feltner of Lotts Creek; twelve grandchildren; six sisters; and one bro-

ther; two daughters-in-law; one son-in-law; and a host of friends and relatives also survive.

He retired with Peabody Coal Company in the early 1980's.

My husband saw the need of a savior and joined the Little Dove Regular Baptist Church, along with our son, Don. They were baptized August, 1987.

Herman was a good Christian man. He loved everyone. He loved his family and provided well for them. He also loved his church.

Now there is great sorrow and sadness in our hearts and home for our darling dad and husband. Now that he is gone, there is an emptiness in my life that can never be filled because our life together here on earth has ended. Only the love I have for him and precious memories remain. He's gone away with a friend as he always sang. My prayers are that all our family and myself will join him again someday where there will be no more sorrow or pain and the circle will be forever unbroken. Thank God for the wonderful years together.

The family wishes to express their loving thanks and gratitude to everyone for the flowers, food, and caring in the loss of our darling dad and husband. I would also like to thank his brothers in the church who visited him during his illness and sang and made prayers for him. He enjoyed that so much and so did we. He always looked forward to it.

Thanks again for being there to the very end. We love you all. You will always be special to us. May God bless you all.

Written by his wife

DELLA STONE

Della Stone was born October 30, 1916 and deceased this life December 29, 1988, making her stay here on earth seventy-two years, one month and twenty-nine days. She was the daughter of the late William and Cordelia Smith Ritchie. Preceding her in death were: her husband, Woodrow; dad, William Ritchie; mom, Cordelia Ritchie; one sister: Larcenia Moore.

Early in life she met and married Woodrow Stone and to this union were born eight children: Annette Mullins of Larkslane, Tincy Stone of home, Helen Pridemore of Louisville, J. B. of Louisville, John L. and Woody of Amburgey, Jerry of Ohlahoma and Scott of

Hindman. There are eighteen grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. She also leaves to mourn her four sisters: Vaudia Terry, Emma Madden, Fronia Madden, and Nettie Fannin.

Anyone who knew Aunt Della would have to love her for she always had a smile for everyone. She loved for people to visit her and there was always something to eat, if you would eat with her. I was talking to Aunt Della one time and she told me that she felt like some day there would be peace and rest for her and I feel like she is at peace today resting from her labors of life. Although she never joined any church I feel like she is with the Lord and with the ones she loved that went before her. She now has a home that outshines the sun.

So, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters and friends, if you want to see her again, you will have to seek the Lord that she did for I feel that is where she is today. We have lost a good mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and neighbor. So, let us not say good-bye, but so long for a little while. We will meet you again on heaven's bright shore.

Written by Brother Ollie Mullins, and niece, Geneva Mullins

WILFORD JOHNSON

With the help of the good Lord I'll try to write an obituary of my stepdad, Wilford Johnson. He was the son of Augustus and Nancy Jane Johnson. He was born in Johnson County, Kentucky, but lived the most of his adult life in Wheelwright, Kentucky. Wilford was married to Ella Johnson and to them were born two daughters: Elizabeth Stromski of Westland, Michigan and Cora Sue Newsome of Phoenix, Arizona; one son: Wilford Johnson, Jr. of Westland, Michigan. He married my mother, Manda Mosley Sizemore Johnson in 1959. There were six of us whom Wilford treated the same as if he were our Dad. He had a good life with my mother. She cared for him when he was sick. He'd always say, "Honey, I don't know what I'd do without you." I'd like to say to her,

"Mama, pray on and you can meet Wilford in a better world where there'll be no sickness." Wilford never did join the church, but he said he was alright. Just before he died he was suffering so, I heard him say, "Jesus, Jesus, please help me" and then he seemed to just be at ease. I believe his suffering is over and he is asleep in the arms of Jesus. Wilford, sleep on. I'll see you again when this life is over where we'll never have to part anymore.

Written by his stepdaughter, Joan Short

IRVIN DUFF



It is with many tears and a sad and broken heart that it has come upon us once again to write the obituary of our loving father. Irvin Duff was born into the home of Hiram Duff and Polly Ann Stacy October 9, 1912. God called him home to be with our mother September 30, 1989, making his stay on earth seventy-six years, eleven months and twenty-one days at the time of his passing. Dad married our mother, Mallie Duff, October 3, 1942. They had forty-five wonderful years together. To this

union were born ten children: William Duff of Indianapolis, Indiana, Hiram Duff of Westland, Michigan, Dennis Duff of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Mary Pilkin of Leatherwood, Kentucky, Margie Bailey of Slemp, Kentucky, Beecher Duff of Cornettsville, Kentucky, Pauline Burke of Viper, Kentucky, Willie Duff of Slemp, Kentucky, Charles Duff also of Slemp, and Wanda Sue Duff, still at home. There are eighteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Dad was preceded in death by our mother, Mallie Duff, and one grandson, Hiram Matthew Duff. We miss them all so much. Dad was a member of the Combs Bend Old Regular Baptist Church, but went to church at Hurricane Gap and Poor Fork for the last few years of his life. Dad loved to go

to church so much. I took him as long as he was able to go, but he got too sick to go much. All he wanted to do was go be with our mom. Dad and Mom both went to church when they were so sick. We know that God gave them the strength and willpower to keep going. We love and miss our parents terribly. They were always there for us when we needed them. Dad missed Mom so much after she died. He just sat and cried and talked about her all the time. He would say he was just waiting for God to call him home and he could be with Mom where they will never be parted again. After Mom died, Dad just gave up. He just didn't want to live without Mom. I remember the morning Dad died; he woke up around 4:30 in the morning and asked for a cold drink of water. He was looking at a picture of Mom on the wall and said Mom left him. We told him that she left all of us. He said he was going to go home. I love Mom and Dad. They were my life. It hurts so much not having them with me. Our heart aches for both of them every day. I miss them so much. We all do. But Dad is where they will never be parted again. We can't have Mom and Dad back with us anymore, no matter how much we loved and miss them. If we ever want to be with them again, we will have to go to church and live a good life for the Lord like Mom and Dad did. They sure did love to go to church and I sure do miss taking them with me.

Written by Wanda Sue Duff and Margie Bailey on behalf of the family

A million times we needed you
A million times we cried
If love alone could save you
You never would have died.
In life we loved you deeply,
In death we love you still;
You have a place within our hearts
None else could ever fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you
The day God took you home.
Death cannot break the ties
That bind our lives together;
We loved you then, we love you now,
We'll love you, DAD, forever.

ANGALINE JONES EVERAGE



With a sad and aching heart and the help of the good Lord and Saviour, I will try, in the humblest way, to write the obituary of of our precious mother. Mom was born May 27, 1913. A flower was born in the home of her parents, George and Sylvia Jones. Early in life she met and married Akers Everage. To this union were born six children; two died in infancy, leaving two boys: Elam J. and Landis; and two girls: Matilda Lucas and Goldia Jenkins. Mom worked to see that we children had the necessi-

ties we needed. She didn't have any worldly things, but that didn't bother her. In December, 1978, the Lord took Dad. Mom was so broken-hearted. She told Landis and Cleo that she would meet Dad, because she didn't have anything in her way.

During the last few months, Mom was sick but she never complained. She took her sickness in stride. On Friday, October 20th, we took her to the hospital. Her body was so frail they had to put her on oxygen. When we went into her room, she would always smile. The day before her death, she wanted to have prayer, so several gathered around her bedside and had prayer. Before prayer she couldn't raise her head from the pillow, however, after prayer she raised her little head and hugged us all. As we went out of her room, she told each of us bye! She told us when she came home we could have church anytime. Friday morning before she died, she told Landis and Cleo, "I want to leave here. I'm tired and want to go and rest." Landis and Cleo were standing by her bedside. We looked out the window and the sun was coming over the horizon. It was oh, so pretty. She closed her eyes and then opened them and looked at Landis. She smiled and her little chin quivered. Jesus sent his band of angels and took her soul from her little frail body. Mom fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. He carried her on the other side of Jordan's River where she could live with Jesus and be with her loved ones who had gone on before, to live in joy and peace forever and forever.

Besides her children, she leaves to mourn her passing: eleven grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; two sisters: Eveline Johnson and Sally Mullins; and a host of friends and neighbors.

To my Brothers and Sisters: If Mom could speak, she'd tell us not to weep for her, but for ourselves, and for us to be good to one another. And if you've not made peace with Jesus, please call on Him today, for time is running out. Let's be prepared to meet Mom and Dad and move our family reunion to heaven.

Written by her son and daughter-in-law, Landis and Cleo Everage

I. V. CALHOUN



I. V. Calhoun, son of Nancy Jane Mullins and Clayton Calhoun, was born June 28, 1911. He passed from this life at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, on December 13, 1989. He was 79 years old.

I. V. was married to Golda Reedy Calhoun on January 6, 1940. To this marriage were born two children, Bessie Calhoun who died at birth and Ilene Calhoun Stewart.

He is survived by his wife, Golda Calhoun of Van Lear, Kentucky; one daughter, Ilene Stewart of Van Lear, Kentucky; one granddaughter, Beth Jane Stewart and one grandson, Jason Russell Stewart, both of Van Lear, Kentucky.

He had been in poor health from a stroke for the past 23 years.

He was not a Christian, but left some comforting words

for us. He had read his Bible through twice, and made the remark that it was Jesus from cover to cover. In his hospital room, shortly before he passed away, he told my mother that he saw a bird in the window, she asked him where because she could not see one. He said yes, there is one there. My mother and I feel real good about Daddy. He died a real easy death and had a most pleasant look on his face. Being a Christian myself, I feel that God would have shown me if he had not made things right with Him.

Written by his daughter, Ilene Stewart

WILSON COMBS



Wilson Combs was born in Knott County in 1918, the son of Fred Combs and Elizabeth Feltner. He met Emma Jean Patrick in 1941 and they were married in 1942. To this union were born five daughters; one preceded him in death. He left four daughters and wife, Jean to mourn their loss.

We all miss him so much. He was so kind and gentle to us.

He died February 10, 1990, making his stay here on earth 71 years, 5 months and 10 days.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1969. He loved the church and all his friends and sisters and brothers in the church.

His four daughters, Charlotte Kingston, Patricia Feltner, Janice Holbrook, Mary A. Fugate and his wife, Jean can never thank all our neighbors, friends, brothers and sisters in the church, and the hospice for their kindness to us while he was sick. We could never have made it through without them all.

He loved the church meetings they had for him and all the lovely people that came to visit him. We love you all, and may God

bless and keep you everyone.

His little granddaughter still looks for her grandpa to come home.

He also left nine grandchildren who loved him. Wilson was so humble in his sickness. He never complained, just said he hoped he could be a brave soldier.

My life is empty now but he wanted me to be brave and go on. So, I'm trying real hard because I know that his feet have touched the streets of gold. I'm never alone, Jesus walks with me and Wilson's spirit walks with me and someday I hope my feet will travel the streets of Gold.

Bless all of you and I love you all.

Wife, Emma Jean Combs

GERALDINE EVERAGE ROGERS



With aching hearts, we will try to write the obituary of our daughter, Geraldine Everage Rogers. She was born May 12, 1947 at Amburgey, Ky., to Estill (Ted) and Orka Everage. She deceased this life on October 21, 1989, making her stay on earth 42 years, 5 months and 5 days.

Early in life she met and married Kenneth Wayne Rogers. To this union were born five children: Gloria Foster, Beverly Cahoe, Sherry Rogers, Jerry

Wayne Rogers and Teddy Scott Rogers. Besides her husband and children, she leaves to mourn her passing, her daddy and mother, Estill (Ted) and Orka Everage and her sister, Betty Jean Ford, all of Louisville, Kentucky.

Geraldine saw a need for her Saviour on June 19,1983. She gave her hand at a called meeting at her parent's home in Louisville, Kentucky and wanted her membership at the Big Crown

Old Regular Baptist Church, in Letcher County, Kentucky. The message was brought before the church on June 25, 1983 and accepted. She was baptized June 26,1983 into the fellowship in the church with her dad, mother and sister. She didn't attend her home church, but she really loved to go and enjoyed hearing salvation preached.

The family of Geraldine appreciates those that visited with her in the hospital, especially the ministers and their wives. We also appreciate the churches that gave donations that helped to

defray the expenses.

Geraldine will be missed by many; especially her husband, children, grandchildren, daddy, mother and sister. Our Lord has helped us to bear our burdens. Geraldine's suffering is over and our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sleep on, baby, it won't be too long before we will be with you again.

Written by Ted, Orka and Jean

CAROLYN SUE SMITH COLLINS



By the help of the good Lord I will try to write the obituary of Carolyn Sue Smith Collins. She was born June 11, 1940, into the home of Richard and Gladis Noble Smith. She was thirty-nine years, nine months and twelve days old at the time of her passing. Early in life she met and married Michael Collins. To this union were born four children: Melissa Carol Collins, Loriann Gayheart, Effie Thornsberry, and Richard Michael Collins, all of Hindman, Kentucky.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband: Michael; all four children; one sister: Cinda Jane Mullins of Litt Carr; three brothers: Willie Venson Smith and Ronnie

Glenn Smith, both of Litt Carr, Thomas Richard Smith of Mallie, Kentucky; one grandson: Carl Michael Thornsberry; and two stepgrandchildren: Jason and Devon Gayheart of Hindman.

Preceding her in death was her mother and father; one brother; and three sisters.

Early in life she saw the need for a savior, and she professed a hope in Christ. At the age of twenty-one she joined the Pentecostal Holiness Church and was baptized.

Everybody that knew her loved her. I never saw a more humble person than she was. She was a good example for the young people to follow. She was in and out of the hospital and punished so much. It was hard for us to give her up, but God needed another flower. She is resting now from her labor. She won't need any more oxygen, she won't bear any more pain. I believe she is resting in the arms of Jesus waiting for the day when she shall receive a new body liken unto Him.

Written by Sister Ollie Mullins and Sister Cinda Mullins

ARTHUR JENT



With a sad heart, I will try, by the help of God, to write the obituary of Arthur Jent, my precious brother in the Lord and also my traveling companion for the past eight years in visiting the churches and association in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio and Virginia. He was also faithful to visit the sick with me. He was the son of Wiley and Tallie Jent, born September 25, 1916 and died December 3, 1989 making his stay on earth seventy-three years, two months and eight days. Brother Jent joined

the Little Family Church and was baptized April 13, 1980. He was a strong believer in the Old Regular Baptist. He believed in good order and a clean church. He will be sadly missed at the Little Family

Church he loved so well, also the Children's Home Church. At the time of his passing, he leaves one daughter: Josephine Cox, whom he loved so much; his son-in-law: Joe Cox; and three grandchildren: Annette Failer, Joey and Jeff Cox; two brothers: Arnold Jent and Cleo Jent; three sisters: Virgie Schooler, Nezzie Reynolds and Louise Miller; also many nieces and nephews, members of the Little Family Church and Children's Home Church and a host of friends in Kentucky and Ohio. He was loved by all who knew him.

I want to say to his daughter to make Dad's God your God and for his grandchildren, whom he loved so much, to make grandpa's God your God.

May God bless all of his family to meet him in a better land. I want to say to the members of the Little Family Church, we have lost a good member but our loss is heaven's gain. So be good to each other. We don't know who will be next.

I won't say good-bye to Brother Jent, but just farewell for a little while. May God bless all his friends and the Little Family Church he loved so well.

Written by his traveling buddy, Elder Roy Caudill

JESSICA LEE AND CAROLYN NICOLE SLONE

By the help of the Lord, we will try to write the obituary of Jessica and Carolyn, the daughters of Joe and Carol Slone.

Jessica was born June 10, 1982. She lived eight hours and passed away June 10, 1982.

Carolyn was born March 6, 1983. She lived two hours and passed away March 6, 1983.

They were survived by their parents, Joe and Carol Slone; one brother, Oaklin Slone; paternal grandparents: Albert and Cynthia Slone; maternal grandparents: Jink and Rebecca Ritchie.

At the time of losing the daughters, neither Joe nor Carol belonged to the church. As a sinner, Joe knew he would never see or hold his daughters again. Though God blessed me with them a short time here on earth, they left a great desire to meet them again.

I thank God through and by His mercy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that I have a promise to meet them again. In March, 1990, the Lord forgave me and I feel after I serve God's will on earth I'll get to go and be with them. My desire is that their mommy will get the same Godly sorrow in her heart and decide to get the Lord as her Savior and join them in heaven.

Their mommy cannot express with words the loss or pain, so this obituary was written by their daddy and stepmommy, with the cooperation of Carol. Rest in peace Jessica and Carolyn. We'll be together someday.

Written by Joe and Vickie Slone and Carol Love

BUFORD EDWARDS



Buford Edwards, son of Elsie Barton Edwards Runyon and the late Kilby Edwards, was born September 8, 1933 in Dickenson County, Virginia. He entered eternal life Tuesday, March 13, 1990 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center. He was fifty-six years, six months and five days of age at the time of his passing.

He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife: Joyce Gaynell Edwards of Jenkins, Kentucky; his mother: Elsie Runyun of Clinchco, Virginia; one son:

Donnie Edwards of Jenkins, Kentucky; two daughters: Jennifer Hall and Regina Edwards, both of Jenkins, Kentucky; four brothers: Elmer Edwards of Amhurst, Ohio, Hansel Edwards of Lorain, Ohio, Danny Edwards and Robert Edwards of Clinchco, Virginia; two sisters: Dixie Edwards of Haysi, Virginia and Lois Mullins of Louisville, Kentucky. Also surviving are three grandchildren: Steven Anderson, Jessica Anderson, and Misty Edwards.

An unexpected guest came home from church to eat dinner with Brother Acie and Sister Edna Rose, April 21, 1963. This is how

Brother Buford met Sister Gaynell, his wife to be. They fell in love and were married June 1, 1963. Another unexpected guest came home with Brother Buford, April 4, 1970. Sweet Jesus had come into his heart and he joined the Pleasant View Church in Litchfield, Ohio that day. He was baptized by Brother Ray Hoover and Bob Hunter April 5, 1970.

In 1981, Brother Buford and Sister Gaynell moved back to the mountains of good old Eastern Kentucky. He began to visit the Hemphill Church and the members loved him dearly. He would sing from the heart old songs of Zion and bring tears to your eyes.

Brother Buford and I traveled thousands of miles from Michigan to Louisville, Kentucky. We had many conversations of Heaven and Jesus. He loved his wife and family. You children will never know how much Brother Buford loved you and how very proud he was that you were his children.

In all our good talks of Jesus and Heaven, we never once had to disagree on the Bible. I believe he had asked wisdom of God and received it. He believed in a real heaven and real people going there. He said, "I want to go to heaven and tell Jesus how much I love Him"

We traveled all those miles, sang all those songs, prayed all those prayers together. We planned another trip that we'll take together in the morning of all mornings. When the eastern sky rolls back and we see Jesus coming on that great cloud with all His power and glory. We talked of how we would be caught up together with them in the clouds, meet the Lord in the air and forever be with the Lord.

I can see him now in a long white robe with a crown of glory on his head and most of all that beautiful smile on his face. He can't come back to us but by the grace of God we can go to where he is. Brother Buford said to tell you to come on home to heaven. He said if you can't find me, that'll be me shouting around the throne of God.

Written by Elder Jimmy Hall and Sister Gaynell Edwards

WILLIE S. SLONE



The following is the obituary that was read at the funeral.

Willie S. Slone, born January 16, 1912, and departed this life August 13, 1989 at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, of a short illness of cancer.

He was the son of Shade and Larcy Slone. He was preceded in death by both parents; several brothers and sisters, who died in infancy; two brothers: Balard and Elbert Slone; and two sisters: Corsie Slone and Mandy Slone Watts.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife: Verna Mae Slone; five sons: Rev. Milburn Slone, of Garner, Orbin Slone, Rev. Willie Vernon and Marcel Len Slone, of Pippa Passes, Kentucky, and Losses Agnel Slone, of Wolcottville, Indiana; one sister: Laura Slone Pratt, of Somerset, Kentucky; one brother: Ransom Slone of Dema, Kentucky; eighteen grandchildren and fourteen greatgrandchildren.

Time will not permit me to tell the goodness of Daddy nor to share with you my loss. Daddy taught us how to live and how to die, by example more than words. He retired in 1976 after thirty-three years of service with the Kentucky and West Virginia Gas Company. His loyalty to his company has left us with respect for that company. His failure to miss work has caused us to feel the same way. He was never asked for more or better work by his employer.

He taught us how to treat our family by always putting us first, whether it was food, clothing, or making life easier or more convenient. He knew how to make you feel that you were the center of his life.

He taught us how to be good husbands by loving Mom, honoring and cherishing her in sickness and in health, in good times

and bad.

He was very interested in seeing that we got the education that he missed getting for himself.

He taught us how to die by giving his heart, soul, strength and mind to Christ in 1978.

He taught us to find church fellowship by joining the Ivy Point Church by baptism on July 24, 1989. He gave the most convincing testimony of salvation and the right choice of churches I've ever witnessed.

He taught us the reality of Christ by showing no emotion or fear when Dr. Eastland of the St. Joseph Hospital said, "Mr. Slone, you have got cancer."

When he was wheeled to surgery, he was praying for his children and the world, and dying without complaining or showing any sign of pain. We have been blessed by God to have had a father that I'm proud to say I am Willie Slone's son.

Written by Milburn Slone, his son in nature and brother in the Lord.

STANLEY CAUDILL



Stanley Caudill, age fifty-nine, of Blackey, Kentucky, died Sunday, September 24, 1989, at the Whitesburg, ARH, of an apparent heart attack.

He was born January 17, 1930, the son of Sam Ray Caudill and Bessie Combs Caudill. He was a retired coal miner and a Baptist preacher.

He is survived by his wife: Carol Fouts Caudill of Blackey; four sons: Gary of Isom, Philip Wayne of Blackey, Jeffery Lynn of Blackey and Stanley, Jr. at home; six daughters: Wanda Faye

Ballinger of Berea, Wilma Lee Creech of Jeff, Anita Caudill of Red Star, Trillis Darlene Ison of Ulvah, Millison Jent of Blackey and Sondra Jean at home; one brother: Watson Caudill of Jeremiah; two sisters: Eva Finley of Jeremiah and Mae Raye of Indiana.

Brother Stanley was a good friend and brother to everyone who knew him.

He was a sick man, but he took his sickness in stride. He felt there was something missing in his life. He prayed for the Lord to forgive him and He did. He told a wonderful experience with the Lord and was baptized. He was satisfied for a little while. He became burdened again because the Lord had a great job for him to do. I feel that he was called to warn sinner people that they were in great danger without the Lord and he did a wonderful job at this. He went wherever he thought he could help anyone. He had a great influence on our children and I thank God for this. But not only ours, all children that he knew loved him very much. I feel that he knew his time was growing short. He fell in the arms of Jesus while preaching. I feel he went on over into a land of peace, joy and love, where we are striving to go.

To his children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors, if you want to see him again, you have to pray to the same God he prayed to and ask His forgiveness.

I feel that our loss is just another flower in heaven's garden. Don't say good-bye to him. Just so long for a little while. There was a man who came into our lives, from where we don't know. But he was someone we could talk to. He was a friend who cared. He could help you even though he wasn't there. He could listen and comfort you. We never know the time or place, but when you needed a friend, he was always at that place.

Each little act of kindness, whether great or small, can never be forgotten, for each of us know them all.

He had a place planted in each of our children's hearts. Mine dearly loved him and he will always be a part of them.

I'm sure he is resting in heaven with a crown of gold and a robe as white as snow.

He has gone just before us to his heavenly home. We are all going to miss him. I know I will, but I feel I will see this friend again. This friend we all called Stanley will always be with us. There will always be a place for his family in our heart, for we love them so much.

Written by Brother Ollie Mullins

MILLARD AND CLOVA COLLINS



With the help of the good Lord, I will write the obituary of Brother Millard and Sister Clova. They were so dear to me and I loved them so much. Brother Millard was born August 3, 1902 in Bath, Kentucky and passed from this life October 1, 1989 in the Dryer House Nursing Home, after being there a few months. He was one of twelve children of the late James West Collins. His mother was the late Nancy Jane Amburgey Collins. He was raised by Eva, James West's second wife.

Sister Clova was born August 29, 1911 in Knott County, Kentucky and passed from this life December 16, 1989 in Cincinnati, Ohio at the hospital where she had undergone heart surgery. Sister Clova was the daughter of Gus and Unice Pigman. Brother Millard and Sister Clova were united in marriage, December 26, 1930. To this union were born eight children: Vella Leidecker, Clara Buck, Eunice Bryant, Phyllis Laker, Earl, Earnest, Raymond and Galley Collins. They also leave twenty-three grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Brother Millard and Sister Clova moved from Kentucky to Owensville, Ohio in 1942; then to Batesville, Indiana in 1947. They lived on a farm on Enochsburg Road until their death. They were so close and they farmed and peddled many years together.

Brother Millard and Sister Clova joined Little Memory Church of the Old Regular Baptist around 1958 near Sunman. About 1962, Brother Millard was ordained as a Deacon and they sure lived the life. In 1968, they came in an arm from Little Memory Church and helped organize Little Children's Home Church, where they stayed and attended as long as they were able. Now they sleep in the Little Children's Home Cemetery from their labors and burdens of this life. Brother Millard and Sister Clova will really be missed by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Brothers and Sisters

and loved ones and friends and everyone that knew them.

I feel we were so close in the Lord and surely I can say they fought a good fight and kept the faith. So, to all their loved ones and friends, if you want to see them again, look to the same Lord they did and we can all be together again someday.

Written by Elder Zee Holbrook

DELZA MULLINS



Delza Mullins was born October 10, 1905 to the late William Riley and Leo Dicie Everage Mullins. He died June 3, 1990, making him eighty-four years, seven months and twenty-four days old.

He had three brothers and five sisters, two half-brothers and one half-sister. All of these preceded him in death.

Uncle Dale met and married Ellie Pridemore and to this union were born five children: Jenelle, at home, Drethia Bellas and Mary Lou Johnson of Amburgey, McKinley, also of Amburgey

and Larry Phillip of Michigan. He has six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Uncle Dale worked in the coal mines almost all of his life. He worked hard to try and give his family what they needed. Uncle Dale had been sick for a while and not able to do much of anything, but he found along in his life there was something missing. So, he prayed for the Lord to forgive him. I went to see him several times and talked to him about the Lord. Next to the last time I went to see him, he told me that there wasn't anything in his way. Uncle Dale said, "I believe I have a better place to go when I leave here."

The children told me that Uncle Dale just went to sleep and didn't wake up. I believe he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. I feel we have lost a good neighbor and friend. Uncle Dale would help anyone that he thought needed help. He is gone to be with Jesus.

He can't come back to us, but I want to say to the family and all the friends and to everyone else, that if you want to see him again, you will have to go to the same God he went to. So don't say goodbye, but just so long for a little while, for we will see him again in a better world than this.

To Aunt Ellie and the children, grandchildren and great-grand-children, I want to leave you with this: If you have the faith to trust Him, He will never let you go. So always hold this little thought that cares are bound to end and there is a brighter day ahead just waiting around the bend.

Written by his nephew, Ollie James Mullins

INAS FIELDS BANKS



Inas Fields Banks, daughter of the late Bertha Sturgill, was born in Letcher County, Kentucky, April 1, 1920. She entered eternal life Friday, January 26, 1990 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky, being sixty-nine years, nine months and fifteen days of age. She had been in poor health since 1953 and seriously ill for the past ten years.

She was a member of the Big Cowan Old Regular Baptist Church for over thirty years. Inas was married to Jessie

Fields, who passed from this life in 1953. She later married Hiram Banks, who died in 1980.

Inas is survived by three sons: Bill Fields of Whitesburg, Kentucky, Tommy Fields of Greenfield, Indiana, Ronald Fields, also of Greenfield; one daughter: Jessie Faye Fields of Cowan, Kentucky; three stepsons: Raymond Banks of Naples, Florida, Frank Banks, also of Cowan, Leonard Banks of Elizabeth City, North Carolina; two stepdaughters: Loreva Fields of Cowan, Kentucky and Lou-

vel Sturgill, of Cowan; also eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Inas was preceded in death by a son, Doyle Fields, who passed away in 1941, and a stepson, Ellis Banks.

Mom, we miss you so much since God called you home, but we find comfort in knowing that you will never suffer again, but will enjoy everlasting peace.

JIM BREWER



Born February 14, 1909 and deceased December 10, 1986, he was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church.

Well, this sad and lonely evening Jesus and I will write the obituary of my loving and hardworking husband, J. H. or Jim Brewer. He was a member of the United Mine Workers, and he was a member of the Bible Month Club, and the Fish and Game Club.

We met and married in 1927. We had eleven children-three of whom

preceded him in death. We were blessed to raise eight children—Columbus, C. Curtis, Golda Stacy, Betty Cornett, Dewey Lee Brewer all of Bulan, Kentucky, Eldon Ray and Alma Peters of Ohio, Kelsey of Florida, and one grandson James Harry Brewer of Pikeville, Ky. As of yet, the children can't hardly accept his death, saying their dad made them toe the mark, they never talked back either.

Brother Frank Fugate taught me how to accept death. He said, "We were born to die; then after that judgement." I went to see him as often as I could. When his name came on the obituary column, something like a sharp knife went through my heart, I never had pain like it in my life.

I've never seen so many flowers as Dad got, thanks to Dr.

Ratliff's nurses and the many friends he had.

I live a lonely life here in a nice home he worked hard for. To the best I can count, we have about 52 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren.

I was a Williams before marrying. I always wanted to help people more than I ever could. I was baptized in 1939. I'm 80 years old and doing real good with all these years holding on to God's hand. You've got to live your Christian life seven days a week. I'm like Brother J. C. Sparks who says, "God don't do and undo His work." Dad is badly missed by his children and friends who have known him and his lonely broken-hearted wife.

Cindy Brewer P. O. Box 127 Bulan, Kentucky 41722

JOE WILLIAMS



I will try by the help of God, to write the obituary of Brother Joe. He was born October 14, 1911 into the home of Charlie and Mary Mullins Williams. Later in life, on October 25, 1947, he was married to Gladys Smith. He leaves behind one step-son: Shelby Smith; a daughter-in-law: Orlean Smith; a step-granddaughter: Tereasa Reinhart; and two step-great-grandsons: Mathew and Morgan. He is also survived by three sisters: Marvis Adkins, Luly Ritchie and Cindy Hall; and a brother: Sam Williams,

Except for the three years of service spent in World War II, Brother Joe lived all his life in Leburn, Kentucky.

In September, 1957, Brother Joe felt the Lord had forgiven him. He said God showed him the very hole of water where he was baptized in by Brother Burt Howard and Brother Olas Baldridge. Later he was ordained a deacon in the New Home Church. Being a faithful member, Brother Joe loved to go to church as long as he was able. However, he became very ill with a bad heart condition and a stroke, which caused him to be in bed for a long while before the Lord saw fit to call him on home.

Brother Joe passed from this life February 23, 1990, making his stay on earth seventy-eight years, four months and nine days. We believe he is with the Lord, never to suffer again. He will be greatly missed, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by a Brother in the Lord, Chester Gibson, and Sister Gladys Williams

THEOPHILUS EVERIDGE



With the help of the good Lord, we will try to write this obituary of our daddy, Theophilus (Thee or Fee) Everidge. He was the baby one, born to Matilda and Nick Everidge on March 19, 1921. As he grew up in these hills, he attended school faithfully, as he loved and enjoyed reading all his life. Daddy was a very educated man. He was a very hard worker and he worked at various jobs including the coal mines. As Daddy's health grew poor, he never burdened us kids. We knew he was

sick, but we didn't know how sick. That's what a loving daddy and husband he was.

He was devoted to his family til his dying breath, as he proved when at about 2:55 P.M., we believe the Holy Band of Angels called Daddy home. It was Friday, July 13, 1990 when our family circle was broken. There are no words to describe the void that is left in our hearts now. We are comforted to know that Daddy loved his family and the Lord.

He was a member of the Happy Home Church and served his

Lord 19 years. We are sure his brothers and sisters there will miss him terribly. We love our Daddy so very much, and words that came from his sweet lips like, "Howdy-Do," when he called, are missed so very much.

Daddy leaves to mourn his leaving his wife, Ruah; four daughters: Rita Slone, Viola Slone, Sue Collins, and Jeanette Slone; one son, Joe Riley; thirteen grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; also a host of nephews, nieces and friends. We love and miss you Daddy, but we believe with all our hearts that someday we will all be together with him again.

Written by his daughters,
Jeanette Slone & Sue Collins

ALVIN THOMAS



With the help of the Lord and Saviour, I will try to write the obituary of our precious brother. Brother Alvin was born May 1, 1925 in the home of Willie and Vada Thomas. Early in life he met and married Gertie Mae Everage, and to this union were born 9 children. Boys: Alfred Grayson, Omega Dale, and Jessie Gene; girls: Mary Jane, Sharon Susan, Zephfrie Ann, and Cathy Lou; two children preceded him in death.

Later in life brother Alvin knew something was missing in his life. He felt a heavy burden come upon him. He started calling on the Lord, and the Lord heard his cries in the year of 1973. He joined the church and was baptized. He attended the church and was a faithful member as long as he was able to go. At the time of his death he was a member of the Little Bethlehem Church.

Brother Alvin was afflicted for many years, but he took his illness in stride.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, Gertie Mae and children;

5 brothers; and 1 sister; 36 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren. Brother Alvin will be missed by everyone who knew him, but most by his wife who stood by him and took care of him.

I have known brother Alvin since he was about 18 years old and he was one of the outstanding boys of the neighborhood. He has always been an outstanding person and has been humble all these many years throughout his sickness.

I would like to say to sister Gertie and her children, I feel that brother Alvin is at rest where no troubles can come about. So rest on brother Alvin. I want to say to the children and grand-children, if you haven't made peace with God, now would be a good time to start.

Written by a brother in Hope Brother Landis Everage

DANA ISON

It is with much sadness and with an aching heart, that I try to write the obituary of Dana Ison.

Dana was born on December 30, 1915, and left this world on Saturday morning, January 14, 1989, making her stay on earth 73 years, 11 months and 29 days.

Dana was the daughter of the late John and Minta Blair of Jeremiah, Kentucky. Dana was preceded in death by a brother, a sister, and a daughter, Jacquline Carol Robinson. Left to

mourn Dana Ison are 2 daughters, Joyce Caudill of Middletown, Ohio, and Bobby Jean Laricchiota of Quincy, Florida; a nephew, Ray Back. Also she is survived by 12 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and a host of step-children, friends and loved ones.

Dana Ison joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and had her membershop at Mount Olivet of Blackey, Ky. She was a faithful member as long as she was able. In her latter days, she and her



late husband, Bradley Ison moved to Middletown, Ohio, approximately 4 years ago to be near her daughter, Joyce Caudill, as she was unable to care for herself. Joyce worked hard to care for her mother until she exchanged her worldly posessions for a Robe and a Crown. She will be missed dearly by everyone that ever knew her. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by the request of the family by Melvin Adams, Jr., step-son of Dana Ison

NORMA SMITH EVANS



Norma was born October 29, 1914, to Shade Smith and Martha Amburgey Smith at Smithboro, Kentucky. She departed this life December 29, 1987 at her home in Scuddy, Kentucky.

At the age of seventeen she was married to Bacil Evans. To this marriage were born four children: Peggy McIntyre of Scuddy, Kentucky, James Evans of Scuddy, Kentucky, and Wilma Morrison of Sterling Heights, Michigan. The youngest daughter, Mary Meehan preceded Norma in death in 1983.

Norma belonged to the Regular Baptist Church for thirty-eight years. At the time of her death she was a very dear member of the Little Dove Regular Baptist Church.

Norma also leaves seventeen grandchildren and thirteen greatgrandchildren to grieve her passing.

Norma was a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother who looked well to the ways of her household.

We will miss Norma as a wife, mother and grandmother, but know she is in a better world and is under the wings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

> Written by her girl, Peggy Lynn McIntyre

LEE MOSLEY



With a sad and lonely heart, and with a feeling of great loss, I will try to write an obituary of my loving Daddy, Lee Mosley. Daddy was born August 10, 1910 to Lindsey Mosley and Josephine Short Mosley. He departed this life March 10, 1989, being 78 years and 7 months old.

When just a young man, in the year 1936, Daddy and Mommy, Gracie Combs Mosley, were united in marriage. I believe God joined them together. God blessed them with 9 children,

7 of them still living.

In 1946 Daddy joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at New Home. About a year later Mommy joined. About two years later they came and helped establish the Ivy Point Church. Daddy remained there until his death. Mommy still has her membership there, being the oldest member there.

I believe God called Daddy to preach. He preached for about 41 years.

Daddy and Mommy loved each other and their children so much, but I feel they loved the Lord better than anything.

Daddy worked hard to raise his family. But more important, I believe we were raised in the way a child should go, being told to do right and fear the Lord.

Daddy was a man who had great faith in God during his sickness right up until his death. He was very sick for a long time, but he was so patient. I believe he kept the faith and was straight forward, not leaning to the left or right.

He was in and out of the hospital for a long time with Mommy always at his side.

My mind runs back now to the time when we were children at home. How happy we were. But time has made us change.

Now it is so lonesome without Daddy, for we loved him so

much. But I know the loss is even greater to Mommy.

I believe Daddy is resting from his labor, so to Mommy, I would like to say, "just a few more weary days and I believe you will join Daddy where no sorrow can come."

I remember a song Daddy often sang, "They tell me of an Unclouded Day." I believe Daddy is in that land of the unclouded day. I believe if we ever see Daddy again we will have to go to the same Jesus he went to.

Written by his son, James R. Mosley

MERDIE SLONE



It is with much weakness I will try to write an obituary of Merdie Slone. Merdie was born February 13, 1913. Departed this life August 9, 1990 making her stay on earth seventy-seven years, six months and twenty-seven days. Merdie was the daughter of Lee Slone and Nancy Jane Slone of Garner, Kentucky. Early in life she met and married M. V. Slone and to this union were born seven children, six sons and one daughter: Hillard Slone, Marcus Slone, Ivan Slone, Willis (Buck) Slone,

Milford Slone, Denver Slone, all of Garner, and Headie Bentley of Litt Carr, Kentucky. She also leaves one brother, Sheldon Slone, of Lexington, Kentucky. She had twelve grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn her passing. She was preceded in death by her husband, M. V. Slone and two sons: Denver and Willis Slone. Merdie was so kind to everyone she met. She was always willing to help anyone in the time of need. When the old grade school was on the hill at Bailey Fork, Merdie fed many of the little children on their way to school. Merdie came in contact with the dreaded disease, cancer, and suffered so much the past few months of her life, but she bore her pain with

patience. Merdie saw a need for a saviour. She knew she needed Jesus in her life more than anything. Once, some of the Brothers and Sisters had several meetings for her. She enjoyed them so much. After much praying, she told her daughter she felt God had forgiven her and there was nothing in her way. Not long before she died, she told me she wished the Lord would come and get her and take her home where there would be no more pain. Although she never joined the church, I believe she is resting in the arms of Jesus where she will never suffer anymore. So, to all you children who don't know Jesus I believe if Mommy could speak back, she would say, "Don't weep for me. I am happy here with Jesus. Just fall out with sin and turn to Jesus and meet me in Heaven where the family will never have to part anymore."

Written by your unworthy brother in Christ,
Alonzo Mosley

KATY WATTS



Lonely times struck the Watts family when Katy went home to be with the Lord. She became tired and weary in this world and wanted the good Lord to come on and get her.

Katy was born April 3, 1902, to James and Elizabeth Watts. She entered eternal life January 20, 1990, at the Hazard A. R. H. Her stay on earth was eighty-seven years, nine months and seventeen days.

Early in life she met and married Squire B. Watts. To this union were

born seven children. Three of the children were stillborn. Her husband, Squire, preceded her in death June 23, 1979. Four children mourn her passing: Eula Whitaker and Beatrice Whitaker, both of Hallie, Kentucky, Beulah Whitaker of Lafayette, Indiana, and

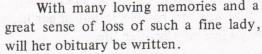
Billy J. Watts of Greencastle, Indiana.

Katy saw her need of a Saviour and accepted the Lord. She was a member of the Cedar Grove Church. She was a hard-working little woman. The grandchildren's love proved the kind of grandma she was. She left ten grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The old home place will never be the same without Katy's presence.

Written by a granddaughter

MELVINA WATTS



Melvina Watts was born February 27, 1907 at Hallie, Kentucky to John C. and Hettie Whitaker Watts. She was one of thirteen children. She was preceded in death by sisters: Elizabeth, who died at birth, Ethel, Cordelia, Suzanne and Wilma; and three brothers: Arthur, Tommy and Jeppie. Linville died four weeks after Vina.

Vina was married to Ged Watts, who preceded her in death. Born into this marriage were three children: Lucy, an infant daughter who died at birth, John W. Watts of Slemp, Kentucky and Dewilla Watts Sparkman of Hallie, Kentucky. Other survivors include three brothers: Jasper Watts, Pennyan, New York, Ruben Watts, Frankfort, Kentucky, and William Watts, Hallie, Kentucky. Vina also had seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren whom she dearly adored.

Vina gave her life to the Lord many years ago and became a member of Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church in August, 1944. Since that time her life has been committed to the Lord and to her family.

Since the death of Vina's husband, Ged, in 1964, Vina lived

with her daughter, Dewilla. There are so many wonderful memories of Mammaw while we were growing up. She always had such good stories and "old sayings" she would tell us, which will continue to live on with our children. Mammaw always loved children and we feel she is now surrounded by beautiful children and has her baby, Lucy, with her.

Mammaw had been sick for a very long time, however, on May 5, 1990 at Hazard Medical Center she was called home to be with our Lord. She had stated many times she was anxious to go to her heavenly home; and on Friday, the day before she died she stated she had a visit with the Lord and had been talking with Him. Although we all miss her so much, it is comforting to know she is at peace now and free from all sickness.

I hope to be able to remember her life as an inspiration in the way I live my Christian life.

Written by Michelle Sparkman Frazier, granddaughter

"She is not far She is always near, in the memories
That you hold most dear In the hearts that still care,
In the love that goes on ...
She will never be far
She will never be gone."

COTELLA DOTSON



By the help and grace of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of our dearly departed mother and wife, Cotella Dotson.

She was the second child of Virgie Cantrell Mullins and Benjamin Ordley Mullins December 1, 1921, in Pound, Virginia. Mom was confined to Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio due to severe kidney failure and several strokes. Due to complications of these afflictions, our mother gave up her earthly existence and went on to meet

her saviour, a reward she had justly earned while here with us in this life, on the afternoon of May 14, 1990. This made her stay here on this earth a total of sixty-eight years, five months and thirteen days.

Cotella leaves behind her faithful and loving husband, Marcus L. Dotson of Maineville, Ohio. Mom and Dad were married in Watertown, New York, May 7, 1942. Their married life together numbers forty-eight years and seven days. She also leaves behind six children: Ben Dotson of Loveland, Ohio, Janet Roberts, Rick Dotson, and Judi Criscillis, all of Mason, Ohio, Jeff Dotson of Edgewood, Ky., and Marc Dotson of South Lebanon, Ohio; four brothers: Harold Mullins of Wise, Virginia, Ben Mullins of West Milton, Ohio, James Mullins and Bufford Mullins of Norton, Virginia; four sisters: Jeanette Mullins of Pound, Virginia, Billie Gilley and Mary Wells of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, and Jessie Cantrell of Norton, Virginia; eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was followed shortly in death by her sister, Nina Green of Bland, Virginia.

Mom was baptized in the Lord, April, 1968. She came in the arm and established the Northern New Home Old Regualr Baptist Church of Goshen, Ohio, July, 1971. She served as mother to and deaconess for the church until her death. She was a loving and caring Christian wife and mother. She loved and served her Lord and Saviour. She was a pillar of her church and was an example that

others could follow.

Due to Mom's hospitalization, she was unable to attend a family reunion and memorial for her deceased parents. We told her that when she was well she should pack her bags and we would make the trip and visit her family. She replied to us, "Children, don't worry about your mother. I've got my bags packed for a better trip." We grieve her passing. Our sorrow is great. Our loss can never be replaced. We know you have shed this old, frail, earthly body and gone on to a place where hospitals, doctors and medicine are never needed. Dearest Mother, we love you so much. We are all comforted by the knowledge that when those she left behind cross that great river and reach that crystal shore, she will be there to greet us.

"Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

> Written by her children and husband Brother Marcus L. Dotson

VIRGIE L. ADAMS



With much sadness we write a short description of the life of our loving mother. Mom was born September 4, 1903 and died December 5, 1989, being the youngest of ten children born to John P. Slone and Christina B. Smith. She often talked of the difficult times of growing up and raising a family during the war years and the Great Depression. She remembered how thankful she was for what little she had, and how, at a very young age, she learned to trust in God for all things. She described her

simple joys of childhood, such as her walks from Branham's Creek in Knott County, Kentucky, to lower Caney Creek to attend the Old Caney Fork Church with Aunt Teenie on the weekends.

As a beautiful young woman of twenty years, Mommy met and married Jody Adams, the only man she ever loved. During this union of sixty-three years, thirteen children were born, all of whom are blessed to be living at this time. We saw a part of Mom leave with the death of Daddy in April, 1986. Surviving children are: Faye Howard, Christeen Calhoun, Lizzie Slone, Kathleen Dixon, Laureda Short, Sue Francis Short, Brenda Joyce Adams, Jewel Bentley, Jody Jr., Frank, Tommy, Charles Kirby and Bristol, still living at home. Also surviving are thirty grandchildren, thirty-four great-grandchildren, several sons-and-daughters-in-law, who loved and respected her deeply.

As we reflect on times past, we remember how Mommy made each of us feel special. Her gentle words of advice and counsel always came from her heart, and were intended for our benefit, but the greatest thing Mommy did for us was to profess her hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ by baptism into the New Home Church of Old Regular Baptist April 15, 1962. Since that time she has been leaving stones to point us to perfect peace. Through endless hours of attending to the needs of Grandma and Granddaddy, during their

illnesses, these children, especially the daughters, have demonstrated their devotion for their parents, but, oh, how much happier Grandma would have been to see her family turn from sin and live for God. As her life ends, let us never forget the precious joy and love she gave us and that with God's help we can follow the beautiful example she lived before us.

A few days before her passing, Mommy told us that all she wanted for Christmas was good health and love. We feel she has found both in the peaceful arms of her savior.

Written by her son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Girdalee Adams

VERNON ISON



Vernon Ison was born into the home of Kelly Ison and Sally Stamper Ison, September 15, 1910. He entered eternal life May 27, 1990. His stay on earth was seventy-nine years, eight months and twelve days.

In 1935 he married Reva Morgan Ison. This marriage lasted fifty-five years. Vernon leaves to mourn their loss his wife: Reva; two daughters: Sibyl Craig of Dayton, Ohio and Brenda Ledford of Forest Park, Georgia; a foster son: Michael Acuff of Monroeville,

Pennsylvania, Michael's wife: Carol; one granddaughter: Gina Craig of Dayton, Ohio; two sons-in-law: Mike Craig and Johnny Ledford; two brothers: Adam Ison of Oakridge, Tennessee and Arnold Ison of Cumberland, Kentucky; and a host of relatives and friends.

Vernon joined the Cedar Grove Regular Baptist Church in 1973 and was ordained a deacon in 1974. He served and supported his church as long as he was able. Vernon worked hard to support his family. He worked as a miner, school bus driver for eight years,

construction worker and farmer.

He was ill for fifteen years and suffered with pain until God said, "That's enough" and Vernon fell asleep. Death is certain and departure means to leave this world of pain and suffering for heaven, if you are a child of God. I believe Vernon was a child of God. He called on God during his illness to help him. I hope to meet him in heaven some day, where we shall know as we are known.

We miss him very much and he will always live in our hearts.

Written by his wife, Reva

A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL There's a light at the end of the tunnel, There's love that's awaiting me there. All cares and troubles I will leave behind, As I climb the golden stairs. There's a light at the end of the tunnel There to meet my Lord face to face. And I'll be in the Home that I longed for, Saved by His Heavenly grace.

STERLING SUMPTER



With the help of God, I will try to write the obituary of our loving husband and father, Sterling Sumpter. He was born March 30, 1924 in Harlan, Kentucky, to the late William L. Sumpter and Stella Sterling Sumpter. He served in the U.S. Navy. He met and married Martha Ernst June 1, 1946, and to this union were born four children. He is survived by two daughters: Sandra Irwin and Cynthia McCarty; one son: Bob Sumpter, all of Cincinnati, Ohio, and his wife, Martha Sumpter; also

his mother, Stella Short, of Ohio; one brother; nine sisters; seven

grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. One son, Timothy Wayne Sumpter, preceded him in death.

In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Dad

Dear God, Please give this message to our Dad:

Although we didn't get to say good-bye, as he left this
world without knowing; we all loved him dearly.

That day you called him home part of us went with him.

We share our Mother's sorrow, as she loved him so much, too.
You will always live in our hearts. Dad, I pray we will
meet again and never depart on heaven's bright shore.

Written by his broken-hearted wife, children and family

TIMOTHY WAYNE SUMPTER



Twenty years have gone by since I heard Tim's last words to me, "See you, Mom." I'll never forget that last hug he gave me as we stood at the kitchen door. He was leaving to go back to his Naval Base. I was so proud of him, but at the same time sorry to see him go.

Tim was born April 18, 1948. Little did I know that day how short of a time I would have him with me. Tim served his time in the Navy and on March 27, 1970 he was killed in a car accident as he was on his way home.

I would never again see his smiling face or get another hug. God also blessed me with another son and two daughters, whom I love dearly, but there will always be an empty space in my heart for the son I had for such a short time and loved so dearly.

I know that God is good and is taking good care of my boy and that someday He will fill that empty space in my heart and I will see Tim and never have to say good-bye again.

Written by his mother, Martha Sumpter

GLADYS ALMA GAYDOSH



Gladys Alma Gaydosh entered eternal life on Sunday, July 1, 1990 at the Letcher Manor Nursing Home in Whitesburg.

Gladys was the daughter of the late Sol and Mary Sexton McCray.

She was born July 13, 1918 being seventy-one years, eleven months and eighteen days of age at the time of her passing.

Gladys was a member of the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband: Mike Gaydosh; one son: Michael Patrick Gaydosh of Tampa, Florida; two brothers: Paul McCray of North Carolina and Watson McCray of Hamilton, Alabama; three sisters: Ollie Tyree of Cowan, Oma B.. Lewis of Whitesburg and Myrtle Halcomb of Alabama; two grand-children: Christine Gaydosh and Michael Gaydosh of Baltimore, Maryland; along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

LUCINDA FIELDS ELDRIDGE



Lucinda Fields Eldridge, 80, of Parlor Grove Road, Waynesburg, Ky., died May 11, 1990 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Ky. Born March 12, 1910, she was the daughter of the late George and Rebexy Caudill Fields. She was a homemaker and a member of the Dixon Memorial Old Regular Baptist Church of Jeremiah. She joined the Indian Bottom Church, in October 1949. She and her husband were deacons of the church.

Survivors include her husband, Henry D. Eldridge of Waynesburg, Ky.; six sons: Carl of Kings Mountain, Ky., Hubert of Blackey, Ky., Raymond of Hallie, Ky., Elmer, Emil, and Arthur all of Frankfort, Ky.; three daughters: Betty Sue Williams of Shelbyville, Indiana, Stella Shelton of Crab Orchard, Ky., and Arlie Simpson of Waynesburg, Ky.; one brother, Davis Fields of Louisville, Ky.; two sisters, Pauline Slone of Lexington, Ky., and Leona Watts of Kings Mountain, Ky.; 43 grand-children, 70 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. Two daughters and one son preceded her in death.

Written by her husband, Henry D. Eldridge and youngest daughter, Arlie Simpson.

LINDA COMBS



Linda Carol Caudill Combs was born July 11, 1952 at Letcher, Kentucky into the home of Arnold and Irene Fields Caudill Jent. Her father preceded her in death November 3, 1972.

During Linda's college days, while attending Morehead State University, she met and later married Johnny Combs. They were married June 12, 1971. Their lives were filled with love and happiness for each other. Their son, John David, was born September 11, 1972. No mother was more proud of her son than

Linda.

During Linda's life she became interested in God. She joined the Mount Olivet Church at Blackey, Kentucky, April 4, 1979. She was a faithful member there until her death. During Linda's life she never forgot to praise the Lord and worship Him daily. Her face would smile with joy when she sang and talked about her Lord and savior.

Linda was Bookkeeping Supervisor at the First Security Bank in

Whitesburg. She had much respect for her job and the people with whom she worked.

Linda developed cancer during the prime of her life. She had constant visits to the doctors' offices. Tests became a routine part of her daily life and medication had to be taken hourly, yet Linda had a smile and took life one day at a time. Linda passed from this life May 11, 1990 at the Whitesburg Hospital.

We know Linda is not taking medication, nor is she in any pain or having any problems as we may have here on earth. Our hearts are broken. Our minds wonder, why Linda? Our home is saddened because no words can express our love for such a great mother and wife as that of Linda Combs. We love you, Linda.

Written by Johnny and David

EARL COX



Earl Cox was born January 1, 1926 at Tina, Kentucky, the third eldest son of Louis B. and Lauelza Gayheart Cox. He passed away to God's home August 27, 1990, making his stay on earth sixty-four years, seven months and twenty-six days. He was preceded in death by his parents and two older brothers, Albert and Clell Cox. Dad was loved by all who knew him.

Dad was drafted into the Navy in 1944 and saw action in World War II. After the war he moved with his family

to Farmer's Retreat, Indiana and then on over to Route 3 Osgood where he continued to live until the time of his death. Dad was married September 5, 1953 to ImaJean Parks of Litt Carr, Kentucky. To this sacred union were born five children: Sharon Cox Clusman of Seymour, Indiana, Pamela Cox Rutherford of Osgood, Indiana, Carolyn Cox Phillips of Scottsburg, Indiana and Anthony Cox and Cheryl Cox, both at home.

He was employed at Seagram's Distillery for thirty-five years until he had a heart attack and was forced into accepting a medical retirement in 1981. He loved to work on his farm and tend to his cattle.

Dad was a good Christian man belonging to Big Creek Old Regualr Baptist Church in Dupont, Indiana. As a deacon in the church, he was well thought of and loved by all his brothers and sisters. God saw fit to take him home, but it leaves so much pain and sorrow after his passing.

Besides his wife and children, he leaves to mourn his passing: five grandchildren; two brothers: Clark Cox and Walter Cox, both of Indiana; two sisters: Alma Adams of Florida and Thelma McNear of Indiana.

We loved our Dad deeply, as we are sure everyone else who knew him did. With all our hearts we believe he is at rest with Jesus with no more pain and suffering. We love you, Daddy, and you will always live in our hearts. It's just so hard to see you go without being able to hug and kiss you good-bye;

Sadly written for his wife by his loving children

JOHN SHIRL AMBURGEY



John Shirl Amburgey entered into eternal life April 2, 1988, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital following a long illness.

John was born July 8, 1917 to the late Hiram Wesley and Rhoda Combs Amburgey.

John joined the church at the Indian Bottom Association, Sassafrass, Kentucky on the first Sunday in September, 1979. He was baptized into the Happy Home Church, Amburgey, Kentucky the first Sunday in October, 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Eilene; three daughters: Ber-

niece Bertram, Middletown, Ohio, Shirl Perry, Felicity, Ohio, Joy Begley, Lexington, Ky., one son, Dennis Wayne, Ind., one adopted son, Stephen, at home. 8 grandchildren, 1 sister, Goldie Madden Amburgey, Ky., and 3 brothers: Sammie, Vicco, Ky., Bill, Louisville, Ky., and Dennie Amburgey of Kentucky.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hindman Funeral Home Services, Hindman, Kentucky, April 6, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating. He was laid to rest in the Carr Fork Cemetery.

REX THORNSBERRY



On a cold, rainy day in April 1987, Rex stepped into the water to be baptized into the Little Dove Church of Old Regular Baptist. All that were present did not feel the cold, they did not feel the rain. They did feel the presence of the Lord and experienced the joy of seeing the peace and contentment on Brother Rex's face.

Rex was born September 7, 1933 to Garrett and Melvina Hall Thornsberry. He married Phyllis Amburgey on November 15, 1958. Unto this union were

born two sons: Ollis Jeffery and Brian Thornsberry, both of Kite, Kentucky; a daughter: Evelyn Scarberry of Randelman, North Carolina; Rex also had another daughter: Melvina Johnson of Topmost, Kentucky; and seven grandchildren. Also left to mourn his passing are his two sisters: Rosie Thornsberry and June Mullins; and two brothers: Frank and Norman Thornsberry, all of Kite, Kentucky. He also leaves a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

It is very hard to describe a man like Rex in a few short lines. The kind of man that, as a boy, would fix a schoolhouse door to keep his best friend, Elder Hargas Tuttle, from being expelled from school. The kind of man who enjoyed fishing with his family and

friends. The kind of man who would cry with joy at a church service in his home.

Rex's body was torn with the pain of cancer and black lung, but when Jesus spoke to him in the Blackey Church, in March, 1987, he ran down the aisle with tears in his eyes and joy in his heart. His love for the Lord grew every day and he enjoyed every minute that he could talk about Jesus.

As his body grew weaker, his faith grew stronger and January 2, 1989 Brother Rex stepped across Jordon into a land of no more pain or tears, into the arms of Jesus.

Sleep on Brother Rex, we will see you in the morning!

Written with love by your niece and nephew,

Harold and Rosetta Tuttle

LUNA MULLINS



Luna Mullins was born November 7, 1914 to John Ashley and Nancy Mullins Ashley. Luna passed from this life on Tuesday, July 17, 1990, making her stay here on earth 75 years, 8 months and 10 days.

She was a retired cook for the Knott County Board of Education and a member of the Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church for 14 years.

Luna was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Mullins and one daughter-in-law, Peggy Mullins. She

leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Chester to whom she was married for over 55 years; also three sons: Phillip, Keith, and Corbett; 3 daughters-in-law, Lou, Debbie, and Lorraine; 1 brother, Leonard Ashley; 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Sister Luna had suffered a very long painful illness over the last several years, and we now are relieved that she has left the pain behind and become a flower in Heaven at the Throne of God.

MARTHA WHITAKER



It is with a sad heart that I try to write about my mother, who passed from this life into eternity. Martha Whitaker was born October 8, 1887 and passed away January 17, 1977. Her age at the time of passing was eighty-nine years, three months and nine days.

She was the daughter of Johnny and Rebecca Caudill Miller. She married B. T. Whitaker and to this union were born four children: Press Whitaker, John Whitaker, Rachel Fields, all of Ulvah, Kentucky. Chester Whitaker, of

Hallie, has passed away since Mommy died.

Mommy joined the Old Regular Baptist Church early in life. She was a member of the Cedar Grove Church.

> Written by a loving daughter, Rachel Fields

GRANT AND HETTIE SMITH



Grant Smith and Hettie Ison were married in 1919, and throughout the 59 years of their married life remained steadfast in their devoton to one another. Blessed with a close and loving family their home was a place of warmth and welcome. Two places they loved above all others—their "homeplace" on Turkey Creek of Linefork and the Cedar Grove Church where they were faithful, loving members.

On October 8, 1978, at 75 years of age, Hettie entered eternal life, and on August 11, 1984, Grant

was once again united with Hettie when he too entered eternal life.

Preceded in death by 3 infant children, they were survived by one son, 6 daughters, 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

It would be impossible to express in a few words the real beauty of these two lives. Their exemplary conduct and wise counsel remain an inspiration to their family, their neighbors and their church.

THOMAS CAMPBELL



It is with a broken heart and with the help of God, that I try to write the obituary of my baby brother. Thomas (Tommy) Campbell, was born August 4, 1974, and died June 5, 1975, making his stay here on earth 10 months and 1 day. He brought so much joy and love into the lives of his family.

Left to mourn his passing are his Mom and Dad, Frank and Josephine Campbell of Ulvah, Kentucky; two brothers, Fred and Artemus Campbell

of Ulvah, Kentucky; two sisters, Taffie McCool of Ulvah, Ky., and Mary Ann Cattrell of Tennessee.

I still miss him a lot, but I know I will see him again some day in Heaven.

Written by his sister, Taffie McCool

HERBERT DWAYNE GRIFFIE



With a very sad heart we will try, with the help of God, to write the obituary of a very dear friend and Brother in Christ.

Brother Dwayne was the son of the late Herbert Griffie and Imogene Griffie Caudill of Blackey, Kentucky.

At the time of his passing he is survived by his wife: Sheila Combs Griffie; one son: Jason Dwayne Griffie, at home; one daughter: Melody Dawn Griffie, at home; one brother: John Terrell Griffie of Blackey; four sisters: Loretta Blair of

Letcher, Wanda Lou Long of Gordon, Sharon Adams of Jeremiah and Brenda Caudill of Blackey, Kentucky.

Brother Dwayne joined the Little Bull Creek Church February 6, 1990 and was baptized that same day. He dearly loved his church and to know Brother Dwayne was to love him. Also, we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by Elder Phillip Wayne Caudill and Brother Virgil Combs

MARTHA ELLEN CAUDILL



Martha Ellen Caudill entered into eternal life September 10, 1989 at Clark County Medical Center in Winchester, Ky. Mother was 68 years old at her passing. She was the daughter of the late Will and Sally Jent.

Mother entered into holy matrimony with Beckham Caudill on January 13, 1940. This union loved and raised the following children: Pauline (deceased) Mary, Cora Lee, Franklin D., Geraldine, Millie Faye (deceased) and Linda; two step-children, Edith

and Virgil Wayne (deceased).

Mother is survived by the following sisters, Mary and Ida; one brother, Spencer; also twenty three grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Mother will be missed by everyone who loved and knew her.

To know her was to love her.

Written by her loving daughter, Mary, & son-in-law, Randall Caudill

JAMES D. FIELDS



James D. Fields, son of Rebexie Caudill and George Fields, was born at Carcassonne, Kentucky, March 7, 1907. He passed from this life at his residence March 19, 1986, suddenly, being seventy-nine years and twelve days of age at his passing.

James has been an Old Regular Baptist Minister for over forty years. He was a miner and farmer by occupation.

James was married to Ruby Dixon Fields, May 4, 1928. She preceded him in death, August 16, 1978. James was

later married to Vina Lusk, December 7, 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Vina, of Carcassonne, Kentucky; daughters: Joyce Whitaker of Blackey, Kentucky; Elizabeth Wise of Payne Gap, Kentucky, Wilma Corder of Fairlane, Indiana; sons: James Robert Fields of Brevard, North Carolina, George Fields of Blackey, Kentucky; sisters: Lucinda Eldridge of Waynesburg, Kentucky, Leona Watts of King's Mountain, Kentucky, Pauline Sloan of Lexington, Kentucky; a brother: Davis Fields of Louisville, Kentucky; also nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and a large, large number of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Written by his daughter, Joyce, and his son-in-law, Charlie Whitaker

LENORA SMITH CORNETT



Lenora Smith Cornett was born January 10, 1901, in Smithsboro, Ky. She died July 17, 1990.

The youngest of 12 children, she was the daughter of the late William and Matilda Amburgey Smith.

Dennis Cornett and Lenora Smith were married on March 9, 1929. They were owners of a country store in Smithsboro for several years. and lived in the community until the construction of Carr Fork Lake required them to move. The couple raised one son,

Tyler.

Lonora joined the Little Dove Church many years ago. She spent the last few years of her life in the Hazard Nursing Home.

Lenora was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Cornett. She is survived by one son, Tyler; three grandchildren, Allison Hoskins, Catherine and Andrew Cornett; one great-grandchild, Colby; and many friends and relatives who love and miss her.

Written by her great-niece Karen (Jones) Calhoun

RUDELL FIELDS



Rudell Fields was born February 22, 1925, the daughter of Grant and Hattie Smith. The wife of Elder Verlon Fields she served alongside him as a faithful member and Deacon of the Cedar Grove Church.

A gentle, loving presence among her family and friends she blessed the lives of all who knew her.

Few of us who knew and loved Rudell, realize the extent of her courage as she lived with the uncertainty and pain of leukemia. Her quiet dignity,

her uncomplaining attitude, and her strong faith in God, showed us the spirit of a true Christian.

On August 7, 1989 Rudell ended her long struggle and passed from death into eternal life. Preceded in death by her husband, Verlon, she is survived by 3 sons, 7 grandchildren, and a loving family of 1 brother and 5 sisters.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and not withstanding there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, not to be divided and impossible to change in principle and practice.

2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the true written words of God and were given by inspiration of God and there is a sufficiency in them contained for our instruction and they are the only rule of our faith and

practice.

We believe the doctrine of original sin and that man sinned since the fall and are by nature the children of wrath.

4. We believe in the impotency or inability of men to recover themselves out of the state they are in: therefore, a Savior is absolutely needed.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God

only by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe in the perseverance of the Saints. That by grace through faith they are born again and adopted into the family of Heaven; that they will become equal heirs with Jesus Christ in Glory, and that He will raise them up at the last day.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances; that true believers are the proper subjects and

we admit no other.

8. We believe that the true mode of baptism is by immersion, to baptize a person by their own consent, back foremost in the water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

. We believe that washing of one another's feet is a commandment of Christ, left on record with His disciples, and

ought to be practiced by His followers.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment when all will be judged according to their deeds done in the body.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal after death.

- 12. We believe that no one has the right to administer the Gospel Ordinances but such as are legally ordained and qualified there unto.
- 13. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to attend church meetings, and that it is the duty of the church to deal with them for neglecting same.

14. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to contribute to the support of the church by defraying all reasonable expenses of same, never neglecting the poor, according to their several abilities.

15. We believe that any doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge the people in their sins or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving grace in Christ for salvation is

erroneous and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

16. None of the above articles shall be construed as to hold with particular election or reprobation as to make God partial directly or indirectly so as to injure children of man.

17. None of the above articles shall be altered without legal

notice and free consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

The Association shall open and close with prayer. 1.

The Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Only one member shall speak at a time, and shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.

The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is done.

He shall strictly adhere to his subject and in nowise reflect on the preceding speaker, but define his ideas on the proposition for debate, so far as he can.

No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association

without leave of the same.

No person shall rise and speak more than three times on

any subject without permission from the Association.

No member of the Association shall have the liberty to 8. laugh during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in time of public speech.

No member shall address another in any other form or term 9.

than that of "Brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt a brother or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his views on the subject unless he shall violate the Rules of Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called as often as the Associa-

tion may require.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in which event he shall give the deciding vote.

13. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reprimanded by the Association as it may think proper.

CONSTITUTION

Having by unanimous voice changed our organization from an annual meeting to an Association, we therefore propose to keep order and rules of an Association according to the following form of government.

- The Association shall be called the Indian Bottom Associ-1.
- The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying to their appointment, these shall be entitled to a seat.

In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restoration, application, dismissed, excluded and

deceased since our last Association.

The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches nor shall they infringe on any of the rights of any of the churches in the union.

The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a

regular and proper decorum.

The Association shall have a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall 6.

be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

New churches may be admitted to this union, which shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation

in the Association.

Every query presented by the churches to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall come under the consideration of the Association.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the party who made it. 73

- 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we have an Association fund for defraying the expense of the same. For the raising of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by their delegates, to be deposited with treasurer, who shall be responsible to the Association for, and pay the same out as the Association may direct.
- 12. There shall be an Association book kept in which the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the secretary, who shall receive annual compensation for same.
- 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.
- 14. Amendments to this plan of government may be made by majority of the union when in regular session, when so desired.
- 15. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association, the best methods of effecting the same shall be determined by the Association.
- 16. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of the majority of the members present.
- 17. The Association shall have the power to decide for the general union of the churches and to preserve an inviolable chain of communion among same, giving churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; inquiring into the cause why any church shall have failed to represent itself any time in the Association, appropriate the money received to any purpose it may think proper; appoint any member or members by their consent to transact any business which it may think necessary; withdraw from any church in the union which may violate any of the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association and adjourn to any time or place it may deem necessary.

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	Doug Gibson
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	Odis Ritchie
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	Mark Snepheru
Northern New Home	Layton Phipps, Mark Dotson,
	E. Robert Miller
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	Emery Caudill
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	Donald Collins
Friendship	George Shea, Squire Watts,
	Victor Campbell
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CHURCH ADDRESSES

Church Address
Cedar GroveOff Hwy. 7, on Hwy 1103, Hallie, Ky.
New Home Leburn, Ky., Hwy . 550
Defeated Creek Defeated Creek, off Hwy. 1103 about one mile
Reynolds Fork
Little Bull Creek
Ivy Point
Little Dove Sassafras, Ky., on Little Dove Rd., off Hwy. 15
Tolson Creek
Dixon Memorial Jeremiah, Ky., on Hwy. 7
Big Creek
Happy Home
New Bethlehem Talcum, Ky., off Hwy., New 80, one mile marker
Clear Fork RR2, Hazard, Ky., on Hwy. 1088, Lotts Creek
Northern New Home Goshen, Ohio, Stumpy Lane
Blair Branch Jeremiah, Ky., on Hwy. 7
Mt. Olivet
Hurricane Gap
Kingdom Come off Hwy. 160 on 588 (River Road)
Poor Fork
Big Cowan on Hwy. 931S
Little Mary 8 miles north Morehead, Ky. off Rt. 32 on Rt 1895
Mount Zion Hindman, Ky., off Hwy. 160 up Perkins Branch
Friendship
Little Bethlehem Brinkley, Ky., on Hwy. 160
Little Bethany Jeffersonville, Ky., off Hwy. 11 on Sawmill Rd.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Dec 28,199) 2:00 PM Blan By Cedar Grove	Received by Experience	and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Rec'd by Recomm. and/or Analizat	The state of the s	Usmissed by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Total Membership	Mooting Time	Saturday Service Time	Contribution
New Home		-	4	0	0	3		9	2	18	2 4	9:30	300
Defeated Creek EC		-	0	0	0	1	-	2	6	40	1	9:30	120
Reynolds Fork	1		0	0	0	10	2 7	1_	0	25	2	9:30	150
Little Bull Creek	1	+	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	48	3	9:30	160
Ivy Point	7 1	+	4	2	0	0		1	0	67	3	6:00	100
Little Dove	2	-	5	0	3	6			1	62	4	6:00	100
Tolson Creek	n 2	-	0	0	2	2	4	1	1	138	3 2	9:30	300
Dixon Memorial	3		0	0	0	0	(0	24	4	9:30	75
Big Creek Kong	2 1		5	0	2	0	12	-	0	57	4	9:30	125
Happy Home Osy		-	0	0	0	0	1	-	0	24	4	6:30	125
New Bethlehem But	1	-	2	0	0	1	1	-	2	34	1	9:30	125
Clear Fork Rose	0		5	0	0	0	2		0	31	3	9:30	130
Northern New Home	5	1		0	0	0	1	-	0	20	1	6:00	80
Blair Branch Don	5	1		0	0	0	5	-	3	93	4	6:00	100
Mt. Olivet	2	1		0	0	0	0	+	0	87	3	6:30	225
ittle Zion	0	10	-	0	0	0	7		0	136	1	6:30	300
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oor Fork Hame	1	1	_	0	0	0	0	-	0	15	1	9:30	50
ig Cowan	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	_	0	35	1	6:30	125
ittle Mary	3	0	-	-	0	2	3	-	2	45	4	9:30	150
lount Zion	1	0			0	2	0		0	37	2	6:00	175
riendship Roces	0	0	_		0	0	0	(2	6:30	50
ittle Bethlehem	0	0	+			1	0	0	-		3	5:00	25
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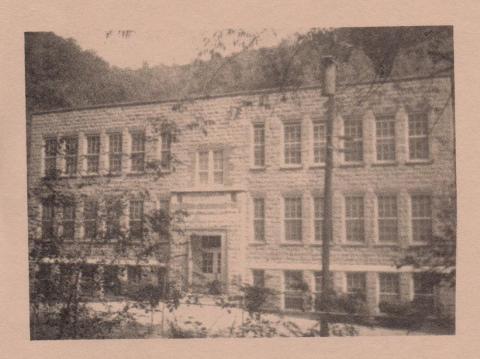
FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

We, the Church of Jesus Christ of Old Regular Baptist faith and
order, now in session with the Church,
being found in love and fellowship, sendeth greetings, our Chris-
tian love, and salutation to the ministers and messengers that may
compose the Association, when
convened, assembled and in session at our Association House
and Headquarters, Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, being
hosted by our dear sister the
Church to commence on Friday before the Saturday
in September and the two following days.
Dear Brethren: We are glad that we can correspond with you,
and we have chosen these, our beloved Brethren, to bear this,
our letter, to you, to wit:
Delegates: Alternates:
1. 4.
2 5
3 6
Dear Brethren, receive our letter and these Brethren to sit
with you in council. May the Lord bless you in all your work.
We are at peace among ourselves.
The state of the church is as follows:
Ordained Ministers
Name: Post Offices:
December 1
Received by Experience and Baptism, Letter,
Restored, Application and/or Recommendation,
Dismissed by Letter, Died, Excluded,
Membership, Money Sent, Meeting Time the
Saturday and Sunday of each month.
Dear Brethren, pray for us, that Zion may have a traveling
spirit among us.
Done and signed by order of the church.
Elder, Moderator
Brother, Clerk
(Clerk's Address)

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Our next Association will be held in our permanent building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky - just off KY 15.

DIRECTIONS TO THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

- 1. From Hazard, Kentucky, go east on KY 15 to Sassafras (12 miles) then follow signs up Yellow Creek about ½ mile to Association.
- 2. From Hindman, Kentucky, leave KY 80 on KY 160 South about 10 miles to KY 15; turn right, follow KY 15 about 4 miles to Sassafras, follow signs as in Direction Number 1.
- 3. From Whitesburg, Kentucky, follow KY 15 West to Sassafras about 20 miles; follow signs as in Direction Number 1.
- Accommodations for campers will be provided for and available on the building parking lot.

