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Minutes of the
Ninety-Ninth 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
September 2, 3, and 4, 1994

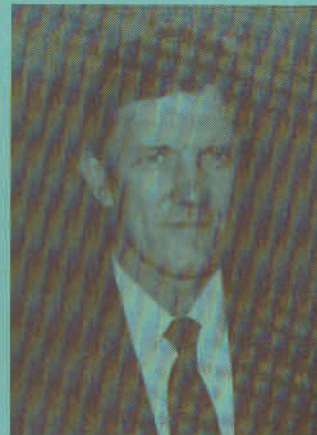
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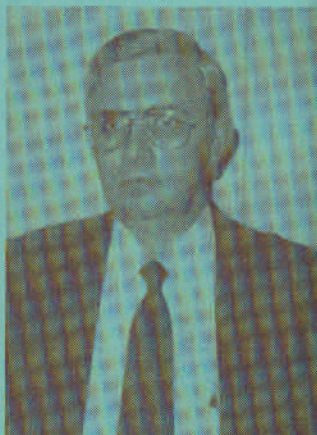
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A Tribute To Our Deceased Ministers



Bro. Estil (Ted) Everage



Elder J. Nelson Seals

"Let those that labor diligently for the Lord be counted worthy servants."

The voices of Brother Nelson Seals, Brother Alton Young and Brother Ted Everage have grown silent, yet the fruits of their labor and fond memories of their lives will remain with us for many years to come. As their frail bodies fell, their spirits went to God who gave them. They fought a good fight; they finished their course; they kept the faith; they have gone to receive their reward, a crown of righteousness and a home in Heaven.

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**Friday, September 2, 1994 and
the two following days**

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our Association Building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, September 2, 1994 and the two following days. Being hosted by the Big Cowan Church, the Association met in the congregational department of the Association Building for preaching services. After lifting our voices to our Lord and Master, Elder Lonnie Sexton introduced the service and led in prayer.

After the introduction and prayer had been rendered, Elder Squire Watts came to the pulpit and preached a soul-inspiring sermon.

The delegates were dismissed from the congregation and asked to assemble in the Delegate Room. Then came forth Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, who welcomed the delegates and called upon Elder Carl Back to come to the pulpit. Elder Back made a few remarks and humbly led in prayer.

The Association, now being assembled, was called to order by Elder Elwood Cornett, the moderator. He appointed a Finance Committee to wit: Keith Smith, L.D. Mosley and Lonnie Gregory. 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 Big Cowan 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 Glenn Hampton, Clerk

Elder Don Pratt, Assistant Clerk

3. The Moderator called for newly constituted churches desiring to take up fellowship with us. A letter was read from the Emmanuel church. by a move and second, with no objection, the letter was received, the delegates seated, and the letter was referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
4. Churches of our same faith and order who desired fellowship were called for. Letters were read from the Hemphill, the Bethlehem and the Bethany churches. By a move and second, with no objection, the letters were received, the delegates seated, and the letters were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
5. The moderator appointed a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation from the Big Cowan Church to arrange the preaching services for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.
6. By a move and second, with no objection, the reading of the Articles of Faith, the Rules of Decorum and the Constitution were omitted. All were directed to be printed in the minutes.
7. The moderator called for corresponding associations of our same faith and order who desired to correspond with us. None responded.
8. The moderator called for transient members and ministers and the following responded: Layton Phipps, Alan Whitaker, Danny Dixon, Jack Varney, Charles Craft and Barry Tiller.
9. By a move and second, with no objection, 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 Big Cowan Church should have only one delegate, together with the Association moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, and transients, to meet Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. to arrange the business for Saturday.

11. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services:

Friday afternoon: James McClanahan and Emory Caudill

Saturday morning: Bert Fields, Gary Mosley and Curl Dixon

12. By a move and second with no objection the Association adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

The Committee on Arrangements met at 2:00 p.m. Friday afternoon in the Congregational Department of the Association Building. Brother James McClanahan introduced the session and led in prayer. Brother Emory Caudill then preached a heartwarming sermon, after which the committee arranged the work for Saturday.

Saturday Morning

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After lifting our voices high in praises to our Lord and Master, Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, welcomed everyone and called upon Elder Clark Hays to introduce the session. He soon was carried away in the spirit. After causing us to rejoice in the Spirit of the Lord, he called on Elder Carl Back to lead in prayer. He humbly led us to the throne of grace.

1. The clerk called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was given. The work was approved by a move and second, with no objection, and the Committee was discharged.

3. The ministers chosen to preach on the stand were excused to go to the Congregational Department of the Association Building.

The moderator expressed serious concern about several issues facing the Indian Bottom Association. If we are going to be able to live together, we must be sensitive to each other's feelings and beliefs. The Holy Scriptures must be our guide in everything, including traditions. Paul wrote in Second Thessalonians 2:15, "Therefore, Brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle." If we are going to continue to be Old Regular Baptist, we will have to be Old Regular Baptist now.

He discussed the commandant that Christians dress modestly. Shorts are not modest.

He discussed the position of the Indian Bottom Association, as adopted in 1985, that women should have long hair and men should have short hair.

He reminded the brothers that we are not to use preachers that are not in our Association in our church services.

Brother Elwood also expressed concern about the amount of singing that is not traditional Old Regular Baptist singing.

4. The Committee on Finance reported a sum of \$4,365 collected from the various churches. By a move and second, with no objection, the report was received and the committee discharged.
5. By a move and second, with no objection, the minutes of this session of the Association were ordered to be printed. The clerk is to be secretary/treasurer; he is to decide how many copies he deems necessary to have printed, and he is to have \$50 for his services.
6. By a move and second, with no objection, the dates of the union, communion and memorial services are to be printed in the minutes.

7. The Circular Letter was read by Bro. Emory Caudill, who had been chosen last year to write a Circular Letter for approval by the Association this year. By a move and second, with no objection, the letter was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.
8. A. The Committee on Ministry, being the same as on Friday, chose the following ministers to preach on Sunday, to wit: Brother Willie V. Slone, Elder Danny Dixon, Elder Jim Fields and Elder Elwood Cornett.
- B. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Bill Halcomb to preach the Introductory Sermon for the 1995 session and Elder Toby Breeding to be his alternate.
- C. The Committee on Ministry chose Brother Bennie Slone to write a circular letter for approval next year.
9. By a move and second with no objection, obituaries are to be printed in the minutes with a \$10 fee for printing of pictures. They are to be typed, double spaced.
10. The treasurer's report was given. By a move and second, with no objection, the report was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes. The report is as follows:

Balance on hand (9/4/93) \$6,280.65

Collections

Church contributions 3,735.00
 Pictures 230.00
 Interest 150.01
Total in treasury \$10,395.66

Expenses:

Printing minutes \$5,292.00
 Safety deposit box 50.00
 Typing Permanent Record 25.00
Total expenses \$5,367.00

Balance in treasury (9/3/94) \$5,028.60

11. The treasurer of the trustees gave his report. By a move and second, with no objection, the report was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes. The report is as follows:

Balance in treasury (9/4/93) \$7,464.14

Collections:

Church contributions \$6,955.00
 Sunday services 913.00
 Donations 550.00
 Concession stand 110.00

Total in treasury \$15,992.14

Expenses:

Kitchen \$1,370.60
 Supplies 578.00
 Utilities 744.48
 Labor 662.00
 Air Conditioner 4,650.00
 Insurance 975.00
Total expenses \$8,980.08

Balance in treasury \$7,012.06

By a move and second, with no objection, motion was made to appoint Brother Danny Amburgey and Brother Rodney Ison as trustees. It was also agreed, by move and second, with no objection, that the presence of three members would constitute a quorum at a trustees' meeting.

12. The request from the Defeated Creek Church to host the 1995 session of the Association and the request from the Friendship Church to cohost the 1995 session of the Association were read.

By a move and second, with no objection, the requests were

- granted. The Kingdom Come, Hurricane Gap and Clear Fork Churches were also asked to help.
13. The request from the Little Zion Church to accept an audit of their membership was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted and will be shown in the minutes.
 14. The request from the Summertown Church to change their union meeting from April to the second Saturday and Sunday in March was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted and will be shown in the minutes.
 15. The clerk read the reports of the Committee on Council's work with the Hemphill, Bethlehem and Bethany Churches. The moderator appointed Ellis Adams, Charles Shepherd, Don Halcomb, Clark Hays, Mike Halcomb, Roger Fields and Lonnie Gregory to serve on the Committee on Council for the following year.
 16. The organizational work and letter from the Emmanuel Church requesting fellowship in the Indian Bottom Association was read. After some discussion a move and second, with no objection, was made to receive the Emmanuel Church into full fellowship and to give the delegates the right hand of fellowship.
 17. The letter from the Hemphill Church requesting fellowship in the Indian Bottom Association was read. After some discussion a move and second, with no objection, was made to receive the Hemphill Church into full fellowship and to give the delegates the right hand of fellowship.
 18. The letter from the Bethlehem Church requesting fellowship in the Indian Bottom Association was read. After some discussion a move and second, with no objection, was made to receive the Bethlehem Church into full fellowship and to give the delegates the right hand of fellowship.
 19. The letter from the Bethany Church requesting fellowship in the Indian Bottom Association was read. After some discussion a move and second, with no objection, was made to receive the Bethany Church into full fellowship and to give the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

20. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a tribute to our deceased ministers.
21. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a Resolution of Appreciation to the Big Cowan, Poor Fork, Reynolds Fork and Little Zion Churches for hosting the 1994 session of the Association.
22. There was a move and second, with no objection, to have church at the Association building on the following odd Sundays: October 30, April 30 and July 30.
23. By a move and second, with no objection, we omitted the reading of the minutes.
24. By a move and second, with no objection, we adjourned until the 1995 session of the Indian Bottom Association convenes on September 1, 1995. Elder Ivan Amburgey came to the podium, touched our hearts with his words of thankfulness, and humbly dismissed us with prayer.

Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator
 Elder Jim Fields, Assistant Moderator
 Brother Glenn Hampton, Clerk
 Elder Don Pratt, Assistant Clerk

Sunday, September 4, 1994

On the final day of the 1994 Association meeting, a crowd gathered at our Association building to worship on the Lord's Day. After greeting each other with hugs, handshakes and expressions of God's love, we blended our voices in the timeless hymns of Zion. Our moderator, Elder Elwood Cornett, humbly welcomed everyone with words of joy and gratitude for the blessings of the Lord. Brother Willie V. Slone came forth, preached a heart-warming sermon and led in prayer. He was followed by Elder Jim Fields who was blessed to preach that "Jesus is the way from earth to Heaven." Elder Danny

Dixon then caused us to rejoice as he took us on an inspired journey through the genealogy of the "promises of God" from Abraham to Jesus. Elder Elwood Cornett came forth, was blessed to preach upon "the promise of His coming" and brought the ninety-ninth session of the Indian Bottom Association to a close amid shouts of victory. As we lifted our voices in the beautiful, parting words of "Dear Friends Farewell," the church door was announced opened for the receiving of new members by experience and baptism. Brother Homer Cook came forth, told an experience of grace and, by a move and second, was received into the watchcare of the church until baptized. Elder Don Pratt closed with prayer.

Resolution of Appreciation

We, the Indian Bottom Association, want to express our heart-felt gratitude to the churches (Big Cowan, Poor Fork, Reynolds Fork and Little Zion) for your hard work, good food, loving handshakes, friendly smiles, and your long hours of service in hosting this, the ninety-ninth session of our beloved association. To everyone who helped in any way to make a good job well done, we thank you. To sister Mildred, who did such a wonderful job running the Concession Stand, we thank you. To the ones who worked so hard parking cars and carrying food to the kitchen, you deserve honorable mention. May we say a great big "thank you," and may God bless you four-fold.

The Indian Bottom Association

Circular Letter

My Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association,

I pray that my Savior Jesus Christ will have mercy on me and give me the help I need to write this letter. I am too weak and unworthy to attempt this without His guidance.

I would like to begin by saying that we have a wonderful Association and I am proud to be a member of it. We have our problems, like all associations, however, there is no problem so great that our Lord cannot take care of it, if we will only let Him. We must take all our trouble to Him for He is the only one that can guide us in the righteous way.

Brothers and Sisters, we must try with all our heart, mind and strength to keep the world from entering into our ranks. We must walk, talk and dress like Christians, not like the world. If a man or woman has been born again and washed clean with the precious blood of our Savior they will present themselves as a different people. They are called out from the world, no longer a part of it, so how can they look like the world?

The Holy Bible is our guide; it tells us how we should dress, how we should walk and how to conduct ourselves. We must follow the way the Lord has laid down for Christians to follow. We cannot let the carnal man's interpretation of the Holy Bible lead us wrong. The only true meaning of the Holy Bible is revealed through the spirit of Jesus Christ. It is only by prayer that we can have the understanding of His Holy Word revealed to us.

If we have a problem with any of our rules, pray about it. We must be willing to accept the answer regardless of what it is. The will of God must be done, not the will of man.

I will close this letter by saying that not any way will do. The only way any of us will get to Heaven is through and by Jesus Christ our Lord, and only by His mercy. The holy Bible tells us in Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven."

May the good Lord bless us and give us strength to wave his blood-stained banner as long as we live. I pray that by His mercy we will all meet in Heaven.

Your brother in Christ,
Emory Caudill

Union, Communion and Memorial Services

March

Little Zion

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Elwood Cornett,
Calvin Creech, Don Pratt

Communion: Second Sunday in June

Memorial: Second Sunday in July

Ministers called: Don Fields, Virgil Combs

Summertown

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March

Ministers called: Ollie Mullins, Emory Caudill, H.B. Reedy Jr.,
Squire Watts, Chester Gibson

Communion: Second Sunday in September

Memorial: Second Sunday in May

Ministers called: James Caudill, Carl Back, Robert Combs,
Calvin Creech, Don Pratt

April

Defeated Creek

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: I.D. Back, Charles Shepherd, Roy Slone,
John Preece, Emory Caudill

Communion: Second Sunday in August

Memorial: Second Sunday in July

Ministers called: Ellis Adams, Harvey Creech, Roger Fields,
Squire Watts, Danny Dixon

Mount Zion

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: Billy Mosley, Joe Slone, Ivan Amburgey,
Donald Collins

Communion: Second Sunday in May

Memorial: Second Sunday in June

Ministers called: Lonnie Gregory, Gary Mosley, Elwood Cornett, Earl Mosley

Blair Branch

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Ivan Amburgey, Jim Fields, Elwood Cornett, I.D. Back

Communion: Third Sunday in July

Memorial: Third Sunday in June

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Roy Slone, Ellis Adams, Don Pratt, I.D. Back

Rock Fork

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Paul McClanahan, Earl Slone, Jerry Manns, John Preece

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Memorial: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in October

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Earl Slone, Jerry Mann, Bill Moore, Paul Watson

Little Bethany

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: Keith Thomas, Eugene Thacker, Gary Mosley, Coy Tolliver, Albert Slone

Communion: Fourth Sunday in May

Northern New Home

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: Barry Tiller, Toby Breeding, Paul Watson, Lonnie Sexton, John Preece, Gary Mosley, L.D. Mosley, Milburn Slone, Don Halcomb, H.B. Reedy Jr., Lonnie

Gregory, Jim Fields, Alonzo Mosley, Charles Shepherd, Ellis

Adams, Curl Dixon, Squire Watts, Danny Dixon, Don Pratt,

Paul McClanahan, James McClanahan, Coburn Ison

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June

Little Bethlehem

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Elwood Cornett, Jim Fields, Howard Owens, Moderator

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Ivan Amburgey, Bobby Amburgey, I.D. Back, H.B. Reedy Jr.

May

Poor Fork

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Squire Watts, Don Halcomb, Roger Gibson, Jim Fields, Ellis Adams

Communion: First Sunday in July

Memorial: First Sunday in August

Ministers called: Roger Gibson, Squire Watts, Theodore Looney, Earl Slone, Jerry Manns, Danny Dixon

Mount Olivet

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Danny Dixon, H.B. Reedy Jr., Don Halcomb, Jerry Manns, Moderator

Communion: First Sunday in August

Memorial: First Sunday in July

Ministers called: John Preece and home ministers

Little Dove

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Danny Dixon,
H.B. Reedy Jr.

Communion: Second Sunday in July

Memorial: Second Sunday in June

Ministers called: Don Pratt and home ministers

Reynolds Fork

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Jim Fields, Keith Thomas,
Jimmy Hall, Squire Watts

Communion: Third Sunday in June

Ministers called: Howard Owens, Jerry Manns

Memorial: Third Sunday in July

Ministers called: Don Fields, Roy Slone, Earl Slone, John Preece,
Elwood Cornett

Little Bull Creek

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Benny Slone, Taulby Mosley,
Wayne Caudill, Barry Tiller, John Preece

Communion: Third Sunday in August

Melton Cemetery Memorial: Second Sunday in June

Jent Cemetery Memorial: Third Sunday in July

Ministers called: Carl Back and all of the same faith and order

Garden of Love

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Lonnie Gregory, James Slone, Don Pratt,
Bill Moore, Bill Halcomb, Elwood Cornett

Communion: Third Sunday in June

Memorial: Third Sunday in September

Ministers called: L.D. Mosley, Donald Collins, Earl Mosley

Cedar Grove

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Jimmy Hall, Jim Fields, Howard Owens,
Don Fields

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June

Emmanuel

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Squire Watts, Lonnie Sexton,
Elwood Cornett, Ellis Adams, Don Halcomb, Earl Slone

Communion: Fourth Sunday in June

Memorial: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Paul McClanahan, Jerry
Manns, Ivan Amburgey, Virgil Combs, Ricky Tackett

Hemphill

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, James Caudill, Ivan
Amburgey, Jim Fields, Clifton Hampton

Communion: First Sunday in June

Memorial: First Saturday and Sunday in July

Ministers called: H.B. Reedy Jr., Jerry Manns, Squire Watts,
John Preece

Bethany

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Lonnie Sexton, Paul Watson, Milburn Slone,
Barry Tiller, Bill Halcomb, Lonnie Gregory, James Slone,
Marion Slone

Communion: First Sunday in June

Memorial: First Sunday in October

June**Kingdom Come**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Danny Dixon, Don Pratt, Jim Fields, Elwood Cornett, Ellis Adams

Communion: First Sunday in July

Cemetery Memorial: Second Sunday in August

Memorial: First Sunday in May

Ministers called: George Roark, Bert Fields, Don Pratt, Ellis Adams, Roger Fields

Clear Fork

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: H.B. Reedy Jr., Bobby Amburgey, James Caudill, Toby Breeding, Randy Combs, Ellis Adams

Communion: First Sunday in July

Memorial: First Sunday in October

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Howard Owens, Robert Combs, Odus Ritchie, Calvin Creech

New Home

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Roger Gibson, Don Pratt, John Preece, Ivan Amburgey, Danny Dixon, Jerry Manns, Chester Gibson

Communion: First Sunday in July

Memorial: First Sunday in August

Ministers called: H.B. Reedy Jr., Bill Moore, Chillistine Gibson, Squire Watts, Howard Owens

Happy Home

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Howard Owens, Jerry Manns, Keith Thomas, Allan Whitaker, Virgil Combs, Carl Back

Communion: First Sunday in July

Memorial: First Sunday in August

New Bethlehem

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Jerry Manns, Jim Fields

Communion: Third Sunday in August

Memorial: Third Sunday in September

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Randy Combs, Carl Slone, Moderator

Friendship

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: John Eldridge, John Preece, Don Pratt, Roger Gibson, Squire Watts, Curl Dixon

Communion: Third Sunday in July

Memorial: Third Sunday in May

Ministers called: Don Halcomb, Ellis Adams, Emory Caudill, Jerry Caudill, Danny Dixon

Dixon Memorial

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: James Caudill, Virgil Combs, Randy Combs, Howard Owens, Roy Slone, Paul Watson, Moderator, Assistant Moderators

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order

Cemetery Memorial: Fourth Sunday in May

Big Cowan

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Don Fields, Truman Jent, Ellis Adams, L.D. Mosley

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Virgil Combs, John Preece,
Jim Fields

Ivy Point**Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June**

Ministers called: Toby Bailey, Paul McClanahan,
Squire Watts, Jim Fields

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July**Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August**

Ministers called: James Slone, Harvey Creech, Jimmy Hall,
Jerry Manns

Tolson Creek**Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June**

Ministers called: Ricky Tackett, Virgil Combs, Elwood
Cornett, Paul Watson, Squire Watts, Paul McClanahan

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July**Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August**

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order

Big Creek**Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June**

Ministers called: John Preece, Charles Shepherd, Jimmy Hall,
Marvin Sparkman

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Ministers called: I.D. Back, Elwood Cornett

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Jerry Caudill, John Eldridge,
Roger Gibson

Bethlehem**Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June**

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Jim Fields, Squire Watts,
Jerry Manns, Ivan Amburgey, Ellis Adams

Communion: Third Sunday in July**Memorial: Third Saturday and Sunday in August**

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, John Preece, Ricky Tackett,
James McClanahan, Paul McClanahan, Elwood Cornett,
Lonnie Sexton

August**Hurricane Gap****Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in August**

Ministers called: H.B. Reedy Jr., Emory Caudill, Ivan
Amburgey, Howard Owens, Randy Combs

Communion: Third Sunday in August**Memorial: Third Sunday in October**

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Don Halcomb, Roger Fields,
Elwood Cornett, John Preece

September**Little Mary****Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in September**

Ministers called: Barry Tiller, Eugene Thacker, Jimmy Hall,
Bill Halcomb

Communion: Second Sunday in October**Memorial: Second Sunday in August**

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Squire Watts, Toby Bailey,
Paul McClanahan, James McClanahan

Delegates to the 1994 Association

Cedar Grove	Venson Whitaker, Bonell Watts, Rulah Campbell
New Home	Euel Ratliff, Carl Shendler, Chester Gibson
Defeated Creek	Matt Cornett, Delbert Jones, Keith Smith
Reynolds Fork	Lonnie Sexton, Paul Watson, Marion Slone
Bull Creek	Kirby Jent, Truman Jent, Virgil Combs
Ivy Point	Alonzo Mosley, Keith Thomas
Little Dove	Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, Danny Amburgey
Tolson Creek	Emory Caudill, Quentin Day, Bill Meade
Dixon Memorial	Carl Back, Roger Whitaker, Elmer Caudill
Big Creek	Doug Gibson, John Eldridge, Carlos Cook
Happy Home	Alger Mullins, Bill Cook, Landis Everage
New Bethlehem	Odus Ritchie, Carl Slone, Robert Everage
Clear Fork	Delza Young, Robert Combs, Oliver Maggard
Northern New Home	Robert Miller, Frank Copley, Henry Jenkins
Blair Branch	Ellis Adams, Rodney Ison, Dennis Blair
Mt. Olivet	Jerry Caudill, Oliver Mullins, Jimmy Adams
Little Zion	Roger Gibson, Jay McCool, Ross Hill
Hurricane Gap	Charles Shepherd, Ivan Cornett, Little Shepherd
Kingdom Come	Bert Fields, George Roark, Roger Fields
Poor Fork	Harvey Creech, Monroe Bailey, Barry Newsome
Big Cowan	Cliff Hampton, Freddy Frazier, L.P. Sumpter
Little Mary	Coe Tolliver, Clifford Hughes, Lonnie Gregory
Mount Zion	Earl Mosley, L.D. Mosley, Nelson Craft
Friendship	Emil Eldridge, George Shea, Harlin Eldridge
Little Bethlehem	Denny Amburgey, Raymond Combs, H.B. Reedy Sr.
Little Bethany	James Slone, Joe Slone
Garden of Love	Billy Mosley, Michael Everage, Don Francis
Rock Fork	Earl Slone, Arlie Jackson, Willie Crace
Summertown	Howard Owens, Marvin Sparkman, Randy Combs
Emmanuel	Joey Justice, Theodore Looney, James McClanahan
Hemphill	Alford Adams, Jimmy Hall, Bob Sparks
Bethlehem	Paul McClanahan, Gary Carter, Walter Sheets
Bethany	Harvey Ross Sr., Harvey Ross Jr., Fred Ross

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Jim Fields	633-7014
HC 63, Box 1480, Hallie, KY 41821	
Freddy Frazier	633-9700
HC 84, Box 405, Whitesburg, KY 41858	
Chester Gibson	785-3709
Leburn, KY 41831	
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Clifton Hampton	633-0428
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 Eugene Thacker 785-0784
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Statistical Table

Church	Rec'd by Exp. & Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Rec'd by Recom/Applic.	Dismissed by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Saturday Service Time	Contribution
Cedar Grove	4	0	1	2	0	9	2	174	4	9:30	\$300
New Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	9:30	100
Defeated Creek	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	27	2	9:30	175
Reynolds Fork	11	0	0	1	0	3	6	70	3	9:30	160
Bull Creek	7	2	4	0	1	1	1	81	3	6:00	100
Ivy Point	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	66	4	6:00	150
Little Dove	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	124	2	9:30	350
Tolson Creek	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	28	4	9:30	125
Dixon Memorial	1	0	0	2	4	2	1	48	4	9:30	125
Big Creek	3	7	0	5	0	2	2	30	4	3:00	100
Happy Home	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	28	1	9:30	125
New Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	29	3	9:30	100
Clear Fork	1	0	0	0	0	3	9	24	1	6:00	190
Northern New Home	2	0	0	0	2	1	3	112	4	6:00	150
Blair Branch	4	1	0	1	0	0	1	100	3	6:30	275
Mt. Olivet	4	0	3	0	3	6	2	132	1	6:30	350
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	2	6:30	125
Hurricane Gap	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	33	3	6:30	150
Kingdom Come	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	13	1	9:30	100
Poor Fork	0	6	0	6	13	1	5	33	1	6:30	225
Big Cowan	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	40	4	9:30	100
Little Mary	1	3	1	1	3	0	2	34	2	9:30	150
Mount Zion	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	2	6:30	50
Friendship	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	3	4:00	90
Little Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	38	4	9:30	150
Little Bethany	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	4	6:30	50
Garden of Love	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	27	3	7:00	75
Rock Fork	19	0	0	7	2	4	0	84	4	9:30	150
Summertown	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	20	2	9:30	75

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Emmanuel	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	14	4	9:30	\$150
Hemphill	2	1	0	2	0	1	6	27	1	9:30	100
Bethlehem	17	2	4	3	9	6	22	128	3	9:30	150
Bethany	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	6:00	100
Totals	94	26	13	34	43	58	75	1677			\$4,865

Obituaries



Burchel Amburgey

Burchel left this life at age 67 on October 1, 1993 at his home in Huber Heights, Ohio that he loved so much. He was the son of Simeon and Mary Amburgey of Knott County, Kentucky, who preceded him in death. Burchel is survived by his wife, Armnia; daughters: Teresa Maddock of New Carlisle, Ohio, and Tammy Murdock of Texas; sons: Ron of Beavercreek, Ohio, Burch of Fairborn, Ohio, and Tim of Hillsboro, Ohio; numer-

ous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a host of loving relatives and friends.

Burchel was a former employee of the Dayton Tire and Rubber Company. He lived his life by always giving to others and never taking time to think of himself; he was so humble. Burchel had cancer, but being the brave soldier that he was, he never complained about his pain and suffering. He was prepared to meet his maker and had no fear of dying. Even before he died, he had a vision of angels, lights, and the beautiful place that would be his eternal home. During his last days here on earth, Burchel brought so much joy to his loved ones; a kinder person this world has never known. He's surely in Heaven watching and waiting for his family and friends to join him. We miss him terribly bad, but we must remember that our loss is definitely Heaven's gain and that he is exactly where he spent his entire life preparing to be.

Written by his family members, with love.

This poem was read at Burchel's funeral by his hospice nurse, Oda Holliday. It was so appropriate and fitting to him.

May I Go?

May I go now?

Do you think the time is right?

*May I say good-bye to pain-filled days
and endless lonely nights?*

*I've lived my life and done my best,
an example tried to be.*

*So can I take that step beyond
and set my spirit free?*

I didn't want to go at first.

I fought with all my might.

*But something seems to draw me now
to a warm and loving light.*

I want to go

I really do.

It's difficult to stay.

*But I will try as best I can
to live just one more day.*

*To give you time to care for me
and share your love and fears.*

*I know you're sad and afraid,
because I see your tears.*

I'll not be far,

*I promise that, and hope you'll always know
that my spirit will be close to you
wherever you may go.*

Thank you so for loving me.

*You know I love you too,
that's why it's hard to say good-bye
and end this life with you.*

*So hold me now, just one more time
and let me hear you say,
because you care so much for me,
you'll let me go today.*



Hester Caudill Back

Hester Caudill Back was born March 9, 1922 and died on January 2, 1994.

Hester was many things to many people, she was a wife to Emory Back for many years; a mother to Larrie Lee Caudill, Martha Lynch, DeRonda White, Willard Back and Meredith; a mother-in-law to Calvin, Buster, Joyce and Gwenie. A grandmother to Peyton, Leigh, Bridiget, Samara, Evelyn and Amesha; a sister to Ethel Eldridge, Betty McKnight, Doris

Adams and Elbert Caudill; and a friend to everybody. Hester was always willing to help anyone that needed a helping hand.

But the most important thing she ever did was to turn her heart and life over to the Lord in 1956. She told me she had been praying for many months and she was on her knees in front of an old straight-back chair praying, and she said when the Lord lifted her burdens of sin, it was as if the whole room lit up.

Hester was preceded in death by her husband Emory and an infant daughter, Hettie Ann. She was also preceded in death by her mom and dad, Hobert and Hettie Caudill, and her brother, R.D. Caudill. Her sister, Ethel, died twenty-eight days later.

There is more of our family in Heaven now than there is left here. but, by the grace of God, we will have a reunion in Heaven someday. Hester and Ethel, I miss you, you all were my best friends.

Doris



John Back Jr.

Daddy was the son of the late Marion and Susana Caudill Back. He was born in Letcher County, Kentucky, April 28, 1902, and entered eternal life Tuesday, November 23, 1993 at the home of his son, Willie Back at Premium, Kentucky, making his stay here on earth 91 years, six months, and twenty-five days.

Dad married the late Eva Eldridge Back (Mom) on February 6, 1928. They were married sixty-two years when Mom passed away September 5, 1990. Dad was so lost and lonely, he grieved so hard at his loss. Dad was a member of the Kingdom Come Old Regular Baptist church and was so happy there with his brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Daddy left to mourn his passing five sons: Hobert Back of St. Paris, Ohio; Custer Back of Rineyville, Ky., Lee Back Jr. of Norwood, Ohio, Joe Back of Bethel, Ohio, and Willie Back of Premium, Ky.; two daughters: Elma Eldridge of Letcher, Ky., Laura J. Caudill of Hamilton, Ohio; also thirty-three grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives, friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Daddy was preceded in death by three sons: Everett, Earl, and Howard; by Mommy, Eva Eldridge Back, and by four brothers: Henry Back, Jim Back, Lee and Hugh Back, the twins; and two sisters: Laura J. Back and Sarah Back.

Daddy watched his whole family, one by one, go on to be with the Lord. Daddy was the last child of Marion and Susana Back. But they are all reunited up there in Heaven, waiting for us to come that way.

Daddy, oh sweet Daddy, how I miss you. You gave me strength when I had none. Your courage paved the way for all us kids, and how you loved us all. Your faith and love for God, your easy-going ways

and tender heart, that is how we will remember you. An honest, God-fearing man who loved the Old Regular Baptist Church. We remember how you walked, sometimes miles, to church. You loved to whistle those old gospel tunes. Daddy, I pray we will all get to hear that again up there where you are when we are all reunited once again. I'm looking forward to that day and I know it won't be long. Thank you, Daddy, for walking out in the Kingdom Come Creek River with me when I was baptized, it meant so very much to me. My memories as those of all us kids are all we have left. But they are so sweet. You will never be forgotten. We all love you dearly.

Daddy

*Daddy, you were the pillar
Of our family home,
Since you and Mom are gone
We feel so all alone.
Oh, how you suffered here.
But, with patience rose again,
While beggin' your children
To leave the world of sin.*

*Three years since Mom's passing
And oh, you missed her so,
Many times you told us
You were ready to go;
You wanted to see her
To walk on streets of gold,
Forever to be with Jesus
As time through the ages unfolds.*

*Your sweet, soft voice
That said, "I love you,"
Was always a comfort*

*The love that shown through;
You loving arms that reached
To hold me in your arms,
As you pulled me to your chest
Away from all harm.*

*It was early morning
When you saw God's light,
And with bright angel wings
You have taken flight;
To be absent down here
Is to be present with the Lord,
So, Daddy, you left us
And with Jesus, to Heaven soared.*

*Oh Daddy, once I heard you say
I'd invite you back, but I have no home,
I know how that must have hurt you
But Daddy, you were not alone;
For we heard you praying
Deep into the night,
Your sweet, loving soul
Yearning to take flight.*

*Daddy, now you have a mansion
That sits upon a hill,
No pain will ever enter
No tears there to spill;
Only peace, joy, and love
In that city will abound,
And Daddy, you have both legs,
There to walk around.*

*Written by your daughter,
Laura J. Caudill*



Martha Whitaker Back

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write an obituary of my dear mother.

Martha Whitaker Back entered into eternal life on Friday, October 1, 1993 at 12:20 a.m. at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Roy Whitaker, an Old Regular Baptist minister, and Nannie Belle Caudill Whitaker. She was born on Johnson Fork, at Premium, Kentucky on January 7, 1917.

On December 4, 1943 she married Willie Back, son of Joseph E. Back and Martha Dixon Back. Daddy was born on Spring Branch at Jeremiah, Kentucky on April 15, 1913. Daddy preceded Mother in death on October 13, 1986.

Surviving are: two daughters, Barbara Culp of Jeremiah, Ky. and Kathleen Crase of Hamilton, Ohio; two sons-in-law, Roy Culp and Arthur Crase; three granddaughters, Pamela Kay Crase Turner (married to David Turner), Teresa Gail Crase, and Sheila Marie Crase, all of Hamilton, Ohio. Also surviving are: one brother, Danus Whitaker of Premium, Ky.; three sisters: Grace Caudill of Louisville, Ky., Joy Watts of Premium, Ky., and Gloria Price of Shepherdsville, Ky. Besides her family, she leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Two brothers, Amon and Amos Whitaker, and one sister, Mary Whitaker, preceded her in death. Her brother, Aaron Whitaker, joined them in eternal life on December 19, 1993.

Mother was a loving and caring person who gave of herself for the welfare of others. She was a constant companion to Daddy during their forty-two years of marriage. She was a wonderful mother to her children. She cared for us when she was barely able to go herself. Her favorite pastimes were reading, quilting, and caring for her flowers.

I could sense the emptiness in Mother's life after Daddy passed away. I feel that the Lord felt she had suffered enough in her lifetime and it was time for her to receive her rewards.

Life is so lonely without Mother, but we realize that our loss is Heaven's gain. I recall a song she often sang, which I feel revealed her innermost thoughts and feelings:

*Time is filled with great transition
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand,
Trust in Him who will not leave you,
Whatsoever years may bring,
If by earthly friends forsaken
Still more closely to Him cling.*



Jefferson Hayes Brashears

With much sadness we will try, by the help of the Lord, to write the obituary of our dear friend. Jeff was born on August 15, 1960 into the home of Hayes and Mary Fields Brashears. Both preceded him in death.

Jeff passed from this life on May 1, 1994, making his stay here on earth 33 years, eight months and twenty-six days.

He leaves to mourn his passing three brothers-in-law: Larry, Gary, and Clarence; two sisters, Rose and Betty Sue.

On March 6, 1988 he married Sherry Short. To this union were born two daughters, Brittany and Rebecca, and one son, Brandon.

He leaves to mourn him his wife, Sherry, his son, Brandon, and two daughters, Brittany and Rebecca, and a great host of friends and relatives.

To my family and my brothers and sisters and all my relatives, I know you all are sad, but God called and I had to go, and Sherry, don't worry, everything will be all right. It may seem hard getting used to not watching for me coming in from work. I am watching for you all now. Don't worry too much about that old house, everything will be all right. For Jesus has a mansion for us up here. Just take one day at a time and take care of our babies.

Rebecca and Brittany, be good and help Mommy all you can. Brandon, my son, I have left you the man of the house. so take care of everything and help Mommy around the place. Daddy loves you all, and the love that I had for you all I left it with Mommy. So, the love you had for me, give it to Mommy, and Sherry, don't worry, but hold on to Jesus and tell our babies and friends about him, so they can get ready to meet Him. Then we will all be together again. So long for a little while. Sherry, I love you and the kids. Kids don't forget to tell Mommy goodnight for me. I love you. So friends and loved ones, keep watching for Jesus to come back. I will be with Him, and Sherry, don't worry, Honey. Everything will be all right.

Written by Alger, Cinda and Brenda, with hope in the Lord

Edna Burke

In loving memory of our mother, Edna Hudson Burke, who entered into eternal peace Thursday, June 23, 1994 at 7:01 a.m., at the age of 85.

She was born November 3, 1908 in Virgie, Kentucky to Andy and Dillie Hudson. On June 9, 1923 she wed Delmer Burke. Upon his passing they shared forty-nine years together. To this union was born thirteen children: Acy Burke of Warren, Ohio, Truman Burke of Tavares, FL, Tony Burke of Bristoville, Ohio, Nona Smith of Lincoln Park, Mich., Jean Bredin of Allen Park, Mich., and



Judy O'Neal of Warren, Ohio. Four children preceded her in death. Also to share in dear memories, she leaves twenty-eight grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren; a sister, Nora Dotson, and her half brother, Jimmy Hudson.

Mother was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, which she truly loved for forty-seven years. She spoke of the old-time ways, the preaching and singing to all of us. She wanted to share the message of our Savior to assure her loved ones we could be together again.

Mother will truly be missed, but we have a great comfort of knowing she rests peacefully in the arms of our Lord.

Written by her children

Grandma:

*As I sit here and wipe my tears,
I reach out my hand to touch you, but no one is there.
Your presence around this room is like your arms around me for comfort.
Your whisper in the wind is telling me I'll be with you again.
But to think of how you use to hold me in your arms,
makes me cry a little more.
I try to speak your name, but it only fades on to the floor.
As I get down on bended knee, I pray to God to help me see,
the way I shall carry on.
And as He is blessing me with your courage and braveness,
I look to see your presence gently swaying out the door.
And as I feel a tear run down my cheek, I look to Heaven and say,
"Mammall, I'll try not to cry no more."
I love you and I'll miss you very much!
Your youngest granddaughter,
Rebekah Ann O'Neal*

Mary Miller Calhoun



Mary Miller Calhoun was born December 31, 1903 to the late Adeline Terry and Jack Miller of Knott County, Kentucky. Early in life she met and married Andrew Calhoun and to this union was born twelve children. She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew, and three sons, Alvin, Alfred and Edward. Left to mourn her passing are three daughters: Rosanna Calhoun Mosley of Hindman, Ky., Eva Calhoun Hodges of Kearnsville, NC, and Zona Calhoun May of

Middletown, Ohio. Also left are six sons: Oliver of Dallas, TX, John C. Of Clio, MI, Orville of Hindman, KY, Ivan of Garner, KY, Earnest of Louisville, KY and Adam of Tennessee. She is also survived by three sisters: Susanna Everage, Rebecca Johnson, and Serrina Stacy; twenty grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren, and a host of family and friends.

Grandma's death has saddened us all and she will be greatly missed. Gone are the days when she would spend hours filling us with laughter with her many stories and entertaining tales of life long ago. Although Grandma never joined church, we feel she has gone to Heaven because shortly before her death she told me that she had a dream where she saw the Lord and He held out His arms to her and told her to come home. Grandma talked of God constantly and asked for prayer from the church. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Grandma, I miss your precious smile and there will never be another like you, but we know you are better off because you are at peace and you never have to hurt again. We will all miss you and your memory will be with us forever, but I am not going to be sad because the way you smiled at me your last day on earth let me know that you were ready and that gives me the strength to give you up.

Written by your granddaughter, Cathy Mosley Terry



Bessie Caudill, Maggie Kilburn & Susana Campbell

I will try to write about three very special people in my life, my grandma and my two aunts. On December 1, 1993 my two aunts were following my grandma to the hospital, when they were in a car accident that took Bessie Carter's life instantly. My other aunt, Maggie Kilburn,

was taken to U.K. hospital. She passed away March 4, 1994. My grandma, Susana Campbell, passed away June 6, 1994, after a long illness. She had a hard life, but her faith in the Lord never failed.

Bessie Carter was the daughter of Susana Campbell and the late Finley Campbell. She was born January 19, 1928. At her passing she was survived by her mother; her husband, Earthel Carter; one daughter and son-in-law, Delilah Faye and Bob Shuffler of Hallie; two brothers, Frank and Evans Campbell, both of Ulvah; one sister, Maggie Kilburn of Ulvah; and one grandson, Charles Carter Shuffler; along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing. She was a member of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church for many years.

Maggie Kilburn was the daughter of Susana Campbell and the late Finley Campbell. She was born September 25, 1926. At her passing she was survived by her mother; her husband, Buford Kilburn; one son, Robert Lee Kilburn of Viper; one daughter, Wilma Spencer of Jeff; two brothers, Frank and Evans Campbell of Ulvah; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church for many years.

Susana Campbell was the daughter of the late Sim and Elizabeth Campbell. She was born November 28, 1906. She passed away June 6, 1994. Surviving are her sons, Frank and Evans Campbell of Ulvah; one brother, Troy Campbell of Lexington; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughters: Audrey and Lydia Campbell, Bessie Carter, and Maggie Kilburn. A long-time member of Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church, she truly loved her church and her brothers and sisters in Christ.

I will miss them very much, but I know they are with the Lord now.



Dalna Caudill

Dalna Caudill passed away on Sunday December 12, 1993 at Letcher, Kentucky in the home of her twin sister, Dixie Fields, with whom she had spent most of her adult life. Dalna never married and never had children of her own, but a great host of her nephews and nieces, grand-nephews grand-nieces, looked to her as an extension of mother, grandmother and also as a playmate. She cared for us all as if we were her own. We greatly miss her

presence when we visit the old homeplace.

She was a daughter of the late John M. and Polly Caudill. she was born December 3, 1909 and lived 84 years and nine days here on earth. We have no doubt that she has gone to live in Heaven where eternal youth is a reality and death never comes.

Dalna joined an Old Regular Baptist church many years ago and later became a member of the Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church where she had been since 1966.

Surviving Dalna are one brother and sister-in-law, Arvil and Katherine Caudill of Leesburg, North Carolina. She is also survived by two sisters: Ethel Polly of Elkhorn City, Kentucky and Dixie Fields of Letcher, Kentucky. A host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends also survive.

Written by family members

Jina Caudill

Jina Caudill, daughter of the late Nathan Engle and Mary Jane Engle was born in Leslie County, Kentucky February 19, 1906. She entered eternal life Friday, May 13, 1994 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital, being 88 years, two months and twenty-four days of age at the time of her passing.

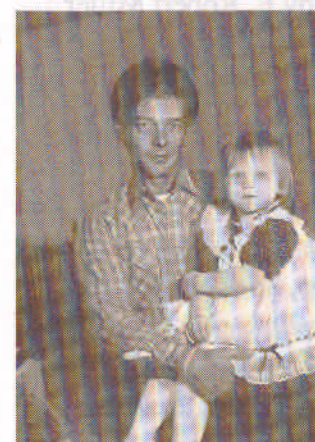
Jina was a member of the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church at Blackey, Kentucky.



She is survived by four sons: Nathan Johnson of Mt. Airy, Maryland; Raymond Johnson, Dennis B. Johnson and Billy Price Johnson, all of Carbon Glow, Ky.; five daughters: Ella Jean Lewis of Cutshin, Ky., Grace Morris of Jeff, Ky., Dana Hattie Warner of College Park, Maryland; Bobby Helen Marshall of Shadyside, Maryland and Zella Mae Sier of Frederick, Maryland.

Also surviving are forty-one grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren, friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

Jina was preceded in death by one son, Carl Johnson and one daughter, Gearldine Johnson.



Larry G. Caudill

Larry G. Caudill was born November 10, 1949 in Red Fox, Kentucky. He was the son of Gracie and the late Lovel Caudill, who preceded him in death. He died at home at Clough Pike on July 21, 1994.

Left to mourn his passing are: one daughter, Christie, who is eight years of age; three brothers, Gary, Lovel Dean, and Barry Lynn, all living in greater Cincinnati; one sister, Darlene Harvey of

Rockport, IN; his mother, Gracie Caudill, at Clough Pike, and many relatives and friends.

Larry moved to the Cincinnati area in 1965, where he attended school. He served his country in the United States Navy and received an honorable discharge. At the time of his death he was working as a painting contractor.

Larry talked a lot about our Lord, and he loved to listen to gospel music. He will greatly be missed by his family, relatives, and many friends who knew him.

Life is so unsure, we don't know what tomorrow will bring. The word of God explains this very well. "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

*A little more tired at close of day,
A little less anxious to have our way;
A little less ready to scold and blame;
A book is closed and the prayers are said,
And we are a part of the countless dead.
Thrice happy then if some soul can say,
"I live because he has passed this way."*

Written for the family by E. Robert Miller

Larry lived with me for over six years. A mother couldn't ask for a better son. In February of this year he took me to Florida. Also in March on one visit, my nephew, Bruce, asked Larry if he was a Christian. He told him yes. I knew his life and felt he was saved for some time. In fact, he was an inspiration to me in so many ways. He couldn't understand the trouble in the churches, nor do I. So, each of us should take inventory of our life and let our light shine in this old sin-sick world. None of us is perfect, but we could all do better, for time

is running out for all of us. The most important thing is to know Jesus as Savior and be ready when our time comes to go. To Larry's three brothers and sister, daughter and friends, get ready in this life to live in Heaven with other loved ones gone on. I have the joy and comfort in knowing we'll meet again.

Written by his mother, Gracie Caudill



Jeanette Cook

It is with a sad and broken heart we will try to write the obituary of my dearest friend and wife, and our loving mother.

Jeanette Centers Cook was born January 10, 1931 to Nannie Pridemore and Everett Centers. She was called home on August 1, 1994, making her short stay on this earth 63 years, six months and twenty-one days. She leaves behind her husband of forty-eight years, Robert N. Cook of Pikeville, TN; her daughter and son-in-law Adele and Douglas Fechser of Detroit, Mich.; her son, Keith Cook, of Pikeville, TN; her son, Timothy Cook, of Lacy Springs, AL, and one great-grandchild, Michael Destefanis, of Michigan.

She wrote us a letter which we found two days after her burial. I could not write one so beautiful as she, so here is her letter in its entirety:

To My Family & Friends:

Dec. 20, 1976 - I love you all so much and I pray you all will ask God to forgive so we can all be together when God calls for the arch angel to sound the trumpet of God. I started watching the PTL Club on TV and started seeing what danger we're in not to repent before it's too late and have the peace and comfort of knowing Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I believe with all my heart He has forgiven me and I have a mansion awaiting.

December, 1976—I believed God reached down His hand for me. A song I love. I was at the end of a hall going back to bed, and a great hand of light was right over me, and I was so terrified I thought I would die right there. I didn't know if it was Satan or God. The words "Thank You, Jesus, thank you Jesus," poured out of my mouth. I was so happy my pores of my skin seemed to open up and I was cleansed and felt so light and free. I thank God for His mercy and compassion He had on me, with all my many sins. I forgive all who ever hurt me, and I hope and ask for their forgiveness. Then at my Aunt Mabel's house I dreamed I saw Jesus sitting in a pretty place and He called my name. I said if He knows my name, I'm His, only His sheep know His voice, and I was so relieved and happy.

June 1981—I've had a fear of water and thought if I was ever baptized I'd be afraid. Last night I dreamed I was being baptized and was afraid of the dark and I looked up and could see for miles through the blue and white clouds an opening clear to Heaven and an angel floating at the top looking after me. I was afraid no more. I feel like I've been there already, if I never make it to the water (Thank You, Lord)

June 10, 1986—I want my dear cousin Alger Amburgey to sing "When He Reached Down His Hand," and as all rise to see me the last time to sing, "Gone Away With A Friend," and with God's mercy I'll see you all soon in Heaven. To the best in my life, my dearest husband, the love of my life, I'll see you soon. God bless you all here.

To my children, Oh how I love you all. Please, if not already, ask God's mercy and meet me and Dad up there where all is peace. And to all my friends, and Opal and Ed, who have been so dear, I don't know what could have been better for us than you. I love you so much. My dear little aunts and everyone, how I've felt so much love from you all. See you soon.

Love, Jeanette

Precious Memories

Precious memories, how they linger on . . .

*your gentle face and patient smile
with sadness we recall,
you had a kind word for each
and died beloved by all.*

*A voice is mute and stilled the heart
that loved us well and true
Oh bitter was the trail to part
from one as good as you.*

*You are not forgotten, loved one
Nor will you ever be
As long as life and memories last
We will remember thee.*

*We miss you now, our hearts are sore
As time goes by we'll miss you more,
your loving smiles, your gentle face
No one can ever fill your vacant place
Precious memories, how they linger . . .*

Cleon Cornett

Cleon was born to Raymond and Daisy Owen Cornett on July 11, 1944. Cleon left, in this life, four precious children: Anthony Cleon, Seth, Deborah Ruth, and Zebulon Cornett; two stepsons, Stephen and Anthony Wade. He is also survived by four brothers and four sisters. Cleon served in the U.S. Army and was awarded the Marksman award.

About one of the last things we heard Cleon say was the Lord's prayer. Cleon was a real sick man. Some say he was an unusual man. Many may not understand him, but his life here on earth ended too soon. God knows all things and we trust and believe that he is in the sweet hand of the Almighty. We all love him dearly, and he is sadly

missed. But, by the help of God and His grace, we all may meet on Heaven's bright shore someday. So Cleon, rest on.

Your loving family



Ethel Eldridge

With a sad and heavy heart, I will try to write the obituary of our mom, Ethel Eldridge.

There's a little empty chair by the front door of our home on Elk Creek. Mom can no longer come to the front door or porch to hug us and welcome us home. Her first words were always, "Are you hungry? Go eat, it's suppertime. Supper's on the table." Mom enjoyed cooking for us and to have us eat.

On January 30, 1994 Mom answered Jesus' call to come home to the great banqueting table He's prepared for His own. It was the greatest suppertime for her that she ever had.

Mom mothered seven children, loved us and prayed for us with such force of a true saint of God to turn us from our wicked ways. She was so unselfish, always giving beautiful quilts, crocheted pieces or handmade gifts to her children and grandchildren. Granny, as all the children called her, was so loved by all.

She saw six of her seven children leave for the military service, with three being in Germany, two in Vietnam, one in Japan and one in Africa. She prayed so hard that God would watch over us and bring us home safely. We all came home safely with two becoming her little preacher boys.

She and Dad gardened and loved to go to church and go fishing. Dad loved her so much and took such good care of her.

In July 1951, Mom became a Christian. She told us that if we wanted to meet Mom again we would have to look to the same Savior

that she did. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church April 21, 1956 and was baptized May 20, 1956.

Mom was born February 10, 1924, being 69 years, eleven months and twenty days at her passing.

Surviving are her husband of forty-six years, Hubert Eldridge. Her children are Emory and Glenna Caudill, Blackey, KY.; Verna Jean and Clifton Caudill Jr., New Bremen, Ohio; Darell and Judy Eldridge, Princeton, Ky; Stephen H. and Tina Eldridge, Tampa, FL; Jackie Wayne and Betty Eldridge, Ulvah, Ky; James David and Tracy Eldridge, Kalamazoo, MI; Hubert Michael and Karen Eldridge, Blackey, Ky. She had fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She also left one brother, Elbert Lee Caudill of Letcher, KY; two sisters, Doris Adams of Blackey, Ky., and Betty McKnight, Whiteland, IN; and two adopted sisters, Larrie Lee Caudill, Anadale, VA, and Martha Sue Lynch, Friendsville, TN.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hobert and Hettie Holcomb Caudill; her brother, R.D. Caudill, and sister, Hester Back.

Mom suffered many years with breathing problems. She never got ill or complained. She is now in a land where she can breathe and never smother anymore.

She told us, "So this is not good-bye, just so long for a little while, I love you so much." Let's all be ready so when our suppertime comes we can join Mom around that great banqueting table being prepared for us.

As a wife, mom, and granny, there will never be one better than our precious loved one.

Written by her daughter, sadly missed by all,

Hubert Eldridge, children, and grandchildren.



Estill (Ted) Everage

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

There is hope of a tree, if it be cut down that it will sprout again and that the tender branch there of will not cease.

Now and again we are made to wonder why the call of death came to our home, but God knows best and the angel whom He sends makes no mistake in the choice of His call.

So was the call of Brother Ted Everage at home in Louisville, Kentucky February 9, 1994.

Brother Ted was born March 25, 1922 to grace the home of Watson and Millie Watts Everage making his stay here on earth 71 years, eleven months and fourteen days.

Early in his life Brother Ted met and married Orka Cornett. To this union was born one daughter, Geraldine, who preceded him in death.

Brother Ted was a veteran of World War II and retired from E.I. Dupont.

Early in life, Brother Ted realized the need of a personal savior. Some twenty-six years past, Brother Ted enlisted in the army of Jesus Christ, becoming a member of Lone Valley Church of Old Regular Baptist and was a member of the Big Cowan Regular Baptist church at the time of his passing.

Brother Ted was an active minister, traveling far and wide, declaring salvation by the Great God of All Grace, so long as he was able.

Brother Ted leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Orka; one stepdaughter, Betty Jean Ford; seven grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. He also leaves one brother, Everett Everage; two sisters, Juanita Millins and Unave Amburgey; and a host of relatives and friends.

We feel that Brother Ted is sleeping a peaceful sleep and if he could speak to us, he would say, "Weep not for me, but continue preparation to come home to live with me eternally. Miss me a little, but let me go."

Written by his wife, Orka Everage, and close friend,
Bro. Ellis Banks

Miss Me - But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road

And the sun has set for me,

I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,

Why cry for a soul set free.

Miss me a little - but not too long,

And not with your head bowed low.

Remember the love that we once shared,

Miss me - but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take,

And each must go alone.

It's all part of the Master's plan

A step on the road to home.

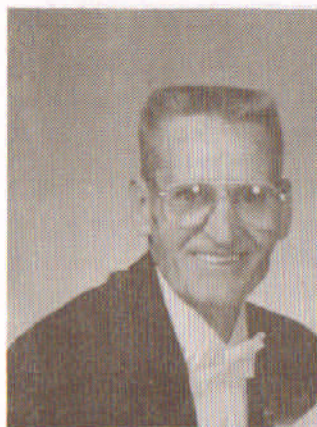
When you are lonely and sick of heart,

Go to the friends we know.

And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,

Miss me - but let me go.

-- Unknown



George Everage

With a saddened heart, but loving and precious memories, I will attempt to write the obituary of my dearest friend, my father, George Everage. Dad was born on February 23, 1930 in Knott County, Kentucky to the late Alton and Nancy (Sis) Cornett Everage.

Dad departed this life on July 25, 1994. Very early in life he met and married Nancy Mae Mosley, who preceded him in death. To this union of thirty-four

wonderful years were born eight children: Michael, George Jr., Lorraine, Vicki Lynn, JoAnn, Jimmy Ray, Denise Diane and Matthew John. After Mom passed away the Lord brought another special lady into my dad's life and on June 5, 1993 he married Trudy (Rice) Rambin. Although their marriage was short one, they shared many joys of this life. Anyone could see that God brought these two people together and how happy they were together.

Dad was a member of the Garden of Love Old Regular Baptist Church and for the last twenty-four years of his life he faithfully served his Lord. And also served as clerk and trustee for the Garden of Love Church for several years. He was a strong soldier and fulfilled his seat until the very end.

I could say many wonderful things about my Dad, but that's not necessary, for all that knew Dad knew just how loving and kind he was. To my brothers and sisters, Mom and Dad left us with many memories and good values. They taught us the true meaning of love. They showed us how to love each other, our neighbors, our friends, to be kind and thoughtful when dealing with people. They showed us that material things in this life don't necessarily mean a lot, as long as you have love and family. Use these in your lives and your children's lives, and you'll do all right. Remember that they taught us that God

is the most important thing you can obtain in this life. I know Mommy and Daddy are with Jesus and I'm looking forward to that great family reunion when we can all be together again,

Brother Michael Everage



Margaret Karen Haynes Everage

Margaret Karen was born on March 30, 1951, to Townsel and Thelma Haynes. She was united in marriage to Billy Everage on June 16, 1969. To them were born one son, Jonathan Billy, and one daughter, Malissa Faye. She died on June 5, 1994 at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Those left to mourn her passing are her husband, Billy; son, Jonathan; daughter, Malissa Mullins of Scottsburg, IN; mother, Thelma, of Amburgey; three brothers: Kim E. Haynes of Hazard, Van C. Haynes of Amburgey, and Townsel Peyton Haynes of Hazard; two sisters, Mary A. Brashear of Meno, OK and Kaylene Mullins of Kingsport, TN; one granddaughter, Deanna Kaye Mullins; one daughter-in-law, Tonya Lynn Everage; one son-in-law, James E. Mullins; and a large number of relatives and friends.

A few years ago Margaret Karen realized that her sins had found her out. Even though she had been taught from her childhood to believe there is a God and had always been one of high principles, she understood there is an absolute need of a savior. She sought Jesus with her whole heart, soul, mind and strength. At the end of her strength, with much meekness and sincerity, she repented and received a new birth in Christ. In October of 1992 she joined and was baptized into full fellowship of the Little Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church.

This husband has lost a splendid wife, these children a special mother, this mother a precious daughter, the family a wonderful sister, and this church a dedicated member.

Sleep on, Sister, until that great day, when we hope to meet you again, in the presence of Jesus.

Written by a natural blood cousin who has been made a brother by the blood of the lamb, Elder Hillis B. Reedy Jr.

Karen

*The fifth of June on the Sabbath Day
Angels carried her soul away
To be with God on Canaan's shore
And blissful peace forever more.*

*Her soul is not beneath the sod
She is resting peacefully with God
Waiting for redemption day
For a glorified body not made of clay.*

*She called on Him while He was nigh
She did not let Him pass her by
She sought Him while He could be found
For a home in Heaven and a heavenly crown.*

*She will enter through those pearly gates
Because she made her pathway straight
She trusted in Jesus not in men
Now her soul will live again.*

*She will be among the pure in heart
Because she chose him for her part
She took her leave from pain and strife
She will be drinking from the fountain of life.*

*Now those of you who are still in sin
And want to be with her again
Call out to God, seek His face
He will save you with redeeming grace.*

*The spiritual baptism will set you free
The natural baptism is for the world to see
That you are a child of Jesus Christ
You have inherited eternal life.*

*Natural baptism has no healing power
That comes from seeking God in prayer
God said, "Suffer it to be so
To fulfill all righteousness here below."*

Written by Jamoe Kimberly, Scuddy, Ky., June, 1994

Maxie Fields and Coy Fields

In loving memory, I will write the obituary of my dear mother, Maxie Fields. She was born January 15, 1916 and passed from this life on October 26, 1993, making her stay 77 years, nine months, and eleven days on earth.



Early in life, she met and married Coy Fields. To this union eight children were born: Eugene Fields, Ivan Fields, Jerry Lee Fields, Tessie Downey, Audrey Wethington, Eurilla Campbell, and Napoleon, and Sue Ella, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her mother, Hannah Caudill, and her father, James Floyd Caudill, along with all of her brothers and sisters, except one dear sister, Reavy Fields of Pineville, KY.

She was always a faithful member of the Defeated Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. She and Daddy were deacons as long as they were able. She loved everyone and enjoyed going to church to be with all of her friends. She always spoke good of them all. She loved to hear all of the pretty songs. How she enjoyed Don Halcomb, Joe Steely, Elwood and Kathy Cornett, Charles Shepherd, Emery Caudill, Ellis and Ila Adams, Ruth Frazier, Roger Fields, Keith and Olivia Smith

and many others who would come to her home and sing and pray for her when she was sick and couldn't go to church. I thank them all for their kindness and thoughtfulness. I believe she is singing with the angels today in God's heavenly choir. I can almost hear her sweet voice. I love her and miss her so much. She is always with me, for I take her in my thoughts everywhere I go.

She was so kind and gentle, the greatest friend I've ever had. Sleep on, precious mother, for I know you are with Jesus, waiting to welcome the rest of your loved ones home.

Written by her daughter, Eurilla Campbell

With precious memories, I will write the obituary of my dear daddy, Coy Fields. He was born April 19, 1909 and passed from this life on August 22, 1994, making his stay 85 years, four months, and three days on earth.

He was married to Maxie Caudill who preceded him in death, along with his mother, Mary Caudill Fields; his father, Sampson Fields; his sisters and brothers (all but one); and two children.

He is survived by one brother, Carson Fields of Mason, Ohio; six children; fourteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

It was worth every mile I drove to be with Mom and Dad when they were home together and to care for them. The months I cared for Daddy, I will cherish all of my life. His suffering is over now. He wanted to go be with Mommy for so long. I know he is with her now and they are rejoicing with the angels on Heaven's bright shore.

How I loved them, and I miss them so much. I feel very fortunate to have had such fine parents. I'm so glad I was their daughter.

Rest in peace, dear Daddy, your sickness is over now.

Written by his daughter, Eurilla Campbell



Caney Gayheart

It has been said that a man's obituary has already been written by the life he has lived.

I will attempt to write a few things about the life of Caney Gayheart, a good neighbor, a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, and an inspiration to all those around him.

I am very thankful to the Lord that my dad, Caney Gayheart, lived most of his life in dedicated service to the Lord Jesus, through the fellowship of the Old Regular Baptist Church, and now, after a long and faithful life, has gone to be with Him.

Dad was born February 26, 1909 to John and Rosa Grigsby Gayheart and was deceased from this life, August 23, 1993 at the age of 84.

He is survived by a dedicated and loving wife of sixty-three years, Dora Grigsby Gayheart; sons, Willard, Harold C. and Ira C. Gayheart; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a devoted sister, May Gayheart Cook, and brothers, Ira and Eutiv Gayheart.

He was preceded in death by his sons, Howard and John M. Gayheart.

Our family is deeply saddened by the loss of our father and grandfather, but relieved by the fact that he doesn't have to suffer any more, and overjoyed by the precept that he is with our Savior in the Eternity of Bliss, where all suffering shall cease, and the assurance that one day, by His grace, we will be together again to rejoice forever and ever around the throne of God.

Written by son, Willard Gayheart

Mason Gibson



It's with much sadness and sorrow I ask God to give me the sweet holy spirit to guide and direct the writing of this obituary of my father-in-law in the flesh and brother in the Lord. Mason was born to Vina and Dee Gibson on May 16, 1911 and went to be with the Lord about 8:35 Tuesday evening, August 10, 1993. He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Charlene Gibson and his wife, Beatrice Mosley Gibson, whom he had married on April 4, 1935, on February 28,

1948. He leaves to mourn his passing three sons: Chillestene Gibson of Pippa Passes, KY, Eugene Gibson of Lima, OH, and Oberene Gibson of Kendallville, IN; four daughters: Betty Gibson of Hindman, KY Elliousse Slone and Geraldine Rush of Garner, KY, and Elma Glee Short of Pippa Passes, KY; one brother, Enoch Gibson of Kenton, OH; two sisters, Anna Click of Columbus, OH and Callie Gibson of Dayton, OH.

One day Mason called all of his children and their spouses to his home and weepingly told them that he would never "drink" again. He kept that promise.

Elliousse wrote a prayer list one day – one of which was the salvation of her daddy. Not very long after this written petition to the Lord, he asked Elliousse and Geraldine, "How do you join the church?" On Saturday, May 26, 1984, in the close of the service, Mason joined the Ivy Point Church and was baptized by Elder Alonzo Mosley and his son, Brother Chillestene Gibson, in front of his home at Garner, Kentucky. This became his life – his Lord and his church – where he attended faithfully as long as he was able to get there.

We all have our own memories of him; memories that we will cherish as long as we live. Some of the memories that I have include

his being the strongest person – physically and emotionally – that I have ever known. He loved working for and protecting his family. He gave advice only when asked, never trying to interfere negatively in the lives of his children. He helped take care of every sick person in the community, especially his father-in-law, Brother Ruben Mosley, for whom he left his own home to live with the last months of Ruben's life. God said, "Ye shall reap what you sow." God repaid Mason for this mercy shown one of His little ones by sending him Janet, a granddaughter who visited him every day for the last part of his life. She brought so much happiness to his world.

In closing, I want you to know where his heart was. Not long ago I asked him what he prayed for, and without hesitating he said, "My children." I believe his prayers will be answered.

Written by a sister and brother in the Lord,
Elliousse and Milburn Slone

David T. Grigsby



With the help of God and a heavy heart, I will try to write an obituary of my son, David T. Grigsby.

David was born in Kentucky on January 23, 1948, and passed away January 26, 1993, in Northlake Illinois. He was laid to rest at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, Illinois. He was 45 years old and had been fighting cancer for two years. He was a member of the Clear Fork Regular Baptist Church at Lotts Creek, Kentucky. As long as he could make the trip, David was faithful to travel back to Kentucky to hear the preaching, to attend church services, and to share fellowship with all the people he loved. He was faithful to God until the end.

David was the son of Jack Grigsby (who preceded him in death) and Ada (Ritchie) Grigsby. He went to school at Lower Clear Creek

until he finished the sixth grade. Then his family moved to Illinois. After David finished high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was sent to Vietnam, and while there he received severe injuries which resulted in him having to lose his right leg. He had a lot of suffering and many surgeries through a period of two years, trying to save his leg to no avail. After recuperation he started college. He got his degree and became a marketing representative for X.L. Datacomp, Inc. in Hinsdale, Illinois. David was a veteran of the war in Vietnam and a member of the Howard H. Rhode Post #888 of the American Legion.

David married his high school sweetheart, Judy Bowden, after he regained his health. She was so faithful to be by his side through all his illnesses to his death. He loved her so much, and all our family love her dearly.

David is survived by his wife, Judy, and two sons, Jeffrey and Jimmy. He is also survived by his mother, Ada; three sisters: Jackie, Delores, and Vickie; and two brothers, Donald Ray and Kenneth.

David held a special place in the eyes and hearts of all who knew him. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by the family of David T. Grigsby

Eva Grigsby

With a sad heart, but with many beautiful memories, I'll try to write an obituary of my mother, Eva Grigsby.

Eva Grigsby was born December 6, 1897. She deceased this life on February 20, 1994, making her stay 96 years, two months and fourteen days. Eva was married to Robert Lee Grigsby. To this union were born eight children. Her husband, Robert Lee Grigsby, and four children, Balis, Nancy, Marie Combs and Ivan Grigsby, preceded her in death. Her sur-



vivors are her son, Alvin Grigsby, and daughters, Edna Combs, Abbie Combs and Elizabeth Caughron.

She was the daughter of Sylvester and Abbie Grigsby. On February 8, 1987 she gave her hand to the Clear Fork Baptist Church and was baptized into full fellowship in June, 1987.

Her first comment after her baptism was, "Why did I put it off so long, something I should have done years ago." Mother enjoyed going to church and being with her brothers and sisters very much.

The last several years friends and relatives gathered for her birthday. She enjoyed the gifts, but the most enjoyable thing she liked was the singing of "Amazing Grace," being her favorite song. Mother loved everyone and was loved by everybody, but we feel our loss was Heaven's gain. We'll meet Mother some day, where there will be no separation.

Written by her daughter, Abbie Combs

P.J. Hall

P.J. Hall, son of the late Willard and Bertha Hall, was born April 6, 1941 and died May 20, 1994.

P.J. loved to go to church and joined Big Creek Church in Dupont, Indiana.

He married Betty Sue Collins Hall in 1960. To this union were born one son, Gregory Allen, and one daughter, Lea Ann, both of Greenfield, Indiana. He had four grandchildren. P.J. had six brothers and five sisters. He will be missed by all.



Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Those we hold most dear never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they showed, the comfort they shared, and the love they brought into our lives.

Betty Hall



Bea Hamilton

As a brother in Christ, I was asked to write this eulogy on Sister Beatrice Hamilton. It is very easy to write a record of someone that you feel with all your heart has lived the life which should be an example for all of us.

Sister Bea was born to Ellen Caudill Bidwell and Edwin Bidwell on April 29, 1926 in Letcher county, Kentucky. She departed from this life on May 24, 1994 at the age of 68.

She met, and after a courtship, married Bill Hamilton on December 25, 1960. From this union no children were born; however, she claims her three stepsons: Bill Hamilton (deceased), and Gayle and Jim Hamilton, all from the Cincinnati area.

She is survived by her husband of thirty-three years, Bill; one sister, Mattie Fleener of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; three brothers: Johnny Bidwell of Letcher County, KY, Spencer Bidwell of Knott County, KY, and Doug Bidwell of Columbus, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her father, Edwin Bidwell.

Sister Bea will be missed by her husband, relatives, and many friends. The brothers and sisters of the Northern New Home Church will greatly miss seeing her smiling face and hearing her shouts of joy when the Spirit touched her. She came with the arm from the New Home Church.

Sister Bea rarely missed a service. When she did miss a meeting we knew she was very ill. She was a giver and helped in any way she could. A person like this cannot be replaced. She will leave a legacy for all of us to follow.

The writer of this record has known Sister Bea since 1976. I sincerely feel that she is Home with our Lord and would not change places with any of us. A Home where there are no tears, heartaches, or sickness. I believe if she could advise us she would say, "Seek God

and give Him your life while you are able to work for him." She might also say to us what is said in this poem:

*When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room, why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long, and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared. Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take and each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to Home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know.
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds — Miss me, but let me go.*

Written by E. Robert Miller



Elmer Hayes

Elmer Hayes was born February 12, 1917 and passed from this life January 22, 1994, making his stay 76 years, one month and ten days. He was the son of Franklin and Viola Sturgill Hayes.

Early in life Elmer met and married Naomi Eversole Hayes. To this union was born one son, Thomas Hayes of Scuddy, KY; four daughters: Yvonne Brown of Sassafras, KY, Virginia Ashley of Ft. Wayne, IN, Verbena Stacy of Charlestown, IN, and Carolyn Shepherd of Acup, KY.

Elmer leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Naomi, one son, four daughters, fourteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two sisters, Pebbles Luttrell and Hazel Earls, both of Vicco, KY, and a great host of relatives and friends.

Elmer was a coal miner for many years. He had very bad lung problems from his work, but he never gave up for a long time. He would always come to church as long as he was able. It always made me feel good just to see him come into the church house. He had a smile and a kind word for everyone around him. Elmer and I talked a

lot about the Lord and the churches. He told me on several occasions that he felt the Lord had forgiven him and that he had a better home to go to after he left his world and I feel that he is in the arms of Jesus today, just waiting for the rest of God's children to join him. Sister Naomi said he left this life with a smile on his face. I believe the smile was because he saw Jesus coming after him, and I also smile as they leave this world of trouble to a place of peace and joy. So, I want to say to the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, be good to Mom and Grandma, and love her more than ever, for she needs you now more than ever. I also want to say to all his family, friends and everyone, if you want to see him again, you are going to have to go to the same God he went to, and ask for forgiveness, just as he did. He is in a home today that is so beautiful that it can't be described in words. So, let's not say good-bye to him, but so long for a little while. We are all going to miss his presence and although he never joined the church, Happy Home is losing a worker for the church. I'm sure his heart was with the church. I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain and just another flower has bloomed in Heaven's garden.

Written by Brother Ollie Mullins

Harliss Howard

He was born September 1, 1914 and went into eternal life September 7, 1993.

He loved his family, and worked hard all his life. His passing has been a great loss to all of his family. He is survived by Polly Coburn Howard, his wife of fifty-nine years; six sons: Charles Howard, Gordon Howard, Eddie (Pete) Howard, Frank Howard, Gary Howard and Keith Howard; four daughters: Betty Layne, Patty Osborne, Virginia May



(Rinki) Salmons and Aleama (Dena) Longpre.

We know Daddy was sad to leave his family here, but he had a family there who had preceded him in eternal life: His father, Preacher Edd Howard; mother, Bertie Clemons Howard; three brothers: Hager Howard, Ray Howard and Atwell Eugene Howard; three of his loving children: the late preacher, Joe Howard, Danny Howard and Judy LeDuc Howard.

Daddy was, and Mommy is, a member of the Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church.

The passing of a father never leaves the family the same. We all loved you, Daddy, and miss you daily.



Lauza Hudson

With a broken heart I will try to write the obituary of my husband, Lauza Hudson, who was born February 20, 1916. He passed away December 27, 1993 at the ARH hospital.

Lauza was the son of Harvey and Melda Mullins Hudson of Amburgey, Kentucky. He had a brother, Burley Hudson, a sister, and a set of twins who preceded him in death.

Later he met and married Frances Ashley and to this union were born two sons, Quinton Hudson of Amburgey, Kentucky, and an infant who preceded him in death. We lived a long and happy life together, fifty-four years. Oh, how we do miss him. Lauza was a faithful husband; he loved everybody and he loved to go to church every time he could. He leaves to mourn his passing three brothers: Bruce Hudson of Monticello, KY, Oscar Hudson of Gays Creek, KY, and R.B. Hudson of Hamilton, Ohio; three sisters: Nettie Everage of Amburgey, KY, Allie Williams of California, KY, and Thelma Richardson of Amburgey, KY; and one son, Quinton Hudson and his wife. He is at rest and by the help of God we will meet him someday where we won't have to part anymore.

Written by his wife



Joseph Hargus Ison

Joseph Hargus Ison was born on August 1, 1917 at Uz, Kentucky. He passed from this life on July 18, 1993 at his home in Partridge, being 75 years of age. Still today, our hearts are broken with remembrances of all the things that we loved about Daddy, and how he loved us in return. We could not have chosen a finer man to be our father; he was the best. He gave us everything he had to give, but the most important thing that he gave us was

good counsel. He told us about Jesus.

Daddy said that if we allowed it, Jesus would be our friend. He showed us that even in the face of death this friend would never leave you. We are glad that he is at rest now, along with our beloved mother, both of them safe in the arms of their friend, Jesus.

Written by son and daughter, Larry Joe and Janet Marie



Daniel Jones

Daniel Jones was born September 5, 1960 into the home of Sally Caudill Jones and Frank Jones. He entered eternal life on December 11, 1993, making his life on earth 33 years, three months and six days of age at the time of his passing. He was buried in the Caudill Cemetery at the mouth of Kingdom Come at Premium, Kentucky.

He is survived by his mother, Sally Jones of Premium, KY; father, Frank Jones of Premium, KY; two brothers: David Jones of Catlettsburg, KY and Eddie Jones of Premium, KY; and his paternal grandmother, Allie Jones of Premium, KY. Also surviving are a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

A tribute to Danny which was read by Eddie on December 13, 1993:

Dear Danny,

This is a good-bye letter to you from all of us. We know you were a good-hearted person and lived your life to the fullest every day. You would give your last penny to someone, if you knew they needed it. We will try to make sure that justice is done here on earth and sent to you in Heaven. We know you fell into the hands of the almighty God and will live in our hearts forever.

We love you so very much!

Your family



J.C. Jones

J.C. Jones passed away Tuesday, March 1, 1994 at the Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Michigan. J.C. was the son of Allie Caudill Jones of Premium and the late James Claude Jones. He was born October 1, 1934, being 59 years and five months of age at the time of his passing.

Surviving are his wife, Bessie Caudill Jones; three sons: Larry Jones, Bobby Jones, and Freddy Jones, all of Premium; one brother, Frank Jones of Premium; three sisters: Forestine Hickey of Ohio, Joyce Caudill of Michigan and Janice Baker of Louisville; one half-brother, James Claude Jones Jr. of Ashland; one half sister, Betty of Ashland; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

We feel that J.C. went to Heaven, where he will have a better home. The family was telling him to pray and he said he was praying. His mother said she had some real good dreams of seeing him happy and telling us to come see him. He wrote on a piece of paper when he

couldn't speak any more that he knew he was dying and he was praying for his soul. He was raised all his life in a Christian home, and he knew what it took to save his soul. He has told me that before. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain and we, all the family, hope to meet him again in Heaven. His children and all the family miss him.

Written by his family



Chalmer Kelly

June 17, 1929 - March 22, 1994

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of Chalmer Kelly. He was born into this world June 17, 1929 in the home of Jackson and Laura Jones Kelly, both of whom preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by one sister, Josephine Hart, and two brothers, Sampson and Hearld Kelly.

Chalmer leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Sister Kathryn Seals Kelly; three sons: Jeff Kelly of Chicago, IL, Bud Taylor and wife, Brenda of Lebanon, OH, and Bob Taylor and wife, Faye, of Ludlow Falls, OH; one daughter, Terrie Hurt, and husband, Mike, of Dayton, OH. He also leaves to mourn his passing five sisters: Patricia Kooch of Hazard, Ky., Margarette Noble of Rowdy, KY, Mammie Allen of Lexington, KY, Donna Taylor of Sidney, OH and Sally Napier of Chicago, IL. Chalmer also leaves eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, whom he loved very much.

On November 13, 1954 he married Sister Kathryn Seals, and he kept his promise he would love her, care for her and remain with her until death do us part.

Chalmer worked hard all of his life to take care of and provide for his family, teaching his children to work hard, be honest, and be good to all mankind. He worked hard to provide his children with a good education, because he wanted them to do well in their lives here.

To the family I say, who knows the mind of God, as to why it came Daddy's time to go, but we know that God didn't take him to hurt you, but like the writer said, "It is once appointed unto man to die and after this, the judgment." Solomon wrote, "there is a time for everything, a time to be born and a time to die, a time to laugh and a time to cry." Yes, we cry today at our loss, but I believe that Heaven is rejoicing as God Himself welcomed Chalmer home. He never had his name on a church book here, but as Sister Kathryn said, "He was a praying man, and I don't believe God would take a person who was praying sincerely out of this world until He forgives them." I believe he is resting under the alter of God until that great day when God will bring him back, along with all other saints, to reunite with that perfect body and then we too can put on our robes of white and all of us together, with faces shining as bright as the noonday sun, can all go to Heaven together, to live forever in that holy city with streets of pure gold.

So then I say to the family, if you would be like David, who, when he lost his son, cried out, "I know he can't come back to me, but by the grace of God, I can go where he is." And you can if you want to badly enough.

Chalmer will rest now, for a little while, with his soul in Heaven and his body in the earth, but thank God it's like the song, "There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down."

And to Sister Kathryn, I say, I know your heart is broken because a big part of you is gone, but look up to Jesus and remember, God loved him more than you did.

I'm sorry this is so lengthy, but words just kept coming to my mind as I was writing this. So, finally, to the whole family and to his many, many friends, I say, like David said in his psalms, "Yes we weep now through the night, through the storm, but joy will come in the morning," and I love you all, and keep looking up, for our redemption draweth nigh.

Written by a brother in hope, Dwight D. Amburgey



Goldie Amburgey Madden

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of a saint – and, oh how precious she was to us. Goldie Amburgey Madden was born January 8, 1913 to Hiram and Rhoda Combs Amburgey, who preceded her in death. She was married December 23, 1932 to Ira Couch. His death in 1937 left her with three small children, a son, Hiram, and two daughters, Leon and Polly. In 1941 she married Charles Wesley Madden, and to this union were born two more

daughters, Shelby and Shirley. Once again God called a husband home in February, 1979. Along with her parents and two husbands, she was also preceded in death by a brother, John Shirl Amburgey, a son, Hiram Rabbon Couch, and a daughter, Shelby Madden Staggs.

Survivors left to mourn their loss are three daughters, Leon Couch Cornett of Amburgey, KY, Polly Couch Reese of Pineville, KY, and Shirley Madden Whitson of Houston, Texas; three brothers, Sammy Amburgey of Vicco, KY, Bill Amburgey of Louisville, KY and Dennie Amburgey of Amburgey, KY. Mamaw also leaves behind ten grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and many relatives and friends who loved her dearly.

God truly blessed us with a virtuous woman such as the one listed in Proverbs 31. She had a heart of gold, a smile that could brighten any day, and a sense of humor that taught us the meaning of laughter. But it will be the work of her hands that we shall cherish the most.

They were the most precious hands, and she worked willingly with them. They were small enough to cup a loved one's cheek, yet large enough to harvest the fruits of her vineyard. She was happiest when those hands were giving; and giving of herself was what she did best. Her hands were the first to be stretched forth when her friends and family were in need. Just one touch from her made everything better. Those same hands that reared her family with such love were

continuously at work either quilting, cooking or candy making. In later years, they would be used to praise her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to spread her love for her church family with a simple handshake or a pat on the cheek. And in the early hours of August 8, 1994, during a quiet and peaceful death, the master reached down and grasped those precious hands into His and carried her away to live with Him forever. The Bible says, "Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

We thank God for allowing Mamaw to become the backbone of our family. Our lives will never be the same and we will miss her terribly, but her memory will be kept alive in our hearts forever.

Sabrina Couch Hall, granddaughter

Babe Martin

With a sad heart I will write the obituary of my father. He was born October 10, 1909 and died December 28, 1977 of a sudden illness.

He was the son of the late Silas and Millie Hall Martin. Early in his life he met and married Ebbie Thornsberry. To this union were born fourteen children. Sie Martin and Eugene Martin are both deceased. Surviving children are Delmas Martin, Ruth Smith, Zella Mae Taylor,

Daniel Martin, Claudia Ann Nichols, Fred Martin, Jannette Amburgey, Randolph Martin, Charles Ray Martin, Imogene Honeycutt, Clyde Martin and Phillip Martin. He leaves twenty-four grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren.

Babe was a retired coal miner, and he belonged to the United Mine Workers' Association. He was a good man, a great daddy, and was loved by all. He never joined the church, but said he had made



peace with God. He loved the Old Regular Baptist way, and I feel our loss was Heaven's gain.

Written by his daughter, Jannette M. Amburgey



Hiram Moore

With much sadness and by the help of God, I will try to write the obituary of Brother Hiram Moore. Brother Hiram was born February 9, 1915 and passed this life February 20, 1994, making his stay on earth 79 years and eleven days. Brother Hiram was the son of Can and Polly Moore, who preceded him in death. Brother Hiram leaves to mourn his passing three sons: Gary of Cleveland, OH, Michael and Robert of Mallie, KY; one daughter, Peggy, also of Mallie; eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Delmar Moore of Mallie and John B. of Bucyrus, OH; and one sister, Myrtle Moore of Elkhorn City, KY, as well as a host of relatives and friends.

Early in life Brother Hiram met and was united in marriage to Opal Johnson, and to this union five boys and one girl was born. Brother Hiram was preceded in death by two sons, Delmar Paul, deceased as an infant, and John Moore of Cleveland, Ohio, and his dear companion, Opal Moore.

Brother Hiram was a retired coal miner. He felt that the good Lord had pardoned his sins and in 1972 he joined the Reynolds Fork Church, where he was a hard worker for the Lord, and a faithful member for twenty-two years. Brother Hiram was a pillar in the community and the Reynolds Fork Church. He was an ordained deacon.

When I was a youngster, I spent many a night and ate many a good meal at Brother Hiram's house, cooked by his wife Opal. His

oldest son, Gary, and I grew up together and were real close friends. Brother Hiram loved everyone and he showed his love with a handshake and a smile. It always pleased Brother Hiram when I would call and talk to him, or stop by his home and talk and sing songs and have prayer. For several months Brother Hiram battled the dreaded disease cancer. Just a couple of weeks ago I went to visit him in the hospital at Hazard, and he seemed so strong and jolly. He was released from the hospital and came home for a few days, but was taken back to the hospital because his condition had worsened. I visited him several times, but I don't think he even knew I was there. On February 20, 1994, about 8:30 in the morning, God sent a band of angels and took Brother Hiram home to Gloryland to live and never die any more. You, children, have lost a dear daddy and you, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, have lost papaw. The Reynolds Fork Church has lost a pillar. If Brother Hiram could look back, I'm sure he would tell you, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves. Today is the day of salvation, don't put it off, repent and be born again and meet me and your mom in Heaven some sweet day.

*Death is a Doorway
On the wings of death
the soul takes its flight
into the land where
there is no night.
For those who believe
what the Savior said
will rise in glory
though they be dead.
So death comes to us
just to open the door
to the kingdom of God
and life forever more*

Written by your brother in Christ, Paul Watson



Nancy Moore
(1912 - 1994)

Nancy Combs Moore was born to Jonathon F. and Dora Pratt Combs on October 3, 1912. Nancy was 81 years, ten months and eighteen days old at the time of her death.

She is survived by three sons: Bill Moore, Leburn, KY, John P. Moore, Riverview, MI, and Jack D. Moore, Delphos, OH; and one daughter, Bobbie E. Conley, Lackey, KY. She leaves one

brother, Chester Combs, Newport Ritchie, FL, and two sisters, LeEster Ramey, Mousie, KY and Madge Allen, Mousie, KY. She was blessed with fifteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren. Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Moore, and one daughter, Vivian Coleen Moore Howard

Nancy was an honest, hard-working woman who always kept her home spotless. She loved her family and was always a source of comfort and strength. she relished family gatherings: the games, the food, the children . . . the togetherness.

Nancy's faith in our Lord God gained strength over the years and was her source of courage during her illness for the past several years. The Lord answered her prayers and took her to Heaven on Sunday evening, August 21, 1994 at Highlands Regional Hospital in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Her funeral was held on Wednesday, August 23, 1994 at Rockfork Regular Baptist Church with Harlis Watts, John Preece, I.D. Back and Jerry Manns. Burial followed at the Moore Family Cemetery at Lackey. She will be deeply missed.

We love you Mommy - Nanny!

The family



Ollie Virgie Mullins

With a sad and broken heart, I will try, by the help of God, to write the obituary of my Mommy. Mommy was born on February 1, 1924 and left this world of trouble on October 10, 1993 making her stay here on earth 69 years, eight months and nine days.

She was born into the family of Thomas and Nancy Jane Everage, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were three sisters and three brothers.

Early in life she met and married Albert (Zion) Mullins. To this union were born twelve children. Two sons, Darrell and Mitchell, and one daughter, Nancy Joan, preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her passing five sons: Alger and Morgan of Litt Carr, KY, Vick of Wolfpen, KY, Burl of Hindman, KY and Dean of Pikeville, KY; four daughters, Brenda Slone of Hindman, KY, Charlotte Cable of Redfox, and Linda Hall and Gloria Dials of Pinetop, KY. Mommy had forty-three grandchildren, two of whom preceded her in death, and five great-grandchildren, one of whom preceded her in death. She also had six step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren. A great host of friends and relatives mourn her passing.

Mommy always made sure that her children had something to eat. She did without to give us the best she had. But that was not good enough for Mommy. I feel that Mommy began to worry about her soul, afraid to go to sleep at night, scared of dying and going down to that awful place. But, after much praying and begging, God forgave her. On April 5, 1969 she joined the Happy Home Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized, letting the world know whose side she was on.

Oh, how she loved the Lord, She always loved to go to church; but the time came when she was unable to go. She always had a smile on her face when she talked about the Lord. She gave her children and

grandchildren and everyone who came to see her good counseling. She would talk of a place where there is peace and joy and love. She always would sit and hum an Old Baptist song, and speak of water clear as crystal that Jesus gave her to drink. She was a mommy and a mamaw, and gave her children, by the help of God, many talks about getting ready to live again. Remember that Mamaw loved you all, and the talks we had were from God.

She gave you a little cup, so take that little cup to Jesus and get the living water that she talked about. Please don't lose that little cup that she gave you. Take it to Jesus while you can.

If Mommy could speak to us right now, she would say, "So long for a little while, and when you've been down to the foot of Jesus and had your robe washed white as snow, meet me and Daddy in Heaven where we can live forever in a land where no pain and sorrow can ever touch us."

Written by the family

Laura Patrick

Laura Patrick was born on March 13, 1940 at Ball Creek in Knott County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Russell and Rozella Ritchie Shepherd. She departed this life on October 20, 1993. She was 53 years of age.

She married Burley Patrick on September 25, 1957 and to this union of thirty-six years were born six children, four sons: Charles, Burton, Clark and Keith; and two daughters: Kathy White and Connie Ritchie. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Shane: Josh, Laura and Elizabeth.

She was a member of the New Bethlehem Church at Talcum.

Written by the family



William D. Ratliff

With the help of my savior, I will try and write the obituary of my loving father. Dad left this world and took his eternal flight May 16, 1993, making his stay on earth 82 years and four months.

Dad was born the eldest child of eight children to Charlie and Elizabeth Ratliff, Kings Creek, Kentucky on October 16, 1910.

In 1942, Dad met and married Verna Frazier, on May 18. God blessed this union with six children. One son, William Douglas, preceded Dad in death in 1966. He was also preceded in death by his mother and dad, four brothers, and two sisters. Dad was a good man, devoted husband, and a loving father. He worked hard and provided well for his family. I have a lot of good memories of my dad. He taught us the values of life and always saw to it that we had everything we needed.

In 1961, Dad moved his family to Indiana. He worked as a security guard for a few years.

In 1967 Dad felt the need for his savior. He gave his hand to the Big Creek Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized at Dupont, Indiana.

In 1969 Dad moved the rest of the family to Crystal Springs, Florida. For many years Mom and Dad prayed for a church that they could attend. God saw their need and blessed them with a church. Dad was a deacon and helped form the Star of Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church in Crystal Springs. He knew a lot of good people in the church. He loved to fellowship with his brothers and sisters of the church. He attended it as long as his health permitted. Dad loved to hear them sing to him. Lots of times they would stop by and hold prayer and sing. Dad loved it.

Those left to survive his passing are his wife, Verna; two sons: Phillip Charles, Morristown, TN and James Eddie, Crystal Springs, FL; three daughters: Frances Withered, Aurora, Indiana, Belinda Schalker, Dade City, FL, and Ramona Ames, Crystal Springs, FL; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; one brother, Issac Hiram, Lawrenceburg, IN; one sister, Lois Phipps, Lawrenceburg, IN; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

I believe with all my heart that Dad is in Heaven with Jesus and if he could talk to us one more time this is what he would say, "Children, Heaven is everything God has promised. Repent of your sins and start living for the Lord and come see me in my new home."

Daddy, I'll always love you.

Written by his loving family and wife, Verna

Miss Me - But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road

And the sun has set for me,

I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,

Why cry for a soul set free.

Miss me a little - but not too long,

And not with your head bowed low.

Remember the love that we once shared,

Miss me - but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take,

And each must go alone.

It's all part of the Master's plan

A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart,

Go to the friends we know.

And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,

Miss me - but let me go.



Brenda Carol Reynolds

There's an empty space in our family now that was once filled by our sister. With much sadness we will try to write the obituary of Brenda Reynolds. She was liked and loved by everyone who knew her.

Brenda was born September 4, 1954 into the family of Burnice and Ella Reynolds of Mallie. She was raised and lived all of her life in Knott County.

In the early part of May, 1994, Brenda found out that she had cancer. She said that she was not going to give up. Brenda had a lot of faith and will power. Many prayers went out for her. On July 6, 1994, Brenda became a member of the Reynolds Fork Regular Baptist Church, but was never able to be baptized.

On July 14, 1994, at approximately 2:15 a.m., the Lord called our sister home to be with him. She is survived by her two sons (twins), Justin and Jeremy Reynolds; her parents, Burnice and Ella Reynolds of Mallie; three sisters: Gay Nell Dyer and Barbara Slone, both of Mallie, and Fern Richardson of Mt. Vernon, TX; two brothers, Gene Reynolds of Pinetop and Wayne Reynolds of Mallie. She will be missed by her nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

Sis, we love you and will miss you, but we know that you now have a better home.

Written by the family of Brenda Reynolds



James Nelson Seals

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of a dear friend, brother, and father in the Lord to many people.

Brother Nelson was born into this world June 6, 1908 to Millard and Tonie Seals. He departed this life March 5, 1994 to be with God.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Owen and Samuel; one daughter, Wilma, and his first wife, Lula Strong Seals.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Dallas Slone Seals of Mallie, KY; five sons: Larry and Joseph Seals of Orlando, FL, James N. Seals Jr. of Butler, OH; and Omer Seals of Detroit, MI. He also leaves five daughters: Eunice Amburgey of Litt Carr, KY; Helen Dees of Orlando, FL; Toni Stone of Mansfield, OH; Ophelia Fry of Belleville, OH; and Zeda Witt of Sandy Hook, KY. Also surviving are three brothers: Luther Seals of Mallie, KY; Floyd Seals and Ralph Seals of Litt Carr, KY; and six sisters: Myrtle Craft and Dessie Amburgey of Litt Carr, KY; Grace Amburgey and Katherine Kelley of Mallie, KY; and Joyce Metzger and Mattie Prim of Dayton, OH; one uncle, Clay Seals of Paris Crossing, IN; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Brother Nelson was a hard-working and fair man, loved and respected by many, many friends. He believed a man should earn his living by the sweat of his brow, always making sure his family was well taken care of, and helping his children to get as good an education as possible. He was a retired employee of Fischer Body in Mansfield, OH, and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Early in life Brother Nelson saw the need of a savior. He promised God if He would save him, he would devote the rest of his life to Him, and he kept this promise until the day he died; and always, like Abraham, keeping his eyes on God and looking forward to

Canaan's Land. He was a devoted minister of the Old Regular Baptist Church for sixty-one years and served his beloved church at Reynold's Fork as moderator for over forty years. He was instrumental in establishing several Old Regular Baptist churches in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky. He once told me of a dream that he had dreamed. He said he was being baptized and as he was lowered into the water he saw a host of fish swim toward him. This dream came true as God showed him he was a true fisher of men, and the fish represented people who would come to him to be baptized.

He was the first one of his family to join the Old Regular Baptist Church, being raised in a different faith. But he had the honor of seeing many of his family come to him to be baptized, first his father, then his wife, Lula, His mother, several of his brothers and sisters, and many of his children. Once he and his brethren baptized forty people on one Sunday. Surely this man had let his light shine for the whole world to see.

One of his favorite scriptures was the thirtieth psalm. David wrote, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Brother Nelson saw many hardships in this life, for when his brothers or sisters in the Lord were in pain or trouble, he was in trouble with them, and when they were weeping, he would weep. Now his weeping, his troubles, and all of his suffering is over. I believe he could truly say, like the apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight and have kept the faith and now there is a crown laid up for me and not for me only, but for all who would serve Christ." Now he is resting from his labors and like the writer, Job, whom he preached about several times, when he said, "Hide me away in the grave till thy wrath be past, then appoint me a time and I will wait, then thou shalt call and I will answer thee.: Brother Nelson is now waiting for that brand new body God had promised him that would be free from all pain and suffering and one that would never die. One of his favorite songs was "Walk With Me, Lord," and I believe surely now they are walking together in Heaven.

And so now I say to the many family and friends of Brother Nelson, let us continue to hold our course and keep the faith, ever looking forward to the day when we will be reunited together again in Heaven. Brother Nelson piled up many stones along the way and we would do well to follow them always as he, striving for peace in the church and showing love to the world.

He will be missed by a lot of people, for he was so well loved and respected, not only in his own family, church, and association, but by people in all the associations which he loved so well. I will miss him greatly and already do, because he was a father in the Lord to me. He taught me so many things that I am so grateful for, and I will miss his advice to me when I would be down. His voice is silent now, but his works and his light will live on until the Lord comes again.

Written by a brother in hope, Bro. Dwight Amburgey

Betty Griffie Shepherd and Christopher Columbus Shepherd

As I have become older and have children of my own, I realize just how much parents mean to us. So I will try to write a little about my granny and grandpa.



Betty Griffie Shepherd was born on January 6, 1896 and was a member of the Hurricane Gap Church. I have very fond memories of her. Not once did I ever hear her raise her voice in anger and she always had a smile for me.

Christopher Columbus Shepherd was born June 23, 1892. I never knew my grandpa but if he was anything like my dad, he was a good man. I don't know the date my granny and grandpa were married, but to that union were born one daughter, Francis, who is deceased, and four sons, R.C., who is deceased, Delmar of Cincinnati, Ohio, Little of Madison, Indiana and Less of Morristown, Tennessee.

Grandpa left this world on March 23, 1959 and Granny on April 19, 1975. They are missed but not forgotten. I hope and pray that

someday we will all be together. This is written with lots of love for my dad, Little, my Uncle Delmar and my Uncle Less.

Sister Barbara Wheeler



Bertha Mae Caudill Shepherd

Bertha Mae Caudill Shepherd was born on April 11, 1922 at Eolia, Kentucky. At a very young age her family moved to Spring Branch at Jeremiah, where she lived until she married. She was the daughter of Sarah Hayes Caudill and Hiram Caudill. She had five brothers and seven sisters. Three of the girls died as infants.

When Bertha was a young woman, she met Clayton Shepherd. They were married on March 7, 1944. She spent many anxious nights worrying about Clayton when he was in the Navy during World War II. but the Lord brought him home safely. They had two children; Phillip Lindsey was born in 1946 and Evelyn Carol in 1948.

Bertha suffered much sickness in her life, having many operations and illnesses. but she managed to raise her family and in 1971 her daughter, Carol, married Roland Blair and her son, Phillip, married Karen Sue Adams.

Then on November 28, 1971, one week after he was married, Phillip was killed in an automobile accident. Clayton was injured but recovered. This terrible tragedy nearly destroyed Bertha. Shortly after, Bertha and Clayton felt the need to start attending church. Although their grief was great, they felt this tragedy was bringing them to the Lord. They joined the church and were baptized in April of 1972, taking their membership into Mount Olive Old Regular Baptist Church at Blackey. This was a happy, joyful time for them after they turned to the Lord.

In 1974 Bertha suffered a stroke which left her to spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair. Her daughter, Carol, and her husband built a house next door. Her grandchildren, Dewayne and Valerie, were the highlight of Bertha's life.

On March 7, 1994, Clayton and Bertha celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. A short two months later, on the night of May 12, 1994, the Lord sent His angels to bring Bertha home to live in Glory for eternity. She left this earth peacefully in her sleep with an expression of joy and peace on her face. Although her family is lonely without her, they know she is at rest.

She was buried on May 14, 1994 at the family cemetery on the hill above her house, next to her son, Phillip, and his wife, Karen. Bertha was buried on her granddaughter Valerie's eighteenth birthday. In memory of the grandmother she loved so much, Valerie wrote the following poem.

Written by Carol Shepherd Blair, daughter

Dear Mamaw,

*You meant more to me
Than you'll ever know,
Even though sometimes
My love didn't show.*

*I didn't come visit
As much as I should,
If I could do it over,
I surely would.*

*Your bones were so brittle,
Your body so thin,
If I had one wish,
It would be to hug you again.*

*I really would have liked
To have told you good-bye,
But you flew away with the angels,
And took us all by surprise.*

*You looked so peaceful
Lying there in your bed,
As we tried waking you,
I prayed, "Please don't be dead."*

*I miss you so bad,
Each hour of the day,
Since you left this life
Bound for Heaven in May.*

*I hope you understand
The true power of my love,
As you watch me write this to you,
From Heaven up above.*

*Written by Valerie Blair,
Bertha's granddaughter*

Chloe Stiltner

By the request of Dave and family, I'll try by the Lord's help to write an obituary of Sister Chloe Stiltner. She was born September 9, 1907 and deceased this life October 27, 1987 making her stay here on earth eighty years, one month and eighteen days.

Sister Chloe was married to David C. Stiltner on April 14, 1926 and to this union were born fifteen children, eight boys and



seven girls. One boy and one girl deceased in infancy leaving seven

boys and six girls, to wit: Amos, Ralph, Fred, Hassel and Jack, all of Grundy, VA, and John and Lawrence, both of Dickson, TN; Leon Spahr, Alice Blankenship Yates, Julie Lane and Brenda Crawford, all of Grundy, VA, Rachel Clark of Clauson, MI, and Lucy Dudley of Dickson, TN. She also leaves two stepchildren, Bonnie Stumbo of Phelps, KY and Leonard Stiltner of Willis, VA; two sisters, Mrs. Lyde Duty of Grundy, VA and Mrs. Lurie Sanders of Manasses, VA; one brother, John Slone of Roanoke, Va; thirty-three grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren, and nine step-grandchildren.

Chloe also leaves her husband, David, to mourn his loss. Sister Chloe joined the Bull Creek Old Regular Baptist Church August 9, 1933 and on July 14, 1934, she and Brother Dave were ordained as a set of deacons in the Bull Creek Church. When the church gave off the arm to organize the Bethlehem Church, they came in the arm as a set of deacons in the Bethlehem, where they faithfully exercised their duties as long as they were able.

As far as I know, Sister Chloe was the last surviving sister on whom hands were lain, along with her husband, in the ordination by the presbytery which the Bull Creek Church had called in for examination of qualifications and the imposition of the gifts that the church needed. If I understand right, the only way the gifts that God gives to His children for the benefit of the church is by imposition and laying on of hands of a presbytery. Dave, I know you will greatly miss Sister Chloe. All the church-going people will miss her. Let us say that she fought a great battle in this life and certainly left a bright light hanging high to light the way of religion. Let me say to her large family that when the troubles and trials roll around you so greatly, just look for the shine of that bright light that Mother left for you.

Written by Brother Fred M. Stiltner in 1988

Granny, it has been seven years since you left this old troublesome world for a better home. Sometimes it seems like just yesterday. We still miss you so much. Papa missed you so much, and on July 8, 1994 he left us to join you in that long-awaited rest. The house looks

so lonesome now with you both gone. I know that you would tell us to repent and meet you and Papa again someday in that home without pain, trouble, and sorrow. I will say to you and Papa, sleep on in that peaceful rest until the Lord calls us all home to receive our rewards and to live with Him forevermore.

Written by your granddaughter, Gail

David C. Stiltner



It is with much sadness that I write this obituary of my Papa, David C. Stiltner. He was born on June 29, 1899 and left this old troublesome world on July 8, 1994, making his stay on this earth 95 years and eight days. He was the son of the late Chris and Rachel Stiltner. Papa married Pearly Stiltner on April 14, 1920. Born to this union was one son. Pearly deceased this life on February 22, 1922.

Papa married (Granny) Chloe Slone on April 14, 1926, and born to this union were eight boys and seven girls. He was preceded in death by his wife, Chloe Stiltner; two sons, Harmon and Hassel Stiltner, one daughter, Gaynell Stiltner; four grandsons, three sons-in-law, two brothers, and four sisters. He is survived by seven sons: Amos, Ralph, and Fred Stiltner of Grundy, VA, Jack, Lawrence, and John Stiltner of Dickson, TN, and Leonard Stiltner of Willis, Va; and seven daughters: Leon Spahr, Alice Blankenship, Brenda Crawford, and Julie Lane, all of Grundy, VA, Rachel Clark of Clauson, MI, Lucy Dudley of Dickson, TN, and Bonnie Stump of Phelps, KY. Also surviving are two brothers, Arvil Stiltner of Bryan, OH and Fred Stiltner of Grundy, Va; thirty-six grandchildren, forty-seven great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and ten step-grandchildren.

Papa joined the Bull Creek Regular Baptist Church in October of 1931. Papa and Granny were ordained as deacons on July 1934, and they came as deacons in the arm of the Bethlehem Regular Baptist Church when it was established on July 20, 1935. Papa also served as the clerk and the treasurer, as well as being one of the trustees of the church. He gave the office of treasurer to Brother Ezra Stiltner when he came into the Bethlehem Church. Papa served as the clerk until 1990.

Papa loved his church, and he was happy when the Bethlehem Church made the decision to withdraw from the Union Association and go into the Indian Bottom Association. Although he passed away before this took place, I know he would be happy to know that they welcomed us with hearts full of love. He loved the Lord with all his heart, mind, soul, and strength. He loved his brothers and sisters in Christ and loved to visit with them. He loved his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren, and he had a special love for each one of them. He loved to talk with us on the Bible and he would say, "I wish I could remember the scriptures like I use to." I only wish I could remember them half as much as he did. When Papa got too sick to attend church, he cherished the meetings that Brother Paul McClanahan, Brother Harvey Creech, and Brother James McClanahan would have for him in his home. Every Wednesday the brothers and sisters of the Bethlehem Church would meet to talk with him about the Bible, and he looked forward to these more than any of you will ever know. Even when he was too sick to sit in on the discussions, he would always tell us to go ahead with them and he would lay in his bed and listen to the singing.

When we asked Papa something about the Bible, he would tell us the book, chapter and usually the verse to find our answer. He would always say, "You read this when you get home." I know the brothers and sisters will miss him at the meetings because we have lost a wonderful teacher, friend, and advisor.

Papa will be missed by everyone in the community, but I am sure our loss is Heaven's gain. I can remember what Sister Lexie said to me the morning I called to tell her Papa was gone. She said: "Gail, just think how the angels must have rejoiced in Heaven this morning." Papa, you will be missed by all of us, but now you and Granny are resting together. I know if you could tell us anything, it would be for us to repent and serve the Lord as you two did, so we can be together again in a better home where there is no pain, trouble or sorrow. Rest on, and I hope we will meet again in Heaven someday.

Written by your granddaughter, Gail

Elmer Sturgill



A pleasant smile, a Godly conversation, a helping hand and a love for his neighbors and family – the signs of a good man and a good neighbor. Elmer was loved and respected by those who lived around him. He touched our lives as the warm sunshine of spring touches the barren hills of winter.

Elmer was born on April 15, 1921 to Orbin Sturgill and Mazy Smith Sturgill, and died on October 1, 1993. Elmer married Annis Caudill Sturgill, who preceded him in death on May 24, 1977. To this union was born one son, Terry, who also preceded him in death. Elmer was also preceded in death by two brothers, Oscar and Dewey Sturgill, and two sisters, Gustava Farmer and Stella Hampton. He is survived by two brothers, Hobart and Jonas Sturgill; three sisters: Eva Jayne, Nellie Price and Anna Lee Witkouski, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Elmer lived alone during the last years of his life, but his nieces and nephews visited, loved, and cared for him. While able to walk

down the hollow, he would stop and talk to everyone that was along his way. He always talked of his love for his deceased wife, as tears filled his eyes, and how he had learned to lean on the Lord for comfort and hope. His wife, Annis, belonged to the Doty church, and he often spoke of the times they had gone to church together. Elmer did not join any church, but he spoke many times of his "hope that had been given to him by the Lord. During the last few days of his life, Elmer said, as his eyes overran with tears, and he looked into Heaven, "I wish He would come and take me right now to that beautiful city where there is peace and comfort. I have wore out this old body and I am ready for another." His life, his strong expression of hope, and his longing for Jesus to come during the last hours of his life gives great comfort to those who loved him. It was evident that he had placed his life and faith into the hands of the God who had promised, "I will never leave nor forsake you, but I will be with you even unto the end of the world." On that fall day when his name was called by the Master and he answered, his nieces, nephews and loved ones were left alone among the fading, dying hills that he had loved so much. But his lonely journey was over in this world because, we believe, he had joined that heavenly host for a well-earned rest throughout eternity.

Written for a friend, neighbor, and
brother in hope by Elder Don Pratt



Audrey Mae Mullins Terry

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of my beloved mother, Audrey Mae Mullins Terry. Audrey Mae was born to Leander and Allie Gibson Mullins on August 25, 1926 and died October 16, 1993 making her stay on earth 67 years, one month and twenty-one days. During her childhood Mom learned some very important things. She learned that family was very important and that their love and support can see you through even the darkest hours of your life. During her illness Mom's brother and sister, Roy and Ruby, loved, cared, and walked with her during the last days of her life as they had done as young children in eastern Kentucky.

Mom also learned that hard work built character. She was always willing and loved helping others when they needed it. Many was the time I would see Mom carrying food to neighbors in need or sitting up at the hospital with those who were sick. Mom loved to do for others, yet never really wanted anyone to make a fuss over her.

In 1946 Audrey Mae met and married Lauza Terry of Hindman and to this union were born four children, one of whom preceded them in death. They also had three grandchildren. Mom and Dad loved each other very much and worked very hard to provide their family with a comfortable life. Mom was a teacher for many years and made a difference in the lives of many of Kentucky's children. In May of 1988, the Lord called Dad home to live eternally with him, and Mom was left with a broken heart and a strong determination to meet him again, and now she has.

For three years Mom fought bravely against cancer, finally succumbing to death on October 16, 1993. Until the very end she tried

to carry on and care for herself and her family, even though she was in pain and greatly suffering.

Many of my friends have asked me about my mom, and I have to say that above all else Mom loved her God and her blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, more than anything or anyone else. She tried to live for Him daily and tried to lead her children to Him. Mom accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal savior and she joined Little Dove Regular Baptist Church and followed in baptism.

My brothers and I, as well as her brother and sister, still feel a void and a longing just to talk with her or see her just one more time. Even though I miss her greatly, I know that she is resting with Dad in the loving, healing arms of Jesus.

I rest secure in the knowledge that Mom is in Heaven and I too am determined to meet her again someday.

Written by her daughter, Lisa Terry Stepp



Ena Lorraine Toler

Lorraine Toler was born in Estill County, Kentucky on March 20, 1920. Her parents were Wilgus and Pauline (Strong) McIntosh. She passed away on May 17, 1994. She was with us seventy-four years.

She married David L. Toler on May 24, 1948 and from this union were born three daughters: Pauline Francis, Margaret Francis, and Phyllis Smith.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Wilgus McIntosh.

She is survived by three daughters: Pauline Francis, Margaret Francis, and Phyllis Smith, all of South Lebanon, OH; her former husband, David Toler, of South Lebanon, OH; three sisters, Genny Tucker of Colorado, Margaret Wolfenbarger and Ann Blackwell,

both of Irvine, KY; eight grandchildren (seven girls and one boy) and five great-grandchildren.

Lorraine had lived in the South Lebanon area for more than forty years. She retired after thirty-six years as a school teacher and most of this time was at Kings Local District. She was a strong advocate for education and higher learning. She spent much of her time writing poetry. A lot of her poems have been saved by her family.

She regularly attended the Northern New Home Church until her illness hindered her from going. She enjoyed having the church members visit her.

Lorraine will be missed by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, as well as her many friends and fellow workers she has known for these many years.

After a lengthy illness and much suffering, God has called her home. I am sure she is satisfied and would not change places with any of us. I feel her message would be for her family to keep the faith and raise the banner of Jesus for all to see.

Please don't sing sad songs for me

Forget your grief and fears,

For I am in a perfect place

Away from pain and tears.

I'm far away from hurt, hunger, want and pride

I have a place in Heaven with the Master at my side.

My life on earth was very good, as earthly life can go,

But Paradise is so much more than anyone can know.

My heart is filled with happiness, and sweet rejoicing too.

To walk with God is perfect peace, a joy forever new.

Written for the family

by Brother E. Robert Miller

Crofus and Elva Hall Watson



It is with much sadness and with the help of the good Lord, I will try to write the obituaries of my dear father and mother. Crofus was born on May 24, 1912 to Leck and Julia Owens Watson. He left this world of trouble on October 20, 1991. He has two sisters: Louranie Hall of Dema, KY and Estie Terry of Bulan, KY; one brother, Lovel Watson of Nicholasville, KY.

Elva Hall Watson was born on January 12, 1924 to Johnnie and Wonnies Hall, and left this world of heartaches on December 31, 1992. She has two sisters: Noe Slone of Fletcher, OH and Florence Dixon of Mousie, KY; and two brothers, Homer Hall of Dayton, OH and Herald Hall of Lackey, KY.

Mom and Dad were married on December 22, 1938. Together they had five sons: Rex of Hicksville, OH, Roy of Auburn, IN, Coy of Ft. Wayne, IN, Cliff of Downey, CA, and Johnny Ray of Hollybush, KY; and six daughters: Mary Lois Jacobs of Pippa Passes, KY, Alean Marshall of Auburn, IN, Nevalie Dias of Waterloo, IN, Wanda Pirani of Indianapolis, IN, Judy Conley of Mousie, KY, Janice Lee Collins of Pippa Passes, KY. Two daughters preceded them in death. Brenda Lou Gayheart died in July of 1986, and Joyce died in infancy. One son, L.J., also died in infancy. They also leave twenty grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mom and Dad worked so hard to raise us children. Daddy believed, "you make your living by the sweat of your brow." They both were God-fearing, always lending a hand to family, neighbors and friends. They taught us to work hard and be honest. I can still hear Daddy saying, "If you can't say something good about someone,

don't say nothing at all." He believed it and he lived it. I can still see him, with just an eighth grade education, get the Holy Bible out and read. Yes, I believe my daddy lived it, the best he knew how. After they both passed away, some of us began to read it. Even through his eight years of failing health, he never once complained. As Brother Paul Watson used to sing to Daddy, "I'm not afraid to close my eyes and die." Daddy was carried by a band of angels that night, and I could tell he was not afraid.

Mommy had asthma most of her life, but it never stopped her from the labors of this life and I often wondered where and how she found the strength to do what she did for each of us children. She never had much in this world, but by the grace of God, she owns a mansion now. I found out that only God can love you more than a dear, old-time mother.

Neither Mom nor Dad had their name on a church book, but we can still rejoice as their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life – where it must be written. As Jesus said to the thief on the cross, "This day, you shall be with me in Paradise." I believe they are resting under the altar of God, waiting for a glorious body to live in that paradise for eternity.

In closing, I would just like to add that if all the family would believe like Mommy and Daddy did, then the circle would not be broken – that is my prayer.

With precious memories, written for the family,
your daughter and sister, Judy Conley

Reed Ellis Watts



Reed Ellis Watts, age 61, died Saturday, March 13, 1993 at his home on Dutchman Creek Road, following an illness.

He was native of Letcher County, a retired school teacher from the Spencer County School System, a retired employee of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, an Air Force veteran of the Korean Conflict and a member of the First Baptist Church of Taylorsville.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Watts; three sons, Kyle Watts of Montgomery, Alabama, Kevin Watts of Danville, KY, and Kerry Watts of Greenville, IN; his father, Kirt Watts of Taylorsville; one brother, Squire Watts of Red Fox, KY; four sisters, Esther Dixon of Taylorsville; Gladys Moss, Louisville; Geraldine Dixon, Mt. Washington; Desta Caudill of Reelsville, IN; four grandchildren, Michael, Kasie, Kirt and Kristin Watts.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 16 at Valley Cemetery Chapel by Rev. Bob Sutton, with interment in Valley Cemetery. Greenwell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Building Fund of the First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, or Hospice of Louisville.

Bless You – Times Three

Bless you for always working hard

At being a friend and avoiding strife;

For teaching your children the things they need,

To live a good and useful life.

Bless you for giving of yourself

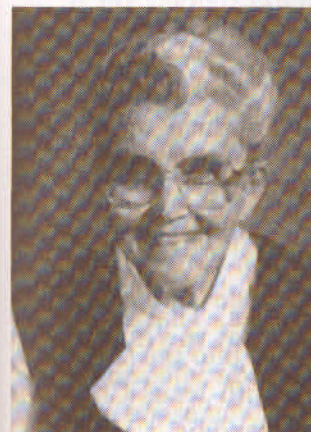
That others' kids might know the way

*To plan and work and build and save,
And live a useful life – each day!*

*Bless you, though – most of all,
For following Jesus, and standing tall!
For showing others how life should be
In preparing the soul for eternity!*

Dedicated to Reed Watts, and the other fine men like him!

-- Joseph R. McCoy



Alice Feltner Williams

Alice Feltner Williams was born January 29, 1910 at Harburbury, Kentucky, the first of nine children to Martin Feltner and Rhoda Stacy Feltner.

Alice was united in marriage to Clarence Williams on January 12, 1933. Four children were born of this union: Clarence Jr., Bonnie Jean, Elmer and Delmer. Clarence and Alice were blessed to share fifty-five years together before his passing in 1988.

Alice gave her life to Christ August 7, 1966 and was baptized into membership of the Clear Fork Church, where she served her Lord until her death February 7, 1994.

Alice was a beloved sister, mother and grandmother. She always had a ready smile, good advice, a word of testimony, and a sparkle in her eye for life. She was an inspiration to her children and eight grandchildren. She will be missed by her family, friends, and neighbors, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Brenda Williams, daughter-in-law

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.
3. We believe the doctrine of original sin, and that man sinned since the fall, and that men 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.
9. 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

1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. The moderator and assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk, shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one member shall speak at a time, and shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to speak.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the moderator until he is done.
5. 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.

6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the same.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject without permission from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty to laugh during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in time of public speech.
9. No member shall address another in any other form or term 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 Association 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:

1. The Association shall be called the Indian Bottom Association.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.
6. The Association shall have a moderator and assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk, and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
7. 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.
8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.
9. 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.
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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- Mount Zion Nelson Craft
HC 60, Box 1275, Hindman, KY 41822 PH: 785-3735
- Friendship Emil Eldridge
140 Bobbie Dr., Bronston, KY 42518 PH: NL
- Little Bethlehem Don Pratt
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- Little Bethany James Slone
HC 87, Box 420, Means, KY 40346 PH: 498-8682
- Garden of Love Michael Everage
319 Huffman St., St. Mary's OH 45885 PH: NL
- Rock Fork Arlie Jackson
P.O. Box 12, Garrett, KY 41630 PH: NL
- Summertown..... Randy Combs
PO Box 512, Carrie, KY 41725 PH: 785-3074
- Emmanuel Joey Justice
P.O. Box 208, Dorton, KY 41520 PH: 639-2046
- Hemphill A.V. Adams
P.O. Box 204, East Stone Gap, VA 24246 PH: (703) 523-5317
- Bethlehem Larry Stiltner
RR 1, Box 626, Pounding Mill, VA 24637 PH (703) 988-9264

- Bethany Fred Ross
1924 Beech St., Kenova, WV 25530 PH: (304) 453-3657

Church Addresses

Church	Address
Cedar Grove.....	off Hwy. 7, on Hwy. 1103, Hallie, KY
New Home.....	Hwy. 550, Leburn, KY
Defeated Creek	off Hwy. 1103 about one mile, Defeated Creek
Reynolds Fork.....	on Hwy. 1393, Mallie, KY
Little Bull Creek	Carcassonne, Blackey, KY
Ivy Point	on Hwy. 550, Garner, KY
Little Dove	on Little Dove Rd., off Hwy. 15, Sassafras, KY
Tolson Creek.....	Hwy. 588, Roxanna, KY
Dixon Memorial	on Hwy. 7, Jeremiah, KY
Big Creek	off Hwy. 7, Dupont, IN
Happy Home.....	Amburgey, KY
New Bethlehem .	off Hwy. New 80, one mile marker, Talcum, KY
Clear Fork	RR2, Hazard, KY, on Hwy. 1088, Lotts Creek
Northern New Home	Stumpy Lane, Goshen, OH
Blair Branch	on Hwy. 7, Jeremiah, KY
Mt. Olivet.....	on Hwy. 588, Blackey, KY
Little Zion	on Hwy. 7 & 15, Jeff, KY
Hurricane Gap.....	on Hwy. 160, Gordon, KY
Kingdom Come.....	off Hwy. 160 on 588 (River Road)
Poor Fork	Cumberland, KY
Big Cowan	on Hwy. 931S
Little Mary off Rt. 32 on Rt. 1895, 8 miles North of Morehead, KY	
Mount Zion	off Hwy. 160 up Perkins Branch, Hindman, KY
Friendship Hwy. 27, North from Somerset, then Ike Singleton Rd.	
Little Bethlehem	on Hwy. 160 Brinkley, KY
Little Bethany	off Hwy. 11 on Sawmill Rd., Jeffersonville, KY
Garden of Love	Jay Street, St. Mary's, OH
Rock Fork	Hwy. 80 at the Knott/Floyd Co. Line
Summertown.....	Off 1088 on Big Fork Rd., 1 mile up Big Fork
Emmanuel	from Haysi, Va., 6 mi. on U.S. 83 East toward
	Grundy, Va., turn right on Rt. 604, approx 1 1/2 mi. on rt.

Hemphill	from Whitesburg take Rt. 15 S, turn left on Rt. 805 to old Rt. 15, turn right and go to Neon Junction, turn left and go through Neon, after about 2 mi. the road divides, the church in on the hill at the right
Bethlehem	at Elkhorn City turn left on Rt. 80, approx. 5 mi., turn right on Rt. 460, approx. 2 mi. turn right on Rt. 610
Bethany	take Rt. 80 to Rt. 23 to Catlettsburg, take Exit 1 off Rt. 23 to Kenova and turn left, at the second red light turn right church is approximately 1/4 mile on the left

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 Christian 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:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Alternates

4. _____
5. _____
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:

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 travailing spirit among us.

Done and signed by order of the church.

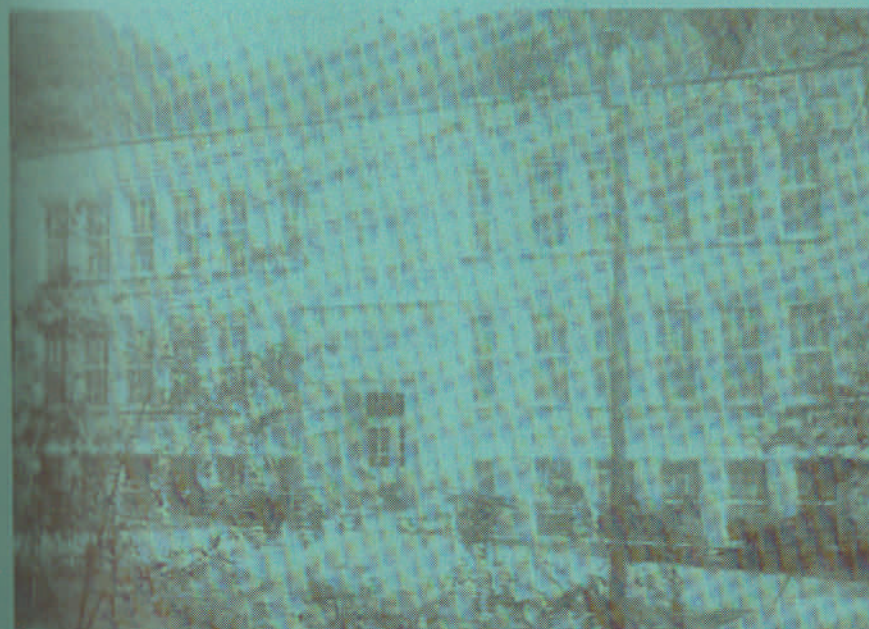
Elder _____ Moderator
Brother _____ Clerk

(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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 #1.
3. From Whitesburg, Kentucky, follow KY 15 West to Sassafras – about 20 miles; follow signs as in direction #1.
4. Accommodations for campers will be provided for and available on the building parking lot.