

Minutes of the  
One Hundred and First 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 6, 7, & 8, 1996

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Cedar Grove and Emmanuel Churches

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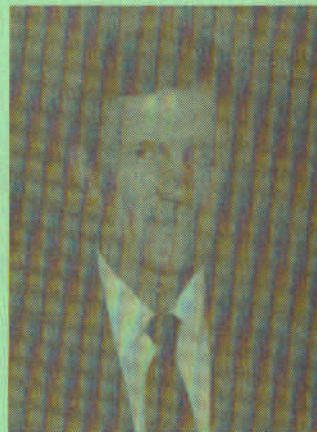


## A TRIBUTE TO OUR DECEASED MINISTERS

### Indian Bottom Association Officers



**Elder Elwood Cornett**  
Moderator



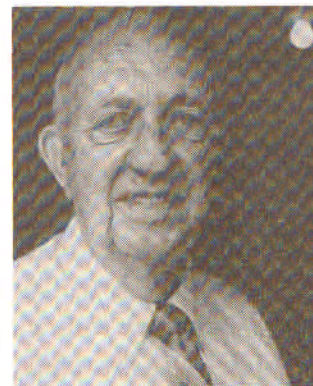
**Elder Jim Fields**  
Asst. Moderator



**Bro. Glenn Hampton**  
Clerk



**Elder Donald Pratt**  
Asst. Clerk



**Elder Carson Cornett**



**Elder Lloyd Eldridge**

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

The voices of Elder Carson Cornett and Elder Lloyd Eldridge 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.



**MINUTES OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST  
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INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION OF  
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES  
OF JESUS CHRIST**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1996 AND  
THE TWO FOLLOWING DAYS**

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our Association Building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, September 6, 1996 and the two following days. Being hosted by the Cedar Grove Church and Emmanuel Church, the Association met in the Congregational Department of the Association Building for preaching services. After lifting our voices in hymns of praises to our Lord, Elder Clark Hays introduced the service and led in prayer. After the introduction and prayer had been rendered, Elder Jim Fields came to the pulpit and preached a soul-inspiring sermon, amid shouts of joy.

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 Harvey Creech to come to the pulpit. Elder Creech made some humble, inspiring remarks and Elder Paul McClanahan 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, Emory Caudill, and Earl Mosley. Then he called for the letters of our several churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association.

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

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

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

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

The following were appointed to count the votes:  
Bros. Mike Halcomb, Bob Banks, and Charles Craft

3. The Moderator called for newly constituted churches desiring to take up fellowship with us. A letter was read from the Little David 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. None responded.
5. By a move and second, with no objection, the Rules of Decorum were read and the reading of the Articles of Faith and the Constitution were omitted. All were directed to be printed in the minutes.
6. The moderator called for corresponding associations of our same faith and order who desired to correspond with us. None responded.
7. The moderator appointed a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation from the Cedar Grove Church to arrange the preaching services for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.
8. The moderator called for transient members and ministers and the following Brothers responded: John Reedy,



Paul McClanahan, Charles Craft, and Euell Ratliff.

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 Cedar Grove Church should have only one delegate, together with the association moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk. A move and second, with no objection, was made to meet Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. to arrange the business for Saturday.
11. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services:

Friday afternoon: Chester Gibson and Frank Newsome

Saturday morning: Benny Slone, Junior Ruggles,  
Milburn Slone, Harvey Creech.

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

The Committee on Arrangements met at 1:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon in the Congregational Department of the Association Building. After singing, Elder Chester Gibson introduced the session and led in prayer. Elder Frank Newsome then preached a soul-warming sermon, after which the committee arranged the work for Saturday.

### **SATURDAY MORNING**

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After lifting our voices in songs of praises to our Lord and Master, Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, welcomed everyone and called upon Elder Carl Back to introduce the session. Elder Back gave some good counsel and then humbly led us

in prayer.

1. The clerk called the roll and marked the absentees. Elder Cornett, our Moderator, then made the following remarks to the delegates of the Association:

"In the beginning the world was in darkness, but darkness had to flee because God is the light of the world. Men sought to put out the light of the world by crucifying Jesus and placing Him in a tomb, but early in the morning, He came out of the tomb, still shining. He returned to the Father yet He left us to be the light of the world. We cannot be involved in the world and let our light shine. We must seek to keep our "globes" clean so that our light will shine to our sons, daughters, neighbors, and friends. It is a disservice to God to let our "globes" become dirty.

I also wish to talk to the preachers about some sensitive issues. How do we, as ministers of God, relate to our young folks? Do we take the time to talk with them about the important things of life? Do they consider us as one of their best friends? Our future is the young folks that are in our lives. Do we let our lights shine in the lives of these young folks or are we driving them away?

Next, I ask, are the sheep and lambs being fed by our preaching? If not, we should sit down. A sermon has a beginning, a message, and an end. Sometimes we preach a good sermon and then ruin it by continuing to talk after the sermon is ended. I am thankful for our brothers who preach a sermon and then sit down, showing respect for others. The Bible says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." If we study and do our part, God will surely do His part. Let us study, pray, and meditate and let God use us, doing everything we can do to make God's message, through us, the best possible.



In our efforts to live together, we must respect each other. When receiving new members by recommendation we can take only from the associations listed in our minutes.

We need to show love and respect for one another at all times."

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.
4. The Committee on Finance reported a sum of \$6205.00 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; according to the amount of money collected and the cost per minute, he is to decide how many copies to have printed.
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 Brother Harvey Creech, 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:  
Elder Elwood Cornett, Elder Paul McClanahan,  
Elder Ivan Amburgey, and Elder Jimmy Hall.

B. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Roger

Gibson to preach the Introductory Sermon for the 1997 session and Elder Ellis Adams to be his alternate.

C. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Jimmy Hall 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 and 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 (9/2/95)..... \$3,715.54

Collections:

Church Contributions ..... \$6,512.00

Pictures..... \$480.00

Interest..... \$187.69

Total in treasury..... \$10,895.23

Expenses:

Printing 3,400 Minutes..... \$6800.00

Safety deposit box..... \$50.00

Typing Permanent Record..... \$25.00

Total expenses..... \$6,875.00

Balance in treasury (9/7/96)..... \$4,020.23

11. The report of the treasurer of the trustees 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 in treasury (9/2/95)..... \$11,522.67



## Collections:

Church contributions.....	\$10,026.00
Sunday services .....	\$1,361.00
Donations .....	\$670.00
Concession stand. ....	\$205.00
Odd-Sunday Dinners .....	\$2,230.00
Bank Loan for Heat Pumps .....	\$20,000.00
Total in treasury .....	\$46,014.67

## Expenses:

Heat Pumps and installation .....	\$26,800.00
Payments and loan interest .....	\$9,773.42
Insurance .....	\$771.00
Kitchen .....	\$1811.53
Supplies .....	\$671.23
Utilities .....	\$1,016.00
Labor .....	\$633.50
Total expenses .....	\$41,476.68

Balance in treasury ..... \$4,537.99

A move and second, with no objection, was made to replace Brother Ross Hill with Brother Mickey Amburgey as a trustee of the Indian Bottom Association building.

12. The report from the Committee on Council was given.

No official meeting was called but the Committee had met informally for a discussion with a committee from the Thornton Union Association.

The moderator appointed Alonzo Mosley, Emory Caudill, Elmer Caudill, Carl Slone, Jerry Day, H. B. Reedy, Jr. and John Preece to serve as the Committee on Council for the next year.

13. The request from the Cedar Grove Church to change their union meeting time from the month of May to the month of June and their memorial meeting time from

the month of June to the month of May was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.

14. The request from the Little Dove Church to host the 1997 session of the Indian Bottom Association was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
15. The requests from the Summertown Church, the Happy Home Church and the Reynolds Fork Church to cohost the 1997 session of the Indian Bottom Association were granted by a move and second, with no objection. (These churches will help the Little Dove Church)
16. The request from the New Bethlehem Church to remove Elder Chillistine Gibson's name from the list of ordained ministers was read. The request was granted by a move and second, with no objection.
17. The church letter and organizational work of the Little David Church were read. By a move and second, with no objection, the church was received into full fellowship of the Indian Bottom Association, and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.
18. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a Resolution of Appreciation to the Cedar Grove and Emmanuel Churches for hosting the 1996 session of the Indian Bottom Association.
19. There was a move and second, with no objection, to have services at the Association Building on the following odd Sundays: December 1, March 30, June 1, and August 31.
20. By a move and second, with no objection, we omitted the reading of the minutes.
21. By a move and second, with no objection, we adjourned until the 1997 session of the Indian Bottom Association convenes on September 5, 1997. In closing, Elder Frank Newsome led us in a heart-felt prayer of thanksgiving.



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1996**

On the ending day of the 1996 Association meeting, a great crowd gathered at our Association Building. After greeting each other with love, hugs, and handshakes, we lifted our voices in the wondrous hymns of Zion. Our Moderator, Elder Elwood Cornett humbly welcomed everyone and expressed his thankfulness for the blessings of the Lord. Elder Jimmy Hall introduced the service and Elder H.B. Reedy, Jr. led in prayer. They were followed by Elder Paul McClanahan who was blessed to preach on the goodness of the Lord. Elder Ivan Amburgey then caused our hearts to tremble with joy as he was inspired to tell of the faith of David as he conquered the giant with God's help. Elder Elwood Cornett came forth and was blessed to preach upon the need that we have for each other and how God can "make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace." Amid shouts of joy and much rejoicing, he brought the one-hundred and first annual session of the Indian Bottom Association to a close. The church door was announced open for the receiving of members by experience and baptism. None responded and Elder Alonzo Mosley humbly led us to the throne of grace in a closing prayer.

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

*We, the Indian Bottom Association, would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Cedar Grove and Emmanuel Churches for their outstanding efforts in hosting this, the one hundred and first session of our beloved Association. Your love and appreciation for our people was very evident as you humbly served and performed the duties of hosting each day. For the tasks which you performed with love, smiles, handshakes, and hugs, you have our utmost respect and reverence. May God bless you with an abundance of His blessings for helping to make this year's Association a success.*

**CIRCULAR LETTER**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I heard that you had chosen me to write the circular letter, my first thoughts were, "Who am I, and what could I say to such a beautiful people?"

The first thing I want to say is that I thank God for saving me from that lake of fire. I want to thank you all for the love and support you have given me since I joined the Poor Fork Church and the Indian Bottom Association. Your banner of love has covered me. As little Ruth said, "I want to live where you live and I want to die where you die and most of all I want your God to be my God."

We must continue to love one another, overlooking one another's faults. We need to pray for those who spitefully use us and live in a way that others may look upon us and see our good works and glorify our Father. We must rely on God's Bible for our teachings and stand on His Word, praying for wisdom and understanding. Too often men rely on their own understanding instead of what God says.

I thank God for the leaders He has given the Indian Bottom Association. They have been persecuted by others yet they have enough love in their hearts to fervently pray for them. I know we are not a perfect Association and I also know that on this earth we cannot be. The Bible tells us that we have passed from death unto life if we love the brethren. When I was a child, I was taught the Golden Rule, do unto others as you wish to be done by. I don't hear that much anymore. I often wonder, where are our children and why are they not Old Regular Baptists?

Is it because we have been mean spirited, too self righteous, too opinionated, too strong, too weak, too overbearing, or we have failed to reason one with another? Jesus said, "By my loving kindness have I drawn thee." The loving kind-



ness of the Indian Bottom Association sure did draw me and has kept me. When the sons of God went in to meet God, Satan went in also. God asked Satan what he had been doing. Satan said that he had been going to and fro seeking whom he may devour. I believe he is still doing that today. We must keep our eyes on the enemy, which is Satan. Remember that he is a liar and the father of it. The only way I have found to handle Satan is to call on my Elder Brother, Jesus. Satan is a strong man, but Jesus can bind him and spoil his goods. Jesus said that if we would pray, Satan would flee from us. We must not let Satan put thoughts in our minds that would cause our love, one for another, to wax cold. Remember, love is stronger than death. Jealousy is crueler than the grave.

Each one of us must guard against jealousy. It has broken many homes, split many churches, and separated many associations. Jesus said that the first thing we must do is deny ourselves and pick up our cross and follow Him. Jesus also said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, I am the Good Shepherd. I am the Bright and Morning Star." Surely each one of us today can say that He is our all in all. Let us remember, if Jesus is for us, who can be against us?

Your Brother in Christ,  
Elder Harvey Creech

## UNION, COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

### MARCH

#### LITTLE ZION:

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March.

Ministers called: I.D. Back, Elwood Cornett, Harvey Creech, Frank Newsome, Toby Breeding, Mickey Amburgey

Communion: Second Sunday in June.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Curl Dixon, Don Fields, Howard Owens, Ross Wright

#### SUMMERTOWN:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March

Ministers called: Chester Gibson, Don Pratt, Harvey Creech, Toby Breeding, Robert Combs

Communion: Second Sunday in September

Memorial Meeting: Second Sunday in May

Ministers called: Odus Ritchie, James Caudill, Nelson Craft, Mickey Amburgey

### APRIL

#### DEFEATED CREEK:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Charles Shepherd, Bert Fields, H.B. Reedy, Jr., John Preece, Roy Slone

Communion: Second Sunday in August

Memorial: Second Sunday in July

Ministers called: Don Halcomb, Ellis Adams, Roger



Fields, Emory Caudill, Elwood Cornett

### **MOUNT ZION:**

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April.  
 Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Willie V. Slone, Odus  
 Ritchie, Clark Hays, Charles Craft  
 Communion: Second Sunday in May.  
 Memorial: Second Sunday in June.  
 Ministers called: Bill Moore, Gary Mosley, Earl Mosley,  
 Donald Collins

### **BLAIR BRANCH:**

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in April.  
 Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Ivan Amburgey, I.D.  
 Back, Jim Fields, Toby Breeding, Alonzo Mosley  
 Communion: Third Sunday in July.  
 Memorial: Third Sunday in June.  
 Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Ellis Adams, Roy Slone,  
 Don Pratt, I.D. Back, Squire Watts

### **ROCK FORK:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April  
 Ministers called: Jim Fields, Charles Shepherd, Assistant  
 Moderator, Moderator  
 Communion: Fourth Sunday in July  
 Memorial: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in October  
 Ministers called: Junior Ruggles, Assistant Moderator,  
 Moderator  
 Memorial at Bolyn Cemetery: May 25, 1997 at 4:00 p.m.  
 Ministers called: Earl Slone, Jerry Manns, Don Pratt

### **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, Elwood Cornett, H.B.  
 Reedy, Jr., Billy Mosley, Jim Fields, Alonzo  
 Mosley, Charles Shepherd, Ellis Adams, Curl  
 Dixon, Squire Watts, James Caudill, Don Pratt,  
 Frank Newsome, Junior Ruggles, Coburn Ison,  
 Clifford Hughes, Emory Caudill, Jimmy Hall, Tim  
 Smith

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.  
 Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June.

### **LITTLE BETHLEHEM:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.  
 Ministers called: Harvey Creech, James Caudill, John  
 Preece, Bordis Slone, Jerry Manns  
 Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.  
 Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.  
 Ministers called: Don Pratt, Ivan Amburgey, Bobby  
 Amburgey, H.B. Reedy, Sr., H.B. Reedy, Jr., Mickey  
 Amburgey

## **MAY**

### **POOR FORK:**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.  
 Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Danny Dixon, Ellis  
 Adams, James McClanahan  
 Communion: First Sunday in July.  
 Memorial: First Sunday in August.  
 Ministers called: Squire Watts, Roger Gibson, Jim Fields,  
 Don Halcomb  
 Memorial at Maggard Old Regular Baptist Church,



**Partridge, KY:**

First Sunday in June, 1997 at 2:00

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Charles Shepherd, Harvey Creech, Elwood Cornett and others

**MOUNT OLIVET:**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Randy Combs, Don Pratt, Frank

Newsome, Paul McClanahan, I.D. Back

Communion: First Sunday in August.

Memorial: First Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon and home ministers

**HEMPHILL:**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May

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

Preece, Ellis Adams, Jerry Manns

Communion: First Sunday in June

Memorial: First Saturday and Sunday in July

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Paul Watson, Jim Fields,

Ivan Amburgey, Roy Slone

Milford Hall Memorial: First Sunday in October, 1997

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Ivan Amburgey, Squire

Watts, Elwood Cornett, Spurl Mullins, Jimmy Hall

**BETHANY:**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Nelson Craft, L.D. Mosley, Marvis

Short

Communion: First Sunday in June

Memorial: First Sunday in October

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Howard Owens

**LITTLE DOVE:**

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Don Halcomb, Bill

Halcomb, Toby Breeding, Ellis Adams

Communion: Second Sunday in July

Memorial: Second Sunday in June

Ministers called: Don Pratt, H.B.Reedy, Jr., I.D. Back, and home ministers

**EMMANUEL:**

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Barry Tiller, Jim Fields, Paul Watson,

Lonnie Sexton

Communion: Second Sunday in June

Memorial: Second Saturday and Sunday in July

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Alonzo Mosley, James Slone, Squire Watts

**REYNOLDS FORK:**

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: James McClanahan, Harvey Creech,

Squire Watts, Jerry Manns, Danny Dixon, Jim Fields,

Roy Slone

Communion: Third Sunday in June.

Memorial: Third Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Frank Newsome, John Preece, Barry

Tiller, Elwood Cornett, Chester Gibson, Bill

Halcomb, Nelson Craft

**LITTLE BULL CREEK:**

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Benny Slone, Squire Watts, Danny

Dixon, Elwood Cornett, Wayne Caudill, James

Caudill

Communion: Third Sunday in August.



Melton Cemetery Memorial: Second Sunday in June  
 Deceased Members Memorial: Third Sunday in June  
 Jent Cemetery Memorial: Third Sunday in July  
 Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

**GARDEN OF LOVE:**

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.  
 Ministers called: L.D. Mosley, Nelson Craft, Barry Tiller  
 Communion: Third Sunday in June.  
 Memorial: Third Sunday in September  
 Ministers called: Don Pratt, Hurley Short, James Slone,  
 Lonnie Gregory

**JUNE****KINGDOM COME:**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.  
 Ministers called: Roy Slone, Squire Watts, Ellis Adams,  
 Danny Dixon  
 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, Gary Halcomb, Clifford  
 Gilbert

**CLEAR FORK:**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.  
 Ministers called: Squire Watts, Randy Combs, Elwood  
 Cornett, James Caudill, Chester Gibson, Ellis  
 Adams  
 Communion: First Sunday in July.  
 Memorial: First Sunday in October.

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

**NEW HOME:**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.  
 Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Don Pratt, John Preece,  
 Howard Owens, Jim Fields, Bennie Slone  
 Communion: First Sunday in July.  
 Memorial: First Sunday in August  
 Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Bobby Amburgey,  
 Jerry Manns, Chester Gibson, Milburn Slone, Bill  
 Moore

**HAPPY HOME:**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.  
 Ministers called: Jerry Manns, Clark Hays, Howard  
 Owens, H.B. Reedy, Jr., Ollie Mullins, Alonzo  
 Mosley, Virgil Combs, Moderator  
 Communion: First Sunday in July.  
 Memorial: First Sunday in August.  
 Ministers called: All of the same faith and order

**FRIENDSHIP:**

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.  
 Ministers called: Jerry Caudill, Jim Fields, John  
 Eldridge, Barry Tiller, John Preece  
 Communion: Third Sunday in July.  
 Memorial: Third Sunday in May.  
 Ministers called: James Caudill, Don Halcomb, Roger  
 Gibson, Ellis Adams, Roger Fields, Emory Caudill

**DIXON MEMORIAL:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.  
 Ministers called: Clifton Hampton, Bordis Slone,



Elwood Cornett, Howard Owens, Squire Watts,  
Moderator

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

Spring Branch Memorial: Second Sunday in June

### **BIG COWAN:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Junior Ruggles, James Slone, Charles

Shepherd, Kirby Jent, Jim Fields, Ellis Adams

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Virgil Combs, Bennie

Slone, Emory Caudill, Jim Fields, Ellis Adams

### **IVY POINT:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Ellis Adams, Harvey Creech, Squire

Watts, John Preece, Jim Fields

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Junior Ruggles, Hershell Short, Bordis

Slone, Willie V. Slone, Milburn Slone, Taulby

Mosley

### **TOLSON CREEK:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Don Halcomb, Howard Owens, Roger

Fields, Ellis Adams, H.B. Reedy, Jr., Roger Gibson

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett

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, Bennie

Slone, Barry Tiller

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Elwood Cornett

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, James Caudill, Roger

Gibson

### **BETHLEHEM:**

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Barry Tiller, Lonnie

Sexton, Don Halcomb, Squire Watts, Toby

Breeding, Ellis Adams

Communion: Third Sunday in July

Memorial: Third Saturday and Sunday in August

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Barry Tiller, John

Preece, Paul Watson, Ivan Amburgey, Elwood

Cornett, Jim Fields

### **CEDAR GROVE:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Don Halcomb, Harvey Creech, Don

Fields, Paul McClanahan, Elwood Cornett

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in May

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Danny Dixon, Elwood

Cornett, I.D. Back

### **LITTLE DAVID**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Jimmy Hall, Lonnie Sexton, Jim Fields,



Ivan Amburgey, Elwood Cornett, I.D. Back, Barry  
Tiller, Don Halcomb, Danny Dixon, Paul Watson,  
Squire Watts, Harvey Creech

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, John Preece

## JULY

### NEW BETHLEHEM CHURCH:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in July

Ministers called: Earl Slone, Bobby Amburgey, Alonzo  
Mosley

Communion: Third Sunday in August

Memorial: Third Saturday and Sunday in September

Ministers called: Gary Mosley, Calvin Creech

### LITTLE BETHANY:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August

## AUGUST

### HURRICANE GAP:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Jimmy Bailey, H.B. Reedy, Jr., Barry  
Tiller, Everett Owens, Bobby Amburgey, Burt  
Fields

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in October.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Toby Breeding, John  
Preece, Roger Field

## SEPTEMBER

### LITTLE MARY:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Danny Dixon, Howard  
Owens, Johnny Fields

Communion: Second Sunday in October.

Memorial: Second Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Frank Newsome, Benny  
Slone, Roy Slone

### LILY OF THE VALLEY:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in September

Ministers called: Barry Tiller, Benny Slone, John Preece,  
Ivan Amburgey

Communion: Third Sunday in October

Memorial: Third Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Milburn Slone, Jimmy Hall, Jerry  
Manns, Danny Dixon



**DELEGATES TO THE 1996 ASSOCIATION**

Cedar Grove ..... Venson Whitaker, Carl Smith, Green Watts  
 New Home ..... Milburn Slone, Chester Gibson, Clark Shendler  
 Defeated Creek ..... Mat Combs, Elmond Cornett, Keith Smith  
 Reynolds Fork ..... Paul Watson, Marvis Short, Denver Ritchie  
 Bull Creek ..... Kirby Jent, Truman Jent, Virgil Combs  
 Ivy Point ..... Alonzo Mosley, Taulby Mosley, Monroe Slone  
 Little Dove ..... Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, Devon Slone  
 Tolson Creek ..... Emory Caudill, Luther Combs, Bill Meade  
 Dixon Memorial ..... Allen Whitaker, Carl Back, Homer Smith  
 Big Creek ..... Marvin Sparkman, John Eldridge, Carlos Cook  
 Happy Home ..... Alger Mullins, Landis Everage, Duane Hall  
 New Bethlehem ..... Robert Everage, Odus Ritchie, Carl Slone  
 Clear Fork ..... Bob Combs, Franklin Fugate, Delza Young  
 Northern New Home ..... Dean Hall, Bill Halcomb, Joe Back  
 Blair Branch ..... Ellis Adams, Hillard Caudill, Dennis Blair  
 Mount Olivet ..... William Lusk, Jimmy Adams, Oliver Mullins  
 Little Zion ..... Jerry Caudill, Roger Gibson, Marion Slone  
 Hurricane Gap ... Jimmie Ray Bailey, Ivan Cornett, Glen Sparkman  
 Kingdom Come ... George Roark, Clifford Gilbert, Roger Fields  
 Poor Fork ..... Harvey Creech, Bobby Maggard, Joe Steely  
 Big Cowan ..... Benny Slone, L.P. Sumpter, Junior Callihan  
 Little Mary ..... Lonnie Gregory, Mike Spurlock, Coy Tolliver  
 Mount Zion ..... Earl Mosley, Carl Mosley, Don Collins  
 Friendship ..... Harlan Eldridge, George Shea, Emil Eldridge  
 Little Bethlehem ... H.B.Reedy Jr., Bobby Amburgey, Mickey Amburgey  
 Little Bethany ... Hershel Short, Mike Smallwood, Henry Doolin  
 Garden of Love ... Tim Smith, Mat Pendergrass, George Everage  
 Rock Fork ..... Mike Conley, Arlie Jackson, Lowell Shepherd  
 Summertown ..... Buster Amburgey, Randy Combs  
 Emmanuel ..... Theodore Looney, Fred Phillips, Ralph Deel  
 Hemphill ..... Alford Adams, Bob Sparks, George Lucas  
 Bethlehem ... Walter Sheets, Daniel Stiltner, Jimmy Blankenship  
 Bethany ... Woodrow Tackett, Harvey Ross, Sr., Harvey Ross, Jr.  
 Lily of the Valley .... James Slone, Felden Ruggles, Jr., Joe Slone  
 Little David ..... Frank Newsome, Gary Carter, Bill Stacey

**CHURCH INFORMATION****CEDAR GROVE CHURCH**

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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

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**NEW HOME CHURCH**

Highway 550, Leburn, KY

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*Clerk:*

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### DEFEATED CREEK CHURCH

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*Highway 1393, Mallie, KY*

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Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday

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### LITTLE BULL CREEK CHURCH

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41844  
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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

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### LITTLE DOVE CHURCH

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Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday

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### **TOLSON CREEK CHURCH**

*Highway 588, Roxanna, KY*

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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

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### **DIXON MEMORIAL CHURCH**

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Roger Whitaker  
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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

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### **BIG CREEK CHURCH**

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Eld. Odis Ritchie  
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### **CLEAR FORK CHURCH**

*Highway 1088, Lotts Creek, KY*

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*Clerk:*  
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Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday

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**NORTHERN NEW HOME***Stumpy Lane, Goshen, Ohio**Moderator:*

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**LITTLE ZION CHURCH***Highway 7 & 15, Jeff, KY**Moderator:*

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Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday

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*Clerk:*

Jerry Day  
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Whitesburg, KY 41858

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

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Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday

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Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday

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### **LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHURCH**

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**Regular Meeting Time:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday

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### **GARDEN OF LOVE CHURCH**

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**Regular Meeting Time:** Third Saturday and Sunday

*Ministers:*

Eld. Gary Mosley  
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Lima, OH 45801

Eld. Tim Smith  
237 N. Cherry Street  
St. Mary's, OH 45885

### **LITTLE BETHANY**

*Sawmill Road, Jeffersonville, KY*

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Mt. Sterling, KY 40353

*Clerk:*

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### **ROCK FORK CHURCH**

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*Clerk:*

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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

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Bro. Willie Crase  
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### SUMMERTOWN CHURCH

*Big Fork Road, Lotts Creek, KY*

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*Clerk:*

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Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday

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Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday

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**STATISTICAL TABLE**

CHURCH	Rec'd by Exp. & Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Rec'd by Recomm./Applic	Dismissed by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Saturday Service Time	Contribution
Cedar Grove	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	167	4	9:30	\$375
New Home	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	42	1	9:30	150
Defeated Creek	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	2	9:30	220
Reynolds Fork	13	0	0	1	11	3	2	75	3	9:30	250
Bull Creek	2	0	2	1	0	0	2	81	3	6:00	100
Ivy Point	3	1	1	1	0	2	5	52	4	6:00	150
Little Dove	1	0	0	0	1	4	1	117	2	9:30	400
Tolson Creek	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	29	4	9:30	200
Dixon Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	42	4	9:30	100
Big Creek	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	37	4	3:00	150
Happy Home	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	29	1	9:30	135
New Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	24	3	9:30	150
Clear Fork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	1	6:00	200
Northern New Home	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	4	6:00	150
Blair Branch	7	0	0	0	0	7	0	105	3	6:30	325
Mt. Olivet	2	0	0	0	1	6	0	124	1	6:30	400
Little Zion	3	6	0	3	0	0	0	29	2	6:30	150
Hurricane Gap	3	1	0	0	0	2	1	37	3	6:30	200
Kingdom Come	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	1	9:30	125
Poor Fork	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	27	1	6:30	250
Big Cowan	2	0	0	0	0	4	1	33	4	9:30	200
Little Mary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	2	9:30	200
Mount Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	2	6:30	100
Friendship	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	19	3	4:00	150
Little Bethlehem	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	37	4	9:30	200
Little Bethany	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	9	4	6:30	50
Garden of Love	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	3	7:00	75



## Obituaries

	Rec'd by Exp. & Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Rec'd by Recomm./Applic	Dismissed by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Saturday Service Time	Contribution
Rock Fork	23	0	0	8	1	1	1	118	4	9:30	150
Summertown	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	20	2	9:30	125
Emmanuel	4	0	0	3	0	0	5	24	2	5:00	100
Hemphill	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	21	1	9:30	100
Bethlehem	19	1	0	7	18	2	3	102	3	9:30	300
Bethany	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	23	1	6:00	200
Lily of the Valley	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	11	3	2:30	75
Little David	3	1	0	2	0	0	1	19	4	9:30	100
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1673</b>			<b>\$6305.00</b>



### CHRISTINA "TINA" ARNOLD ADAMS

Today the community of Blair Branch is sad; the Blair Branch Church is sad; the family of Tina is sad, but the angels in Heaven are rejoicing because another tired, weary soldier has arrived home. Angels met her at the river and led her across.

Tina was born on October 28, 1911, and deceased this life on September 30, 1995, making her sojourn here on earth 83 years, 11 months, and 2 days. She was the daughter of Zack and Lucinda Back Arnold of Lee County, Kentucky. When just a small girl her father passed away. Her mother later married Steve Adams and she was moved to the mouth of Blair Branch. Here Tina attended school and grew into womanhood. Here, in this humble home, she learned the lessons of honesty, hard-work, fair-play, and just plain country living.

When just a young woman she married David Adams. They soon built a house and moved into it. This structure became the home she lived in until she passed away. This union was blessed with seven children (4 girls and 3 boys). One of the girls passed away in November, 1934. David passed away in September, 1974.

Tina's home was always open to everyone. David's nephews and nieces made this their second home. Many of us considered Tina a second mother. I'm not sure if I considered her a second mother or an older sister. At any rate we were very close and enjoyed many happy hours together.



In August, 1955 during a little service at her home, Tina and my mother joined the church and were baptized the first Sunday in September, 1955. Tina truly loved the Lord and His people. She bore the marks of a Christian.

Tina passed away Saturday evening. As the sun sank in the western sky her soul took its flight to Heaven to be with Jesus. She leaves to mourn her departure three daughters: June Whitaker of Charlestown, Indiana, Emma Amburgey of Roxana, Kentucky, and Dot Gilley of Louisville, Kentucky; three sons: Hal and Phil Adams both of Louisville, Kentucky and Meredith Adams of Parkersburg, West Virginia; two sisters, Pressie Adams of Jeremiah, Kentucky and Lucille Gilkerson of Ohio; two brothers, Eugene and Ellis Adams both of Jeremiah, Kentucky, eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and a host of nephews, nieces and friends.

To all who loved Tina, if you want to see her again you can meet her in Heaven where all is peace and joy forever, and forever, and forever.

Her nephew, Glenn Hampton



**VERNIE LEE  
CAUDILL ADAMS**

With a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my mother. Vernie Adams was the daughter of the late David and Caroline Cornett Caudill. She was born on September 22, 1898. She departed this life on June 26, 1996 making her stay on earth 97 years, 6 months, and 26 days. Early in life, she met and married Steve

Adams. She is preceded in death by her loving husband and

two of her children, Oakley Adams and Cwilla Mihok. She leaves to mourn her passing six children, three boys, and three girls: Imogene O'Dell, and Madoline Stines both of Morristown, Tennessee, Sidney Adams of Blaine, Tennessee, Vesteen Holliman of Irvine, Kentucky, Willis Adams of Cleves, Ohio and Joseph Ronald Adams of Blaine, Tennessee. She also leaves 134 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was born and raised in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky and the place she called home for many years. Early in life she turned her life over to the Lord and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church. Mom loved to go to church and taught all her children about the Lord. Mom and Pop moved to Tennessee in 1963 but continued to come to church. After Pop died Mom still came to church as often and for as long as she was able. Mom loved to talk of her church and God. She would always talk to me about her friend and when she was growing up in the mountains. Mom liked Tennessee but she always called the mountains, in which she grew up, her home. Mom was a strong independent lady. She had a sharp mind and a strong will. Mom loved her church, children, and her life in the mountains. She enjoyed pretty things especially her flowers but her Lord and Master came first. She always took the time to thank God for the blessing she received and the Lord blessed her in abundance throughout her life.

Her life was an open book and its pages were full of memories and events that the most of us could only imagine in our wildest dreams. She lived life to its fullest in an honest upright way that showed in everything and everyone she touched. She was a lady among many and will be missed by all who knew her.

Written by: Vesteen Holliman and Sheila Holliman





### CORA AMBURGEY

Cora was born February 21, 1931. She departed this life April 26, 1996 making her stay here on earth 65 years, 2 months, and 3 days. Cora was born in the home of the late Herman Mullins and Callie Stacy Mullins. Early in life she met and married John D. Amburgey, who preceded her in death eleven years ago. To this union were born 6 children: one

son, Alonzo Amburgey of Indianapolis, IN; and 5 daughters: Lawana Thornsberry of Red Fox, KY; Johnnie Dale Wright of Isom, KY; Martha Amburgey of Mallie, KY; Betty Lou Thornsberry of Raven, KY; Nona Wakesha Sammons of Jeremiah, KY. Cora had 7 grandchildren whom she loved so much. Cora is also survived by 3 brothers and 7 sisters.

Cora was so good to help take care of her loved ones. When they would get sick she was always there to take care of them. She would leave her home to go and take care of other people.

Cora has lived a lonely life since J. D.'s passing away. Her children have always been so good to visit and help all they could. Cora was always an easy-going woman. She always had a smile for everyone she met. Cora never believed in anything fancy. She was plain and old-fashioned. She reminds me of the virtuous woman the Bible speaks about. She was just a genuine person. Cora never did join any church, but by the life she lived and the love she had for everybody she gives us reason to think she is in Heaven today. Her soul is resting around the throne of God waiting for the redemption of the body.

I would like to say to her children that if you want to see Mommy again, you will have to fall out with sin while you

live here on earth. If Mommy could speak back to you, she would tell you that she is safe at home where she doesn't have to suffer any more. Be good to one another and meet Mommy in Heaven where we won't have to part any more.

Written by a brother-in-law, Oliver Mullins



### NANCY KATHERINE (SHEPPARD) BLAIR

Nancy Katherine (Sheppard) Blair was born in Letcher County, Kentucky on August 24, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-nine and passed on to Glory on May 17, nineteen hundred and ninety six.

Surviving are her sister, Doris Day; her brother, Thomas Sheppard; her children: Thomas,

Andrew, Monica, Michael and Kelly Blair; and seven beautiful grandchildren.

During her life she instilled hope and happiness towards everyone she touched. Many people have told us how much she meant to them and, I am sure, she would consider this a blessing, to be loved so well.

Her church membership meant a great deal to her in the last years of her life. Also, it brought comfort and peace to her in her last days. Her love of Jesus was as her love of all of you.

God has acquired another angel to sing in His glorious chorus.

We love you, Mother.

Written by a son





### EVERETT CALHOUN

The Trace Fork of Irishman Creek in Knott County is a little more lonely and empty now. Another one of our neighbors and a dear friend to many of us has answered the call of death and left this world. Everett was a man who took pride in working and making things with his hands. He enjoyed displaying the results of his work in and around the home.

Everett worked hard and lived a simple life. He and his wife, Ada B. loved to see people visit and treated everyone with love and respect.

Early in life, Everett met and married Ada B. Fields. They worked together throughout the years to raise most of their food and to meet the demands of life. They always took pride in helping others and were loved by their neighbors. Not many years ago, both Everett and Ada B. were moved to the Whitesburg Nursing Home because of declining health. There they shared a room together and welcomed all visitors, especially if they would talk about the Lord. Visiting ministers were always asked to sing and hold prayer before leaving.

Everett was born to Clayton Calhoun and Nancy Mullins Calhoun on July 26, 1907 and passed from this life on June 10, 1996. He leaves behind a loving wife, Ada B. and many family members to mourn his passing. Everett will also be missed by his many friends and neighbors but we hope that there can be a joyful reunion of all in Glory Land.

Written by Don Pratt, a friend



### BERTHA MAE CAUDILL

With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of our mother. Bertha Mae Caudill was born to John Arthur and Julie Ellen Teasley on May 13, 1911 at Dayton, Tennessee. She passed from this life June 24, 1996, making her stay 85 years, 1 month, and 11 days.

She was married to Powers Caudill on September 1, 1928. To this union was born four children: Lena Mae Stamper, Harold L. Caudill, Powers Caudill, Jr. and Walter L. Caudill. Her husband, Powers Caudill, preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for many years. She got Alzheimer's disease and had to spend the last six years of her life in the Letcher Manor Nursing Home.

We miss her a lot and always will. She was a devoted mother and wife. We feel she has gone on to Heaven and our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written with love by Walter and Joyce Caudill



### LUNA COMBS

Aunt Luna had ways of her own that expressed the person she was. She loved life. The Lord, and all people. Aunt Luna enjoyed being around people, even through her illness she touched the nurses as well as the doctors with her smile and sense of humor. She enjoyed family reunions



as well as her church meetings. She was a mother who shared her love to her family by her everyday life. Her love was not for her family only, but reached out to her neighbors. Those who knew her enjoyed sharing her experiences in life while growing up as well as growing old. Many stories were told to the children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews which will be treasured in our hearts always. She was a very special person to everyone of us. When she entered a room she filled it with laughter and love. In my heart I'll always treasure the times we spent together.



### **ELIZABETH CAROL (JUSTUS) COMPTON**

It is with deep sorrow, many precious memories and the help of the Lord, that we will try to write the obituary of our daughter and sister, Elizabeth Carol (Justus) Compton.

Carol was born July 29, 1960, in Tazewell, Virginia, and passed away December 2, 1995 in Buchanan General Hospital, making her stay here on earth 35 years and 5 months. On June 14, 1930 she married Claude Compton of Vansant, Virginia. To this union was born one son, Ryan Keith Compton.

Carol is survived by her adopted mother Cletis Vircy Justus of Grundy, VA. and her biological mother, Shirley (Matney) Stacy, also of Grundy, VA. She leaves to mourn her death her husband; one son; her adopted mother; biological mother; three sisters: Rhoda Hurley, Nancy Bandy both of Hurley, VA, and Mary Church of Grundy, VA; and three brothers: Larry Hawkins of Abingdon, VA; Ronnie Rhodes of Owensboro KY; and Mark Church of Grundy, VA. She is

also survived by her maternal grandmother, Edna Matney of Grundy, VA. and her aunts, uncles, neices, nephews and friends. Carol was preceded in death by her adopted father, Charlie Stewart Justus, and her biological father, Roosevelt Rhodes.

Carol was a sweet loving daughter and sister. She was a best friend to everyone and loved all little children. Carol loved her mother, she would try to go every Sunday to visit her and go to the Old Regular Baptist Church, no matter how sick she was Carol would go to church. She is sadly missed by her family and friends, especially her mother, who mourns for her every day. Carol was as humble as a little child, always a smile on her beautiful face and always a hug for everyone. Carol fought the battle of cancer for three long years. She stayed in the hospital for nine weeks before she passed away. Many tears were shed as we sat by her bed as we prayed with her, asking sweet Jesus to help her. Carol will be greatly missed by family and friends. We all loved her so much. Life will never be the same without her. We just try to live a good life so we can meet her one day.

Thank the good Lord she's not in pain anymore. We will never forget her sweet face. When we looked at her that night we knew we were looking at an angel, and as if she went to sleep in the arms of sweet Jesus. We can live with the hope in our hearts that we'll see her again in Heaven.

Written by her mother and her sisters, Rhonda and Nancy





### MARY WYLEENE CREECH

In loving memory of Mary Wyleene Creech, whose loving kind way touched so many lives.

Mary Wyleene was born into the home of the late John Nelson and Alice Riddle Anderson, on June 20, 1927, the youngest of nine children. She passed away on July 10, 1996 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, making her stay on earth 69 years and 21

days. Two brothers and two sisters have passed away, leaving to mourn her passing four sisters. They are Lora Stamper and Dorothy Fields of Kingscreek; Lillian Walker of Eolia; and Nora Barton of Robinson Creek.

On July 29, 1950 she married Bob Creech. To this union was born two sons, Nelson Horace of Jenkins and Jack David of Lexington; two daughters, Penny, who died in her first year, and Robin, of Jenkins. Also surviving are five grandchildren: Brad, Todd, David, Bobbi, and Samuel. She loved God first, but her family was her pride and joy. She spoke so often of them in love.

In the year 1976, Wyleene felt the need of a savior and repented and was born again. In the year 1992, she gave her hand to the Big Cowan Church and was baptized. She remained a loyal member until death. She had so much compassion for the troubles of others. To know her was to love her.

Written by a dear sister in Christ, Ila Adams



### QUINTON DAY

Quinton Day was born May 20, 1920 to the parents of George and Polly Callahan Day of Kingscreek, Kentucky. He passed from this life on January 12, 1996. He was preceded in death by his parents and his step mother, Millisa Watts Day, and four brothers: Butler Day, Lloyd Day, David Day and Marion Day; and one sister, Georgia Day. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Verna

Fields Day of Kingscreek, Ky; two daughters, Patricia Meade and Sharon Brown of Kingscreek; along with 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are four brothers: Coleman Day of Big Cowan; Dauphus Wood Day of Kingscreek; Jack Day and Donald Wayne Day of Columbus, Indiana; four sisters: Lona Roark, Margaret Stamper, and Regina Logan of Kingscreek and Mattie Lou Stamper of Columbus, Indiana; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

Quinton joined the Tolson Creek Old Regular Baptist Church on March 24, 1991. He is missed so much by his family, church, and his friends, especially Doyle and Woodrow.



### EARL DEAL

With the help of the Lord, We will try to write this obituary of our beloved father and husband, Earl Deal. Earl was born on August 7, 1927, and passed this life on November 16, 1995, making his stay on this earth 68 years.

Earl was a member of the Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist



Church and was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a retired miner, member of United Mine Workers of America Local 7170 and was last employed at the Splashdam mine. He was the son of the late Barney and Viola May Raines Deel.

Left behind to mourn his leaving are his wife, Ada B. Deel; one son, Barney Dean Deel of Grundy; one daughter, Donna Deel Fields of Haysi, Va.; and three grandchildren. He will also be missed by his sisters, Leona O. Thomas of Vansant, VA. And Dorothy E. Yates of Grundy; brothers: Lafayette Deel, Harold Deel and Allen Deel of Haysi, VA. And Orbia G. Deel of Colonial Beach, VA. I know the members at Bethlehem, Little David and Emanuel Church will miss Earl as will a host of friends, and other relatives, but I feel we will meet him in Heaven some sweet day where we will be together forever.

Written by his Wife and Children Ada, Barney, and Donna



### JIM ELDRIDGE

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of a saint, and oh how precious Jim was to us. On March 19, 1989 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital God sent his band of Angels to call Brother Jim Eldridge home to be with Him.

Jim was born April 1, 1922 into the home of the late Elder Crit and Susie Caudill Eldridge, making his stay here on earth sixty-six years, eleven months and eighteen days at the time of his passing.

Jim was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army. He worked for the Kentucky Power Company for thirty-three years with his wife, Virgie always helping him

out in many ways. Jim attended the Old Regular Baptist churches, and he dearly loved the Little Bull Creek Church. Before his death he fixed a will and stated he wanted to donate a sum of five hundred dollars to the Church for remodeling.

Jim is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Virgie Halcomb Eldridge of Carcassonne KY.; one daughter, Tina Louise Barrett of Blackey, KY; one granddaughter Amber Barrett, and one grandson, Anthony Barrett of Blackey, KY. He is also survived by one brother, John P. Eldridge, Hallie KY and five sisters: Mallie Baber of Richmond, KY; Maxie Townsend and Vada Whitaker, both of Winchester, KY; and Vera Blair of Blair Branch, deceased after Jim's passing away, and Lily Newman of Richmond, KY.

We feel that Brother Jim is resting in a peaceful sleep and if he could speak to us now he would say, "Come and meet me in my new home."

Written by Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Combs, his wife, Virgie Eldridge, and special friends Ella Mae Fugate and Louise Dixon



### LLOYD ELDRIDGE

Lloyd Eldridge was born to the late Leander and Betty Eldridge in Letcher County, Kentucky on August 3, 1922. He entered eternal life October 11, 1995, making his stay here on earth 73 years, one month, and eight days.

Lloyd married Marie Caudill on February 28, 1940 and she survives. They were married for 55 years and to this union were born six children: Herbert Eldridge of Milroy, Indiana, Herschel Eldridge of Milan, In-



diana, and Bernice Sprulock of Osgood, Indiana. He was preceded in death by two sons, one daughter, and one grandchild. Also preceding him in death were two brothers and one sister. He has eleven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

He also leaves two brothers, Henry Eldridge of Waynesburg, Kentucky and Astor Eldridge of Midway, Ohio, and two sisters, Elma Caudill of Blackey, KY and Arlie Shae of Waynesburg, Ky.

Lloyd joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1958. He was an ordained minister and faithful to his God. At the time of his passing he was a member of the Big Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist. He left a host of friends and family to mourn his passing. He was dearly loved by many and will be greatly missed by all.

Written by his family with love

*You slipped away so quietly  
On a cold and winter day  
It's lonely here without you  
And so sad along the way.*

*Oh, how our hearts ache  
Each time when we go home  
A precious one from us is gone  
A voice we loved is stilled.  
A place is vacant in our home  
That never can be filled.*

*So many time you told us  
I love you as my very own  
You gave us a home  
When we had none  
Someday we'll meet again  
Over on Heaven's Golden Shores.*



## HENLEY FUGATE

Henley Fugate came into this life the first month, 24th day of the year 1923. He was born to Frank Fugate and Eva Ritchie Fugate at Talcum, Kentucky of Knott County. He was the third living child of six.

Henley volunteered for the United States Army, but was rejected for medical reasons. Then when World War II broke out he was called to fight for his country. Henley married his life-time mate, Kathern Conley, on the 5th month, 20th day of the year, 1943. Henley was injured during training and was honorably discharged from the service in September of 1943. After being discharged Henley was a coal miner until retirement.

Born to this loving marriage were two daughters, Sondra Dale and Eva June. Henley had two grandsons, Gregory Clay and Dewayne Canoy, both whom he loved greatly. Henley was a very devoted husband, father, and grandfather and enjoyed his family very much.

He became ill in March of this year, 1996, and was found to have cancer of the lung with a tumor of the brain. His wife and daughters have been continuously by his side, withstanding the good and bad times together. He told of his salvation which had been evidenced in his actions for so long before his illness. Henley and Kathern's door was always open to family and neighbors with kindness, love, and willingness to help others.

Henley was blessed to the end with being aware and knowing his family surrounding him up to the point of deep rest. He told his wife he would be waiting for her up there and his easy, peaceful death was the last radiant ray of the bright light



he has been to us. He will be greatly missed.

Henley was preceded in death by his parents, Eva and Frank; brothers: Hunter Watkin (infant), Sam, and Chester; two sons-in-law, Carl Clay and Harold Canoy. He is survived by: his wife Kathern Conley Fugate; 2 daughters, Sondra Clay and June Canoy; 1 brother, Lee Fugate; 2 sisters, Mable Shepherd and Anna Elizabeth Yonts; 2 grandchildren, Gregory Clay and Dewayne Canoy; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Written by his sister, Mable Shepherd and niece, Wanda Combs.



### ELLIS HALCOMB

It is with sadness and grief that we write about our dear, sweet daddy, Ellis Halcomb, the best daddy that anyone could ever want. Daddy was born on January 11, 1928 at Gordon, Kentucky to Arthur B. and Nerva Eldridge Halcomb. He was one of 14 children. He passed from this earth on August 7, 1996 at his residence at Linefork, Kentucky, making

his stay on earth 68 years, 6 months, and 27 days. He served in the Korean War for two years and returned to marry Luvena Halcomb, his wife of 41 years. Luvena preceded him in death in February of 1995. To this union were born 7 children, four boys: Terry Halcomb, Jerry Halcomb, Darrell Halcomb, and Larry Halcomb, who died as an infant; three daughters: Wanda Hall, Teresa Roark, and Barbara Jones.

On April 9, 1996, Daddy dedicated his life to God and was baptized in the Hurricane Gap Old Regular Baptist Church. Daddy praised his God until the end, and begged us all to do the same. We love you, Daddy and miss you more every day.

Daddy was always watching, waiting for us to come home. Ever since Mommy died, Daddy was so alone. But now when we go home, there is no one waiting; for Daddy is gone. He's kneeling at the foot of Jesus, right next to His throne. But I know Daddy is still watching, waiting for us to come home, hoping we won't be too late, watching from Heaven's window; waiting at Heaven's gate.



### NERVIE HALCOMB

Nervie Halcomb, 92, of Linefork, Kentucky, passed away Thursday morning, October 15, 1987 at the Harlan Nursing Home, following an extended illness. She was the widow of the late Arthur B. Halcomb. Mrs. Halcomb was a member of the Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was the mother of 14 children. At the time of her death she was survived by 12 children, 75 grandchildren, 119 great-grandchildren, 21 great-great-grandchildren, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Grandmother's house was a wonderful place,  
Seasoned and warm like her lovely face.  
Blessed with laughter and mellowed with tears,  
Rich with memories of long ago years.

Written by her granddaughter





### MILFORD HALL

Milford Hall was the son of the late James Ellis Hall and Judy Bentley Hall. He was born on January 26, 1914 and passed away on July 19, 1996 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital at the age of 82. He was a member of the Hemphill Regular Baptist Church, the United Steel Workers and Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by three sons: Terry Hall of Nicholasville, Ky., Danny and Gary Hall both of Caney Creek, Virgie, Ky.; three daughters: Glenda Hall of Lincoln Park, Michigan, Cora Ellen Adkins of McArthur, Ohio, and Brenda West of Dorton, Ky.; sixteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

When just a young man Brother Milfred Hall answered the call to defend his Country in World War II. He never talked much about his experiences in the war, but one time I remember him telling me, "Brother Jimmy, I went across a great ocean not knowing if I would ever see home again, many times I thought my time to go had come." He choked-up when he said, "I lost some good buddies over there, I think about them a lot. I'm so glad God answered my stepmother Carrie's prayers and saw me back across that big ocean."

After the war he came home and tried to find work, but he couldn't find anything steady, so he went to Michigan and worked for McCloud Steel for over 25 years before retiring. He came back to the mountains for the remainder of his days, and I had the great privilege of attending church with him for several years.

Yes, while he was in Michigan he answered yet another call to enroll in an army, the blood-stained Army of Jesus

Christ! He served his Captain, Jesus, like a good soldier should. He carried the blood stained banner with pride, and held it high for all to see he was not ashamed to be a servant of the King.

You could see the love of God in his sweet smile and his love for others. He especially had a love for the children, many of whom are grown and have moved away. But when they remember a kindly old man who gave them candy when as children they would attend Church with their parents – they will be remembering Brother Milfred.

I believe Brother Milfred's greatest earthly love was for his family. Every time he talked of his children or grandchildren his face would light-up, and I thought he was going to pop a button, he was so very proud of each and every one of you.

Like a good soldier he served his time, he stood oh so proudly on the front line in full uniform. Having his loins girt about with the truth, having on his breastplate of righteousness, having his feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, (and oh what a wonderful peacemaker he was). Above all, he had the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and his sword, the word Of God. I can just see him standing there waiting to say, "I am ready now to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand, I have fought a good fight and have reached my end, I have kept the faith." I picture his face as it must have been when he landed safely back in the U.S. after the war, I'm sure that it was nothing compared to his face as he lay down his armour - his cross of pain and troubles. As God said, "Enter in, my good soldier," and gave him an honorable discharge and the promotion to eternal life!

Brother Milfred will be missed by many, and forgotten by none.

Elder Brother Jimmy Hall





### SUSIE FUGATE HAYNES

Susie passed away Wednesday, April 22, 1992 at her residence. She was the daughter of the late James "Bud" and Mollie Morris Fugate.

She was born April 19, 1927 being sixty-five years and three months of age at the time God sent his angels to take her home.

Sister Susie was a good mother, a wonderful wife and a

good worker in the Carcassonne Community to help the neighbors. She was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Sister Susie was a Christian for several years and three days before her death she was baptized.

Early in life Sister Susie met and married Joe Haynes and was a faithful companion for forty-four years.

Surviving are her husband, Joe Haynes; five sons: Charles E. Haynes of Clay City, KY. James W. Haynes and John R. Haynes at home, Michael J. Haynes of Letcher and Tounsel R. Haynes of Carcassonne; two daughters, Jo Ann Haynes and Mollie Davis of Stamping Ground, KY.

Susie is also survived by three brothers: Martin Fugate of Christopher, KY, Lewis Fugate of Jeff, KY and Rufus Fugate of Hyden, KY; four sisters: Helen Maczum, Wanda Stark (deceased) and Janice Pickens all of Cincinnati, OH and Jo Ann Neace of Hyden, KY; seventeen grandchildren and five great grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends.

We feel that Sister Susie is resting in a peaceful sleep and if she could speak to us now she would tell us "Don't weep for me but come and see me in my new home."

Written by: Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Combs, her husband Joe, special friends, Louise Dixon and Ella Mae Fugate



### MARK HOLLIDAY

I have sat down several times trying to write some words in the memory of my husband, Mark Holliday.

There are so many things that I want to write but they all come to one thing - that Mark was loved by everyone who knew him. He was the type of person who would help you if he could, if you were down, he would try to cheer you

up.

The people he loved the most were small kids. He would rather play with small kids more than anything else. I guess this was because he was a big kid at heart.

Mark was born on July 26, 1976 and died on August 26, 1995. He was survived by a loving father and mother, Julene and Ronald Holliday of Owingsville, Ky, one sister, Renee Holliday of Owingsville, Ky, two brothers, Ronald, Jr., and Jason of Jackson, Ky, and his wife, Deborah Holliday of Means, Ky.

Mark had several friends, loving mother- and father-in-law, six sisters-in-law, four brothers-in-law, two nieces, and four nephews who all love and miss him.

Even though we won't see Mark on this earth again we have our memories to help us through until we meet him in Heaven.

*The laughter in his eyes,  
The smile on his lips,  
The joy he brought to us,  
All of this we'll miss.  
The ball games and pranks,  
That we all remember,  
The sad and happy times, he helped us through,*



*But, how dear they would mean to us we never knew  
 The laughter, the voice, we all knew,  
 They are silent for they are just a memory,  
 As is they were through.  
 The memories we shared and one we gave,  
 Will never end at his grave,  
 They will go on forever,  
 But, like memories do, they'll grow stronger  
 with the day.*

Written with love, in memory of Mark Holliday



### **BETHEL JOHNSON** 1943 - 1996

With the help of the lord, I will try to write an obituary of a dear brother.

Brother Bethel Johnson was born May 28, 1943, the son of Squint and Cloia Adams Johnson. Brother Bethel was preceded in death by his mommy and daddy; two sisters, Gertrude Smith and Ines Johnson; and two brothers, Dixon Johnson and Rex Johnson. He is survived by one son, Tommy; four sisters: Avonell, Molly, Rhoda and Judy; four brothers: Grover, Taulby, Hiram and Taulby Lee; 18 nieces, 22 nephews and a great host of friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord. Also, a dear friend that was so good to Bethel, Arkie Hoover.

Brother Bethel came and gave his hand to the church, told of an experience of grace, of how the Lord had forgiven his sins and saved his soul. Brother Bethel was baptized into the fellowship of the Ivy Point Church in April of 1992, where he was a good and faithful member. Brother Bethel enjoyed

the new life the Lord had given him so well. He was always telling the goodness of the Lord and singing the songs of Zion and when he didn't open his mouth many people made the remark that you could see the joy of the Lord and the peace in his heart just by looking at his face.

The evening before Brother Bethel died, we were talking about the Lord and he said, "Whatever the Lord does, it's going to be for our good." The next morning he got up early, ate breakfast, and sat back in his favorite chair for his eternal rest. Oh dear family of Brother Bethel, he was not alone, a band of angels was there with him to take him home and a Lord that promised to never leave him. This was the way that the Lord wanted it. And it brought back the words he had said, "Whatever the Lord does it's going to be for our good". Take your sweet rest, Brother Bethel, for you have overcome the last enemy. Nothing will ever hurt you any more.

Written by A brother-in-law by nature and a brother in the Lord by grace, Willie V. Slone



### **ALLIE JONES**

We are writing this in remembrance of our precious mother. Allie Jones was born July 18th, 1905 at Uz, Ky. to Wesley and Mahala Caudill. She was one of nine children. She had four brothers to precede her in death.

She entered eternal life on February 23, 1996 making her stay here 90 years, 7 months, and 5 days.

She married early in life and did not have it easy. She was a devoted mother and tried until the end to teach us the right way.



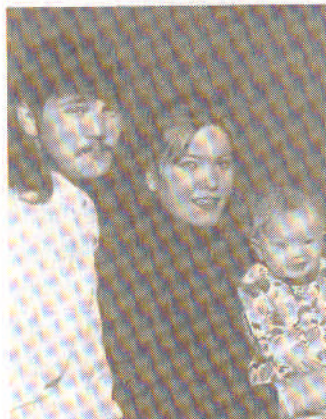
She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for over 50 years. She always tried to fill her seat as long as she was able to go.

She loved to be with people and talk. She always stood up for what she believed in, especially when it came to the Lord. She loved the Lord with all her heart and it showed.

She had five children: Forestine Hickey, J.C. Jones, Frank Jones, Joyce A. Caudill, and Janice M. Baker. Her husband, James Claude Jones, and one son preceded her in death.

We miss her terribly and always will. She leaves a big empty space in our hearts. She has gone to glory to be with God and that's where she always wanted to be.

Written with love by her daughters, Janice M. Baker and Joyce A. Caudill



### **TRACY LYNN MOSLEY AND JIMMY DEVON JACOBS**

With a lonely, sad, and broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of my darling daughter and her boyfriend. Tracy Lynn Mosley was born on September 17, 1978. Jimmy Devon Jacobs was born on February 20, 1973. Leaving behind a 12 month old daughter, Tyra Devonna Jacobs

and a host of friends and family to mourn their passing.

I believe their passing brought the family closer to the Lord. We all have a purpose and theirs was served well. We still mourn for our loved ones, but, I believe our loss was Heaven's gain.

Tracy was my only daughter, but she left me another in her place. By the grace of God, we will be reunited again

someday. What a wonderful reunion that will be. Praise God!  
Ivalene (Josie) Teague



### **ELDER JOHN OSBORNE**

Born October 21, 1940 - Died June 22, 1995. "Knock, and it shall be opened." Those words from the Scriptures penetrate my mind as I write a special message in memory of my beloved.

John touched so many lives and the world was a better place while he was here. He was truly loved by all those that knew him.

He had a sweet smile and friendly hello to everyone. He was a man that stood up for his faith and belief. He would never compromise the Bible. He was persecuted tremendously. When those who closed the door on him because of his faith in Jesus Christ and the stand he took, Christ had a plan. He went before John and opened another door that led him to the Mt. Zion Church of God in Drycreek, Morehead, KY. Elder John was ordained there, lived, and worshipped there happily. Elder Russell Reynolds chose John to be his assistant pastor.

John was a wonderful, loving and kind man to his children, to his Christian family, and to the people on the work front. To me he was my pastor, friend, companion, and lover.

Satan wasn't finished yet though. He had another door to close to John, only this time it was the final blow - death. But God had a plan and was there with His gate opened wide for my beloved. All his trials and tribulations are now over. Resting in the arms of Jesus.

We will be together again, my beloved.

Sadly missed and loved by his wife, children, and grand-



children.

Written by his loving wife, Mrs. Sherry Osborne



### ERMA LEE REYNOLDS

I am very sad and broken hearted as I try to write the obituary of my dear mother, Erma Reynolds. She entered eternal life on October 29, 1995 at Riverside Hospital in Toledo, Ohio after a sudden illness.

She was born on December 2, 1933 into the home of John M. and Virgie Watts at Garner, Kentucky. She grew up in the hills of

Knott County. She was in her early 20's when she moved to Ohio. There she met and married James Reynolds. They remained together for over 30 years. She worked as a seamstress for most of her life. She was in the process of retirement and looking forward to not having to work anymore.

She leaves behind two sons, Roger Watts and daughter-in-law Teri of Swanton, Ohio, and Mike Elamon of Toledo, Ohio. She has one daughter, Jami Reynolds of Toledo, Ohio and one stepdaughter, Nanny Pelphrey of Naples, Florida. She has six grandchildren: Richard and Shannah Watts of Swanton, Ohio, Genny Pelphrey of Naples, Florida, Jimmy, Justin, and Jalisa Rodriguez of Toledo, Ohio. Her brothers are Leon Watts of Garner, Kentucky and Harless Watts of Mousie, Kentucky. Her sisters are Audrey Adams of Hindman, Kentucky, Veda Reynolds of Taylor, Michigan, and Treva Thomas of Blountville, Tennessee. She also has a host of nephews, nieces, and friends all over this country.

My mother proclaimed her faith in God and was baptized into the Little Ida Church of Old Regular Baptist in Ecorse, Michigan, the first day of June, 1991. I remember that day

well. It was a beautiful day and we drove a long way to reach the river where she was to be baptized. I remember how pretty she looked as Brother Ralph Caudill led her into the water. I thought this is how the angels in heaven must look and when she came from the water, she was happier than I have ever seen her. She remained a faithful member of Little Ida and loved her church until the end.

Many people have told me how very proud she was of her children and grandchildren. Family meant everything to her. Thanksgiving was her special day. She always wanted the family to be at her home for dinner. If someone couldn't make it for some reason she'd just smile and say "maybe next year."

I talked with my mother almost every day and it seemed like the older we got, the closer we were. She wasn't just my mother, but also my friend and I miss her dearly. I also know her friends at Little Ida miss her when they look at her empty seat. It's also so very hard for her sister Veda, especially on Sundays because that was their day to spend together going to church and visiting. They were as close as two sisters could be. I close this by saying that the last words I spoke to her as she was lying in the hospital bed were, "Mother, you have to get better. We have a family reunion to go to." She opened her eyes and looked at me as if to say that she was going to a reunion in Heaven. I believe with everything in me that is where she is today. I know the Lord had his reasons for taking my mother, but he left a lot of good memories with me. She'll never be forgotten.

Written by her broken hearted son, Roger Watts





### ELDER ACIE AND SISTER EDNA ROSE

With a sad and lonely heart I will attempt to write the obituaries of my dearly departed mother and father.

Acie Rose, son of Patrick and Maudie Rose was born November 5, 1910. He married Edna Johnson, April 22, 1933. To this union were born 16 children, 10 girls, and 6 boys: Lavada, Norma

Blackburn, Belva Mullins of Payne Gap, Ky.; Becky Brown, Alice Lockwood, Vanessa Caudill, and Joyce Fields of Jenkins, Ky.; Dorthy Hall of Pikeville, Ky.; Freda Sturgill of Colson, Ky.; Louise Vance of Payne Gap, who died early in the year of 1966; Wendell Rose of Elyia, Ohio; Walter of Clintwood, Va.; Gary, Larry, and Tommy of Payne Gap, Ky.; and Gerald Rose of Jenkins.. They had 44 grandchildren and 48 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. They were married and never separated for 56 years. They made and had many friends. They were loved by everyone.

Acie was baptized April 2, 1932 by Elder T.R. Collier and was ordained September 4, 1971. He was a member of Dixon Memorial Church to the best of my knowledge. Edna was born February 21, 1918, in Clintwood, Va. to George and Belva Lockwood Mullins Johnson. She was baptized in August of 1949. When they were married 50 years we had a special dinner for Mom and Dad and surprise shower and they renewed their vows. I remember Mom on that day, she could hardly repeat her vows to our brother, Walter Rose, for crying. She was so happy. We had a huge wedding cake made for them. Then 6 short years later Dad went to the woods to cut wood for the winter. It was August 17, 1989. He suffered a heart attack and was taken to the hospital in Jenkins. On the

19th, he was transported to St. Joseph hospital in Lexington, Ky. He died the 21st of August. It was the saddest day of all of our lives, especially for Mom. She never was the same after that. She would sit and look at Dad's pictures and cry and pray.

Our brother, Tommy and his wife, Nina moved in with Mom to take care of her. She lived the best she could for her children, but none of us could feel the emptiness, that she felt in her heart. My thought, is we lost Mom when Daddy died, because she never was the same after his death. She died October 25, 1992 at Jenkins Hospital. They were both buried in Green Acres cemetery at Ermine, Kentucky. Mom wanted her vault and Dad's to have a ribbon tied to the handles but they could not get between them to reach the handles.

So one of the grave diggers took a board and put between Mom's vault and the ground and pushed it to where it was touching Dad's. That was the second saddest day in our lives, but I guess a happy one for them, because after 3 years and 2 months they were side by side again.

Sleep on, dear Dad and Mom. Rest in the Master's arms. He holds you safe to his breast, Because you both were so blessed. Blessed with a life full of love, a big family, and merciful Father above. He smiled on the two of you, I know never had I seen such love grow.

*Understanding, patient and kind,  
And the sweetest voices come to mind.  
A great loss the family has had  
When we lost you, Mom and Dad.  
But someday, I hope we will see  
Your smiling faces like it used to be  
Up in that heavenly place on high,  
Where never again to be sick or die.*

Written by your baby girl, Freda Carol Rose Sturgill





### COLEMAN SEXTON

It is with great love and respect that I will write words of memory of my late father, Coleman Sexton. Coleman was born on September 28, 1925 to Lizzie Riddle Sexton and Howard Sexton. Being the eldest of nine children, his childhood was spent helping raise his siblings. As teen years came, also came World War II. Going off to

serve his country and make money for his parents was a huge endeavor for a boy of fifteen years. The terror and fear of going away alone would have been too much for some. Yet he survived and became a man of values and honor.

The union of Coleman and Janiva brought forth four children. He taught us the meaning of "honor thy father and thy mother." He had always treated his with much respect and taught his children the same. Daddy never had to discipline his children with force, his words were his force.

On September 26, 1993, a beautiful fall day, he was baptized into the church. He had made the Lord a promise and true to his word he kept it. His love for Cedar Grove and the people there was more than words can express. His life was full now that he had the Lord.

His death came at Christmas time, a time he loved dearly. He died on December 21, 1995. He left his wife, his four children, ten grandchildren, two sisters, four brothers, and a host of loved ones behind.

*When burdens seem unbearable  
And life appears unfair,  
We must remember God knows all  
And we are in his care.*

Written by his daughter with loving memory



### DELLA NOLAN SHEPHERD

It is with sadness that we write about the passing of our mother, but we feel that she has gone to be with Jesus and the angels where her toils and suffering are over for she left a good testimony to that effect.

Della was born September 25, 1905, being the second child of the late Grant and Callie Huff Nolan of Linefork, KY. She passed away July 30, 1996, lacking one day being 90 years and 10 months old. Only one sister, June Nolan Fisher of Kingsport, TN now survives.

Della spent most of her life in and around Letcher County. She taught school in Harlan County and married Troy Shepherd December 19, 1930.

She became the mother of six children and devoted her life to us and the church at Hurricane Gap Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ.

We children, Morris Nolan Shepherd, who preceded her in death; Joyce Cornett, Frances Kinard, Gladys Pacheco, Charles Troy Shepherd, and David Ray Shepherd knew what a mother's love meant, and both parents taught us to love our neighbors. We had no bad examples set before us. As far as we know she had friends all over our area and some of her former students have told us how they appreciated her as a teacher.

Not many of Mother's friends she knew and loved are still here, but she is renewing old friendships where we feel she has gone.

Our dad preceded her in death by almost twenty-eight years, and since that time she felt this world was not her home any more. We feel like she is resting, just waiting to be re-



united with us when our time comes; we only hope that we can go to her since she can't come to us now.

She leaves eighteen grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews who will follow her in death sometime. We pray they will do as Mother did and turn to the Lord in the days of their youth so they can live long and go Home to be with her.

Written by her children



### MERLE SMITH

With a heavy heart and emptiness beyond belief, I will attempt to write the obituary of my daddy. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. I never knew how true these words were until the moment I lost my daddy. But I know he would want us to try and say what we should so I'll try the best I can.

Merle Smith was born November 23, 1921. He was the son of the late Jerry and Luna Smith. He was preceded in death by his brother, Tommy, and sister, Dorothea. He has one remaining sister, Glenna Belle Smith, of Hindman, Kentucky.

Merle married Eddis Lee Combs, the daughter of Brax and Maude Combs, on December 6, 1946. Merle loved his wife with an undying and everlasting love. She was not only his love - she was his life. His death will leave an emptiness that will never be filled. Merle and Lee had one daughter, Sheila. She always knew how much he loved her and he was such a pillar of strength for her throughout his life. Sheila married Robert Williams and they had one daughter, Robyn. Robyn was the light in his eyes, the smile on his face, and

always in his heart and mind. He knew how very much she loved him and will take that with him to eternity.

Merle joined the Little Dove Church in 1972. He was a faithful and giving servant of the Lord. He loved to visit with the sick and spent many joyful times with his fellow brothers and sisters. The many trips he made with the ministers are to be treasured in his memories.

I know Daddy would not want us to be so sad. He was such an unselfish person. Even when he was in the hospital, when he was so sick he would thank the nurses for taking his blood pressure, giving him shots and whatever they had to do. I know he would want us to go on

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

I end with one of my favorite quotes: "Nothing can bring back the hour of splendor in the grass and laughter in the flowers, but we will grieve not, yet find strength in what lies behind."

Written by his daughter, Shelia





### RAYMOND SMITH

Raymond Smith was born January 11, 1931, to James and Maggie Bolen Smith. He achieved an 8th grade education. He began hard work at an early age. He believed that honesty and hard work was the key to success in life. Logging, running a saw-mill and planer mill, as owner of Smith Lumber Co., proved his belief.

In 1953 he married Allie Huff. Together they raised 8 children during the 28 years they were married. Even though he worked long, hard hours, he still found time to accommodate people, and go to church. I can remember going to the Old Ball Fork Church in Marion Slone Fork, to Ivy Point, and New Home Church with our family. Daddy loved to hear Cephus Mosley preach.

Raymond became disabled in the late 1980's with a lung disease, and later became home bound due to his severe heart and lung disease. He enjoyed sitting on the front porch when the weather permitted.

He loved to sit at the big kitchen table and talk with family and friends. He was very concerned about his children. He never stopped telling us the value of honesty and hard work and saving for a time when we may not be able to provide for our families. As sick as he was, he didn't complain much. He cherished every waking moment and was glad to be alive. He once told us "Friends are worth more than money" and "Don't live with anything you can't die by." In late December 1995 and early January 1996, he knew death was coming.

He cried a lot. He didn't want us to leave when we visited. He would say, "Don't pay any attention to me, I can't

help it." Even though he had been a good man all his life, he realized that he and God had unfinished business. It was during late January, 1996 we received a call that Milburn Slone, Alonzo Mosley, and Chester Gibson had visited him at home at his request and he had joined the church. After that, we saw a different man. He no longer feared death, but seemed happy when death did come. He knew he would be going to a better world, a world without smothering, pain, or suffering. This world would be one of love, peace, and joy.

He talked often about his desire to be, baptized, but his health did not permit it. Raymond was preceded in death by his mother and father, James and Maggie Smith; one brother, Edgar Smith, two sisters, Luna Jones and Audrey Smith; and one great-grandson, Dustin Brent Smith.

Raymond passed from this life on June 24, 1996, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, Ky. All his children and his faithful caretaker, Dorothy Mae Hale, were at his bedside. His stay on earth was 65 years, 5 months, and 13 days. Left to mourn his passing are 6 sons: Reginald, Ronald, Keith, Bill, David, and Allen. Also mourning were his 2 daughters, Christine Smith and Shirley Smith, and 11 grandchildren.



### GEORGANN WATTS SPENCER

Georgann Watts Spencer passed away on Monday, May 22, 1995 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center.

Georgann was the daughter of the late Squire and Cecelia Caudill Watts.

Georgann was born Decem-



ber 15, 1904 being 90 years, 5 months and 7 days of age at the time of her passing.

Georgann was a member of the Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church for many years.

Georgann was preceded in death by her first husband, Geobel Watts and her second husband, John D. Spencer.

Surviving are 5 sons: Ruben Watts of Blackey, Ky.; Franklin Watts of Alexander, Ky.; Curtis Watts of Hallie, Ky.; Bernard Watts of Blackey, Ky.; and Shelby Watts of Hallie, Ky.; 3 daughters: Lorene Caudill of Georgetown, Ky.; Artha Mae Williams of Blackey, Ky.; and Mary Blair of St. Paris, Ohio; 1 brother, Kirt Watts of Louisville, Ky.; 3 sisters: Alice Watts Eldridge of Milan, Indiana; Martha Ison and Mary Ison of Skyline, Ky.; 22 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

The family of Georgann says, "We Love You, Granny."



#### WANDA FUGATE STARK

With fond memories we will write an obituary of a wonderful Sister in Christ, Sister Wanda Stark.

Sister Wanda was born January 24, 1930 into the home of the late James "Bud" and Mollie Morris Fugate and on May 20, 1995, God sent his angels to come and get Sister Wanda and take her to her new home. Sister Wanda

joined the Little Bull Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist and she was a faithful member and she really loved praising her Lord and was not ashamed to let the world know how she loved her Lord.

Sister Wanda was married to Bob Stark and to this union they were blessed with two wonderful daughters, Bobby Annette Stark Lally and Hannah Sue Stark Cooper of Ohio. She is also survived by six grandchildren and three great grandchildren, and three brothers: Martin of Christopher, KY; Lewis of Jeff, KY; and Rufus Fugate of Hyden, KY; and three sisters: Helen Maczum and Janice Pickens of Cincinnati, OH and Jo Ann Neace of Hyden, KY, along with a host of friends and relatives.

We all are missing Sister Wanda but we feel she is resting in the arms of Jesus and if she could speak to us now she would say, "Come see me in my new home."

Written by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Combs, special friends, Ella Mae Fugate and Louise Dixon and nephew, Jimmie Haynes



#### CRITTY STEWART 1915-1996

In the summer of 1915 when most of the chores on a small farm on Tolson Creek were completed, a little redheaded boy was born into the home of John R. and Sophia Belle Whitaker Stewart. It was a good home for a little boy to be born into on July 15, 1915. Being red-headed, he was named Critty in honor of his grandfather

who was red-headed also.

After reaching manhood, he went away to college and took training to be a teacher. He taught a few years and World War II broke out. That upset Critty greatly as he loved his country so he began to ponder what was best for him to do. He de-



cided to help with defense work, and that was what he did. However, in a short time, he thought he should help with the military forces so he entered the armed forces. After basic training, he was sent to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and to Med. River, Maryland, for training in airplane mechanics and supplies. After completing that training, he was sent to Northern Africa and later to Northern Italy. He was in Northern Italy when the war ended, making his stay overseas almost four years.

On returning home, Critty went back to college at Morehead, graduating there. He then went to the University of Kentucky and finished there. He was persuaded to go to Estill County to teach. He was at Estill County High School for thirteen years before coming back to Letcher County where he worked in the school system until retirement.

Critty became very restless and began to pray about his trouble; he finally yielded to the Lord before he got contented. Then he was very happy. Blair Branch Regular Baptist Church accepted him into their fold, and he was baptized into full membership of the church. Later the church voted him into the position of a deacon which he served to the best of his ability, with the help of the Lord. Becoming unable to attend church and help with work of the church really hurt him, and he was so sad.

Blessings came to Critty as several brothers and sisters of the church, and other churches, came to visit almost daily to talk, sing, and pray. He really enjoyed them.

On January 24, 1996, Critty left his earthly home to go and be with the Lord.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Hattie; his son, Stephen Ray; and his grandsons, Christopher and Shawn; several other relatives; and a host of friends.

Written by his family



## GROVER HASSEL STILTNER

It is with a sad and aching heart we try to write the obituary of Grover Hassel Stiltner.

Hassel was born March 15, 1933 to David C. Stiltner and Chloe Slone Stiltner. Hassel fell asleep in the arms of the good Lord December 21, 1991, making his stay here in this world 58 years 9 months and 6 days.

Hassel married Barbara Ellen Lane, September 18, 1954. To this union were born four sons: Timothy Allen Stiltner, Gary Scott Stiltner, David Henry Stiltner and Brian Keith Stiltner.

Hassel has six sisters: Leon Spahr, Alice Blankenship Yates, Brenda Crawford and Julie Lane all of Grundy, Va.; Lucy Dudley of Dickson, Tennessee; and Rachel Clark of Clawson, Michigan; seven brothers: Leonard Stiltner of Willis, Va.; Lawrence and John Stiltner of Dickson, Tennessee; Amos, Ralph, Fred and Jack Stiltner all of Grundy, Va.; and eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Harmon Stiltner and one sister, Gaynell Stiltner. and his mother, Chloe Slone Stiltner.

Hassel was a veteran of the Korean Conflict in 1950 to 1953. He also was a retired coal miner. He was a member of the Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church.

Hassel loved his church and talked of his walk with Jesus many times. He was in and out of the hospital many times and each time he would say "When the Lord wants me He'll take me - and I'm ready to go, I'm not afraid to die".

He is sadly missed by his family and friends, but we feel he had laid aside all the sorrows and cares of this world and



exchanged them for a crown of glory. Our hope is of meeting him again and sharing that beautiful home with him where the family circle won't be broken.

Sleep on dear one. we love and miss you.

The Family



### JOHN A STILTNER

John A. Stiltner was born August 20, 1947. He was the son of David C. And Chole Stiltner. John was greeted in Heaven by Jesus on September 10, 1995. Also waiting to greet him were his mom and dad, and his brother Hassel who had reached Heaven before him. Leaving behind to mourn his passing is his family: Linda, his son John Paul, and

daughter, Mary Alice. His brothers, Amos, Ralph, and Fred of Grundy, Virginia. Jack and Lawrence of Dickson Tennessee will miss him as well as these six sisters. They are: Leon Spahr, Julie Lane and Alice Yates of Grundy, Virginia, Brenda Crawford and Lucy Dudley of Dickson, Tennessee and Rachel Clark of Clauson, Michigan.

John had served four years in the United States Army with good standing. He had been employed at Dickson Livestock where he had worked for several years after moving to Dickson, Tennessee where he had made his home.

John was a good worker as well as a good person and would do anything to help anyone at any time. John is greatly missed by everyone whoever knew him, friends and family, but he is now in a much better place than any of us. May he rest in peace. We look forward to meeting him someday.

Written by his broken-hearted family



### DELLA THACKER

We, the family of Della Thacker, would like to write this obituary of a loving wife and mother. To us she was the best.

Mom was born June 28, 1928 at Garner, Kentucky to the late Teach and Caggie Slone. She passed away on December 27, 1995 at her home in Garner, making her stay on earth 67 and a half years.

Mom was married to our dad, Willard Thacker, on September 17, 1942. To this union were born fifteen children, eight boys and seven girls. One son, James, preceded her in death. He passed away February 25, 1984, being 29 years and 10 months of age. His death was so hard for Mom to bear, but she knew she had to be strong for the rest of us. She missed him so badly, but she thanked God for letting her keep him as long as He did.

Her other children are: Curby, Eugene, Gilford, Levon "Super," Carson, Phillip, and Willard Ray, Lovella Slone, Geveda Jacobs, Ouida Coburn, Arlene Hughes, Nora Lee Combs, Roseanna Campbell, and Linda Sue Champion. Also left to mourn her passing are six brothers, three sisters, sixty-one grandchildren and thirty-one great-grand children, along with many dear friends and relatives.

Mom loved having a big family. With love and patience she worked so hard to raise us, never acting as if she regretted one minute of it. She always said, "I hope I can live long enough to see all my kids married and know they would be taken care of." We were always her biggest concern. She did live to see all of them married, and she seemed to love all her in-laws.

I think Mom knew she was going to leave us. Just weeks



before she died she told us what she wanted to be buried in and who she wanted to preach her funeral. She also worried about leaving Dad alone. She said, "You girls will have to take care of Daddy and make sure he has clean clothes to wear to church." I think she always knew we'd look out for Dad, but she just wanted to hear us say it.

Dad misses Mommy so much. If only she knew. He's so sad and lonesome, I feel he just wants to go on to be with her.

Mom belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church at Ivy Point. She and Dad were baptized on the same day. They were so happy. Mom always seemed like a Christian to us. She always had so much faith. As a child, I will never forget when someone got sick how she'd have someone pray for us. Most of the time it would be our aunt Nora. Things always seemed to get better.

Mom had so many friends and relatives who loved her. She was so nice and kind to everyone, never wanted anyone to leave her home without eating or having something to drink.

Mommy you'll never be forgotten and not a day goes by we don't think of you. We never realized it would be so hard living without you. We just pray that some day we can all be together in Heaven.

Written by Dad and children

### LENVILLE "LEN" THOMAS

Lenville "Len" Thomas passed away on Sunday, April 28, 1996 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center.

Len was the son of the late Robert and Rosie Collins Thomas. He was born March 21, 1911 being 85 years, 1 month, and 7 days of age at the time of his pass-



ing.

He preceded his son, Virgil Ray Thomas in death by 13 days.

He was baptized on March 5, 1961, being a member of Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Richardson Thomas, and 1 daughter, Bernice Baker of Armada, Michigan; 5 sisters; Ora Mason, Verna Nease, Mattie Taylor, Esta Mae Thomas, and Bobbie Jean Lucas; 5 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. He also had 3 sisters and 3 brothers that preceded him in death.



### NANCY LOUISE ROSE VANCE

It is with deep sorrow that I try to write the obituary of my dear sister, Nancy Louise Rose Vance. Louise was born May 31, 1935, and passed from this life on Feb. 13, 1996. She had been a diabetic and suffered for many years.

She was the daughter of the late Acie Rose and Edna Johnson Rose of Payne Gap, Ky. She married Robert Lee Vance on April 21, 1951. To the union were born 6 children: Harold Lee Vance of Payne Gap, Ky; Jimmy Garland Vance of Wise Va.; Nancy Ann Collins of Lucernemines, Pa.; Ray Edward Vance and Melissa Kay Tucker both of Pikeville, Ky.; and Sherry Michelle Vance, who preceded her in death. Louise had 9 sisters: Lavada Wright, Norma Blackburn, Joyce Fields, Alice Lockwood, Belva Mullins, Becky Brown, and Vanessa Caudill, all of Jenkins, Ky.; Dorothy Hall of Pikeville, Ky; and Freda Sturgill of Colson, Ky. She had 6 brothers: Tommy, Larry, Gary, and



Gerald all of Jenkins, Ky.; Wendell of Elyria, OH; and Walter Rose of Clintwood, Va.

She was a member of the Dixon Memorial Church. Louise will be missed very much. She was the eldest out of the 16 children. She played a very important part in all of our lives. She was like a second mommy to the younger ones. I'd like to say this to her family, "Obey the gospel before it's too late". We all want to see Jesus and hear him say, "Enter in, my good and faithful servant." So keep your eyes toward Heaven and hopefully we'll see Mommy again someday.

Written by her sister, Freda Carol Sturgill



#### HELEN VIRGINIA WALKER

With the Lord's help we'll try to write this for a very special loving woman. Close to every one who knew her, Helen Virginia Francis was born February 22, 1947 and died January 29, 1996. Preceding Helen in death are her father and mother, Walter and Marie Francis, one brother, and three sisters. Surviving are her husband, Walton (Buddy)

Walker; three sons: Jody, Tony, and Jamie, all of South Lebanon, Ohio; two daughters, Gloria of South Lebanon, Ohio and Lisa of Middletown, Ohio; seven grandchildren, 5 brothers, 5 sisters, and many more loved ones.

Helen was born and raised in Saylerville, Kentucky where she tended and helped raise her brother and sisters. Her parents died at an early age, so she became mother to all her brothers and sisters. She devoted her life to giving love to all the children she raised. Helen was the most motherly woman you could ever have known.

About a year ago Helen got very sick, and right before she died she gave her heart to the Lord, wanting so much to be baptized to the Northern New Home Church. Helen now is in Heaven in the Lord's arms beside her parents once more.

The Lord took a special woman, but she is in heaven where she'll never struggle or worry any more. Helen is deeply missed by everyone she has touched in her life. We all miss and love you.

Written by her family



#### BILL WALLER

It is with a sad and heavy heart I write the obituary of Bill Waller, husband and father. William Harry Waller (Bill) of Jeremiah, Kentucky, was born at Partridge, Kentucky, July 22, 1936, on Colliers Creek. Bill's parents died only six months apart, his father July 26, 1953; his mother February 8, 1953.

Bill was the youngest of eight children. When his parents passed away, he went to Indiana and found work at International Harvester. He was a heavy equipment and truck operator most of his adult life.

Bill married Josephine Gibson Waller. To this union were born two daughters, Sherry Lynn Waller and Rhonda Renee Waller, and one son, William Eric Waller, all of Lexington, Kentucky. Bill had two grandchildren, Kelsey and Reid.

Bill had so much patience during his illness, but suffered terribly. He and Josephine were members of the Blair Branch Church. He is sorely missed, but many fond memories re-



main. He has been gone since April 9, 1996.

Written by his wife, Josephine Waller



### **WILLIAM "WEE" WATTS**

Wee was born November 1, 1920, to the late John C. and Hettie Whitaker Watts. Wee passed away on February 23, 1994, at the Bradford Square Nursing Home in Frankfort, Kentucky. Wee was a mail carrier for the Hallie and Skyline post offices for approximately 45 years. He carried mail by horse for about 17 years, then he graduated to a

truck. He retired in 1982.

Wee joined the Old Regular Baptist Church (Cedar Grove) on March 4, 1976. Wee made a statement after he accepted Jesus as his savior. The statement was, "Sure is good to have the burden of sin lifted from my shoulders. It's good to know that Jesus can take our sins away and make us white as snow, with one requirement. We have to ask for forgiveness of our sins." Romans 10:9-10 says that if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness and with the mouth he confesses resulting in salvation. In many ways, Wee was a simple man, childlike. God's word tells us we must humble ourselves and come to Him in childlike manner. We believe Wee is now a child of the King. Wee dearly loved going to his church.

Wee is survived by one brother, Reuben V. Watts of Frankfort, Kentucky; his father, John C Watts; mother, Hettie Watts; brothers: Arthur, Jeppie, Tommy, Linvell and Jasper; sisters: Ethel, Cordelia, Vina, Wilma and Susan all preceded him in death. There is a host of nieces and nephews that miss him very much. Don't you know there was a great reunion, when Wee went through those pearly gates of Heaven. Amen.

Written by his nieces



## 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.



### 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 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 and available on the building parking lot.