

Minutes of the
One Hundred and Fourth 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 3, 4 & 5, 1999

Hosted By:
Blair Branch, New Home and Big Cowan Churches

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**A TRIBUTE
TO OUR
DECEASED MINISTERS**



Brother Ricky Tackett



Elder Walter Mullins

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

The voices of Elder Walter Mullins and Brother Ricky Tackett 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.

**A TRIBUTE TO
BROTHER GLENN HAMPTON
CLERK OF THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION
1980 - 1999**



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

Brother Glenn Hampton was a special kind of man. He was devoted to the Old Regular Baptist way. He believed in the precepts, he believed in the traditions, he believed in the practices and he believed in a real and merciful God. Brother Glenn loved the Indian Bottom Association and its people. He served as clerk of the association from 1980 until his death in 1999 and his work was of exceptional quality. His seat is now empty, God called and Brother Glenn answered. Dear friend, we bid you farewell, may we meet again at the end of life's journey.

**MINUTES OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES
OF JESUS CHRIST
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1999 AND
THE TWO FOLLOWING DAYS**

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our Association Building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, September 3, 1999 and the two following days. Being hosted by the Blair Branch Church and co-hosted by the New Home and Big Cowan Churches, the Association met in the Congregational Department of the Association Building for preaching services. After singing some hymns of Zion, Elder Howard Owens introduced the services and led in prayer. Elder Clark Hays was blessed to preach the introductory sermon for the 1999 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

The delegates were dismissed from the congregation and asked to assemble in the Delegate Room. Elders Jerry Manns, Gary Mosley, and Frank Newsome were appointed to remain in the Congregational Department for preaching services. In the Delegate Room, Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, welcomed the delegates and called upon Elder Danny Dixon to introduce the session and Elder Charles Shepherd to lead in prayer. The Association, now being assembled, was called to order by Elder Elwood Cornett, the moderator. He appointed a Finance Committee to wit: Brothers John Reedy, Billy Mosley and Billy Campbell. The letters of our several churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association were called for.

1. A motion was made, seconded and passed, with no objection, to read the letter of the Blair Branch Church. Due to the death of our clerk, Brother Glenn Hampton, after the 1998 association, the letter was read by the assistant 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
 - Elder Don Pratt, Clerk
 - Brother Bob Banks, Assistant Clerk

(The following brothers were appointed to count the votes: Freddy Watts, Joe Steely, and Ronnie Robinson.)

3. The Moderator called for newly constituted churches desiring to take up fellowship with us. A letter was read from the House of Prayer and the Bright Morning Star Churches. By a move and second, with no objection, the letters were received, the delegates were seated and the letters were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
4. The Moderator called for churches of our same faith and order who desired fellowship with us. None responded.
5. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation from the Blair Branch Church to

arrange the preaching services for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

6. By a move and second, with no objection, the reading of the Articles of Faith, the Rules of Decorum and the Constitution were omitted. All were directed to be printed in the minutes.
7. The Moderator called for corresponding associations of our same faith and order who desired to correspond with us. None responded.
8. The Moderator called for transient members and ministers and the following responded: Alonzo Mosley.
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 Blair Branch Church would 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 on Friday afternoon at 1:30 to arrange the business for Saturday.
11. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services:

Friday afternoon: Elder Roger Gibson (prayer) and Brother Feldon Ruggles, Jr.(preaching).

Saturday morning: Elder Alonzo Mosley, Elder Milburn Slone and Brother William McClanahan.

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

The Committee on Arrangements met at 1:30 on Friday afternoon in the Congregational Department of the Association Building. After singing, Elder Roger Gibson led in prayer. Brother Feldon Ruggles, Jr. then preached, after which the committee arranged the work for Saturday. Elder Ivan Amburgey called dismissal.

SATURDAY MORNING

The association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing some old songs of Zion, Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, welcomed everyone and called upon Elder Harvey Creech to introduce the session and Elder Ivan Amburgey to lead in prayer.

1. The clerk called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was given. The report 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 \$8,470.00 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, the clerk is to decide how many copies to have printed and distributed to each church.

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 Alfred Adams, 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: Elders Squire Watts, Jimmy Hall, Harvey Creech, and Elwood Cornett.

B. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Frank Newsome to preach the Introductory Sermon for the 2000 session and Elder Lonnie Sexton to be his alternate.

C. The Committee on Ministry chose to reprint Brother Glenn Hampton's Circular Letter of the 1976 association and to have it read by Elder Don Pratt at the 2000 association.
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 (9/5/98) \$2216.32

Collections:

Church Contributions \$7495.00

Pictures, etc \$796.41

Interest \$105.39

Total in treasury \$10,613.12

Expenses:

Printing 3,500 Minutes \$9559.30

Safety deposit box \$50.00

Typing Permanent Record \$25.00

Total expenses \$9634.30

Balance in treasury (9/4/99) \$978.82

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

Balance in treasury (9/5/98) \$3106.65

Collections:

Church contributions \$8080.00

Sunday services \$1300.00

Donations \$325.00

Concession stand \$140.43

Loan	\$12,000.00
Total in treasury	\$25,447.08
Expenses:	
Payments on loan plus interest ..	\$2228.99
Insurance	\$764.00
Kitchen	\$1897.09
Supplies	\$750.46
Utilities	\$1317.83
Labor	\$15,470.00
Total expenses	\$22,428.37
Balance in treasury (9/4/99)	\$3018.71
(Balance owed on loan)	\$10,000.00

There was a discussion on finding a way to renovate the association building so as to improve elderly access to the top floors.

12. Elder Elwood Cornett reported that meetings of the Committee on Council plus one representative from each church were held at the Association Building on odd-Saturdays during the past two years. As requested by the Friendship Church at the 1997 association, the meetings were conducted for the purpose of studying questions and recording answers about the procedures and practices of the Indian Bottom Association.
 - A) This committee sent the following requests to the Indian Bottom Association:
 - 1) Requests to replace Item 6 of the 1911 association concerning secret orders with *"Church members should not belong to those organizations that bring confusion or*

reproach upon the cause of Christ." By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.

- 2) Requests to rescind Item 4 of the 1925 association concerning leaving early. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- 3) Requests to modify item 16 of the 1946 association to read as follows: "*Members who receive a letter of dismissal have not left their church until the letter has been placed in another church of our correspondence. The letter becomes null and void after 90 days.*" By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- 4) Requests to rescind Item 2 of the 1950 association concerning how votes are taken. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- ✓ 5) Requests to rescind Item 5 of the 1951 association concerning who ministers preach with and replace with: "*In funerals and family memorials, Indian Bottom ministers may preach with those with which we are not in correspondence.*" By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- 6) Requests to rescind Item 2 of the 1953 association concerning what is a church.

By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.

- 7) Requests to rescind Item 4 of the 1944 association, Item 6 of the 1950 association and Item 2 of the 1956 association concerning members that were married, divorced and married again and replace with: *"An experience of salvation is to the saving of the soul. For the purpose of church membership, we do not go behind a person's experience of salvation."* By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- 8) Requests to rescind Item 3 of the 1959 association concerning excluded members and replace with: *"An excluded member must make peace with the church from which they were excluded and reenter into the church from which they were excluded through restoration or experience and baptism."* By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- 9) Requests to rescind Item 17 of the 1973 association concerning "application". By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- ✓ 10) Requests to modify item 15 of the 1992 association concerning receiving members by recommendation by listing associations as listed in: *"Indian Bottom*

churches may receive Godly members by recommendation from Regular Baptist churches of associations with which we formerly corresponded (Philadelphia, Sardis, Northern New Salem, New Salem, Union, Thornton Union, Mud River, Friendship and Old Indian Bottom Associations), providing those members were baptized by an ordained Old Regular Baptist minister. (A recommendation must come from a member having personal knowledge of the qualifications of the recommended person.)."
By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.

- B) This committee recommended the adoption of a handbook that contains the practices and procedures of the Indian Bottom Association. By a move and second, with no objection, the Practices and Procedures Handbook was approved.

- C) The moderator appointed the following brothers to serve as the Committee on Council for the next year: Ellis Adams, Harvey Creech, Roger Gibson, Howard Owens, James Slone, Jerry Manns, and Bill Halcomb.

13. The request from the Cedar Grove Church to include a tribute to Brother Glenn Hampton in the 1999 minutes was read. By a move and second, with no objections, the request was granted and the clerks were directed to

write the tribute.

14. The requests from Cedar Grove Church to host and the Bull Creek, Big Leatherwood, and Big Creek Churches to co-host the 2000 session of the Indian Bottom Association were read. By a move and second, with no objection, the requests were granted.
15. The request from the Tolson Creek Church to change their regular Saturday meeting time from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
16. The request from the New Bethlehem Church to change their union meeting from the third Saturday and Sunday in July to May and their communion from the third Sunday in August to July was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
17. The request from the Star of Bethlehem Church to change their communion from the fourth Sunday in March to the fourth Sunday in April and to change their memorial from the fourth Sunday in April to the fourth Sunday in May was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
18. The letter from the House of Prayer Church and the minutes of the organizing presbytery 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.
19. The letter from the Bright Morning Star Church and the minutes of the organizing presbytery 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.

20. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a tribute to the deceased ministers of the Indian Bottom Association.
21. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a Resolution of Appreciation to the Blair Branch, New Home and Big Cowan Churches for hosting the 1999 session of the Indian Bottom Association.
22. There was a move and second, with no objection, to have services at the Association Building on the following odd-Sundays: October 31, January 30, April 30 and July 30.
23. There was a move and second, with no objection, to have the names and addresses of the building trustees printed in the minutes.
24. By a move and second, with no objection, the minutes of the 1999 session of the Indian Bottom Association were accepted without being read and ordered printed in the minutes.
25. By a move and second, with no objection, we adjourned until the 2000 session of the Indian Bottom Association convenes on September 1, 2000. The moderator called on Elder Hurley Short to lead us in the closing prayer.

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 5, 1999**

On the final day of our 1999 Association a large crowd met in the Congregational Department of the Association Building. The congregation greeted each other with love as was evident in their embraces, handshakes and friendly greetings.

After raising our voices in the old hymns of Zion, Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, humbly welcomed the congregation and called upon Elder Harvey Creech. Elder Creech introduced the services and led in a prayer of thankfulness that caused our spirits to rejoice. Elder Jimmy Hall followed with a sermon that touched our hearts. Elder Squire Watts preached on God's delivery from the fiery furnace and the lion's den. Elder Elwood Cornett closed the service by preaching on the words of the Lord, "Call on me and I will answer thee." Elder Jim Fields led in a prayer of dismissal, thus bringing an end to the 1999 session of our beloved association.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

We, the Indian Bottom Association, wish to express our appreciation to the Blair Branch, New Home and Big Cowan Churches for the wonderful job of hosting the 1999 Association. We appreciate the work of all those who helped with the cleaning of the building, the parking of cars, the preparing and serving of food, and the many other jobs of hosting our association. To our dear sisters, a special thanks for your many labors of love. To the sisters for running the concession stand; we thank you for a job well-done. Most of all, we thank God for the love and togetherness which all of the brothers and sisters experienced as we worked together to make this a wonderful 1999 Association. May the Lord bless you and keep you until we meet again is our prayer.

Indian Bottom Association

CIRCULAR LETTER

To my dear brothers and sisters of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ:

It has now been some fifty-four years since I felt for a surety, after I shed many tears, lost many hours of sleep and prayed many prayers, that the good Lord came to my rescue and saved my never dying soul from being eternally lost when this life on earth is ended. I was never a criminal. I had been a fairly good citizen. I obeyed the laws of the land and practically all the working years of my life I held a good job-a responsible job-I was honest with the people who hired me and I held that job for thirty-four years. Then I continued with other good jobs until I was seventy-seven years old when I decided it was time to retire.

I am now ninety-four years old. I have been a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for fifty-four years and those fifty-four years have been the best part of my life. My mother was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church even before I could remember. My father and other members of my family were members of the Old Regular Baptist Church. It was the church of our choice. I have found no place to turn back - no place that I wanted to turn back. I have been attending our associations for many years, usually as a delegate from my home church. I have witnessed many good associations and I am sorry to say, I have witnessed some associations that were not so good. Thank God, I have seen nothing but love and peace since I have been with the Indian Bottom Association. We have been blessed to have good leaders in the Indian Bottom Association, brethern who believe in peace and love one another.

When the brethern appointed me to write the circular letter for this year it frightened me. I looked around and saw so many able brothers much more qualified than myself. I felt so little and unworthy. However, it has always been my policy to do the very best I could on any undertaking that confronted me.

I am so proud of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists. I believe that God is watching over us and as long as we trust in Him for our leadership and guidance, we shall never fail.

May God bless and keep us until we meet again.

Your unworthy brother,
Alfred Adams

**UNION, COMMUNION AND
MEMORIAL SERVICES**

FEBRUARY

STAR OF BETHLEHEM:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in
February

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Harvey Creech,
Jim Fields

Communion: Fourth Sunday in April.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Paul Watson, Lonnie Sexton

MARCH

LITTLE ZION:

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March.

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Elwood Cornett,
Toby Breeding

Communion: Second Sunday in June.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Howard Owens,
Emory Caudill, Virgil Combs

Fields Cemetery Memorial: Sunday, July 30, 2000

SUMMERTOWN:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

Communion: Second Sunday in September.

Memorial Meeting: Second Sunday in May.

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

APRIL

BRIGHT MORNING STAR:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Bobby Yates, Jim Fields,
Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Hurley Short

Communion: First Sunday in May.

Memorial: First Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, James Rush,
Frank Newsome, Paul McClanahan

DEFEATED CREEK:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Jerry Manns, Lonnie Sexton,
Bobby Amburgey, Danny Dixon,
Lehman Gilliam

Communion: Second Sunday in August.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Ellis Adams,
Don Halcomb, Roger Fields, Elwood Cornett

MOUNT ZION:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Frank Newsome, James Caudill,
Lonnie Sexton, Elwood Cornett

Communion: Second Sunday in May.

Memorial: Second Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.

BLAIR BRANCH:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, David Smith,
Jim Fields, Howard Owens, Alonzo Mosley

Communion: Third Sunday in July.

Memorial: Third Sunday in June.

Ministers called: I.D. Back, Elwood Cornett,
Danny Dixon, home ministers

ROCK FORK:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Jim Fields,
Carl Slone

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Felden Ruggles, Jr., Barry Tiller,
Freddy Frazier, Moderator and Assistant
Moderator

Memorial at Bolyn Cemetery: May 28, 2000 at
4:00 p.m.

Ministers called: Earl Slone, Jerry Manns, Don Pratt,
Alonzo Mosley

NORTHERN NEW HOME:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: John Preece, Barry Tiller,
David Smith, Earl Slone, Alonzo Mosley,
Lonnie Sexton, Benny Slone, Paul Watson,
Toby Breeding, Elwood Cornett, Gary Mosley,
Don Halcomb, Ronnie Robinson, H.B.
Reedy, Jr., Oscar Raines, Milburn Slone, Mike
Everage, Charles Shepherd, Jimmy R.
Bailey, Clifford Hughes, Bill Mosley, Tim
Smith, Feldon Ruggles, Jr., William
McClanahan, Jerry Manns, Ellis Adams,
Emory Caudill, Jim Fields, Don Pratt,
Curl Dixon.

Note: Ministers will be called by letter and
all others are welcome with open arms.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June.

Ministers will be called by letter and all others are welcome with open arms.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Roger Gibson,
Harvey Creech, L.D. Mosley

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.

Ministers called: H.B.Reedy, Jr., Bobby Amburgey,
Mickey Amburgey, Don Pratt

MAY

POOR FORK:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Howard Owens,
Elwood Cornett, William McClanahan

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in August.

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

MOUNT OLIVET:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Howard Owens, William
McClanahan, Billy Campbell, Moderator

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: Frank Newsome, Danny Dixon,
James Caudill, Jim Fields

Communion: First Sunday in June.
Memorial: First Sunday in July.
Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Jimmy Hall,
Ivan Amburgey, Don Pratt

BETHANY:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May
Ministers called: L.D. Mosley, Nelson Craft,
Marvis Short

Communion: First Sunday in June.
Memorial: First Sunday in October.
Ministers called: Lonnie Gregory, Clifford Hughes

LITTLE DOVE:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May
Ministers called: Feldon Ruggles, Jr, Elwood Cornett,
H.B.Reedy, Jr.

Communion: Second Sunday in July.
Memorial: Second Sunday in June.
Ministers called: Don Pratt and home ministers

EMMANUEL:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May
Ministers called: Jim Fields, Danny Dixon, Don Pratt,
Alonzo Mosley, Barry Tiller

Communion: Second Sunday in June.
Memorial: Second Sunday in July.
Ministers called: Frank Newsome, Don Halcomb,
Toby Breeding, Emory Caudill and home
ministers

REYNOLDS FORK:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.
Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Harvey Creech,
Terry Collins, Howard Owens, H.B.Reedy, Jr.

Communion: Third Sunday in June.
Ministers called: Feldon Ruggles, Jr.
Memorial: Third Sunday in July.
Ministers called: Charles Craft and home ministers

LITTLE BULL CREEK:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.
Ministers called: Ellis Adams, Jim Fields,
Bill Halcomb, Harvey Creech, Benny Slone
Communion: Third Sunday in August.
Deceased Members Memorial: Third Sunday in June.
Ministers called: Homer Smith and home ministers
Melton Cemetery Memorial: Second Sunday in June.
Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.
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: Jim Fields, I.D. Back, Don Pratt
Communion: Third Sunday in June.
Memorial: Third Sunday in September.
Ministers called: Donald Collins, Earl Mosley and
home ministers

JUNE

HOUSE OF PRAYER:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.
Ministers called: Billy Campbell, Charles Shepherd
Communion: Third Sunday in July.
Memorial: Third Sunday in September.
Ministers called: Moderator and Assistant Moderator

KINGDOM COME:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Vergle Caudill, Don Halcomb, Wayne Caudill, Virgil Combs

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Cemetery Memorial: Second Sunday in August.

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

Memorial: First Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Clifton Hampton, Bert Fields, Roger Fields, George Roark, Clifford Gilbert, Ellis Adams, Don Pratt

CLEAR FORK:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, H.B.Reedy, Jr., Randy Combs, Jim Fields, Barry Tiller, Harvey Creech

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in October.

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, H.B.Reedy, Jr., Robert Combs, Howard Owens, David Smith, Everett Owens

NEW HOME:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Layton Phipps, Howard Owens, Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Don Pratt

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Milburn Slone, Bennie James Slone, Roy Slone, Chester Gibson

HAPPY HOME:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order

Communion: First Sunday in July.
Memorial: First Sunday in August.
Ministers called: All of the same faith and order

CHESTER HOGG MEMORIAL:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.
Ministers called: Keith Thomas, Don Pratt, Alonzo
Mosley, Roy Slone, Ross Wright
Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.
Ministers called: Jim Fields, Lonnie Gregory,
Bill Halcomb
Memorial: Fourth Sunday in May.
Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Lawrence Brown,
John Eldridge, Roger Gibson, Emory Caudill

MOUNT OLIVE:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in June.
Ministers called: Chester Gibson, Jimmy Hall, Danny
Dixon, Bordis Slone, Don Pratt
Communion: Second Sunday in July.
Memorial: Second Sunday in May.
Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley and home ministers

FRIENDSHIP:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.
Ministers called: John Fields, Roger Fields, Don Pratt,
Bobby Amburgey, Ross Wright
Communion: Third Sunday in August.
Memorial: Third Sunday in May.
Ministers called: Ellis Adams, Harvey Creech,
Elwood Cornett, James Slone, Hurley Short

BIG LEATHERWOOD:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.
Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Harvey Creech, Don

Halcomb, Howard Owens, Jim Fields
Communion: Third Sunday in August.
Memorial: Third Sunday in May.
Ministers called: Frank Newsome, Jim Fields, James
Caudill, Lehman Gilliam, Danny Dixon

BETHLEHEM:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June
Ministers called: Emory Caudill, Earl Slone, Toby
Breeding, David Smith, Danny Dixon and home
ministers
Communion: Third Sunday in July.
Memorial: Third Sunday in August.
Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Elwood Cornett,
Theodore Looney, Ivan Amburgey, Frank Newsome
and home ministers

DIXON MEMORIAL:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.
Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.
Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.
Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.
Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

BIG COWAN:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.
Ministers called: John Fields, Paul Watson, Toby
Breeding, Charles Shepherd, Bert Fields, Jerry
Manns, Jim Fields
Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.
Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.
Ministers called: Don Halcomb, Bill Halcomb, Emory
Caudill, Harvey Creech, Barry Tiller, Roger Gibson

IVY POINT:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.
Ministers called: Benny Slone, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.,
Terry Collins, Bordis Slone
Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.
Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.
Ministers called: Darrell Slone, Milburn Slone,
Keith Thomas, Harvey Creech

TOLSON CREEK:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.
Ministers called: Zennith Ison, Jim Fields, James
Caudill, Don Halcomb, Jerry Manns, David Smith,
Danny Dixon, James McClanahan
Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.
Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.
Ministers called: James Caudill, Howard Owens,
Roger Gibson, Don Pratt, Lonnie Sexton, Bill
Halcomb, Danny Dixon and home ministers

BIG CREEK:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.
Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Roger Gibson, Barry
Tiller, Charles Shepherd, John Preece
Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.
Ministers called: Lonnie Gregory, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.
Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.
Ministers called: Jim Fields, David Smith and
home ministers

CEDAR GROVE:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.
Ministers called: Don Halcomb, Toby Breeding,
Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Jerry Manns
Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Zennith Ison, Squire Watts,
Jim Fields, Danny Dixon, I.D. Back, Elwood
Cornett

LITTLE DAVID:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Bobby Amburgey, Keith Thomas,
Lonnie Sexton, Don Halcomb, Bordis Slone

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Harvey Creech,
Paul Watson, Jimmy Hall, Barry Tiller

JULY

NEW BETHLEHEM CHURCH:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Roy Slone, Keith Thomas

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Home ministers

LITTLE BETHANY:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Steve Hagerman, Terry Collins,
Bobby Yates, William McClanahan

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Jim Rush, Alonzo Mosley,
John Bowling

AUGUST

JOE REYNOLDS:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Earl Slone,
Alonzo Mosley

Communion: First Sunday in June.

Memorial: First Sunday in October.

Ministers called: Frank Newsome, Jim Fields,
Freddy Frazier

HURRICANE GAP:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Don Pratt,
John Preece, Bobby Amburgey, Bill Halcomb,
Clifford Gilbert, Jimmy Hall, Danny Dixon,
Clifton Hampton

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in October.

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Jimmy R. Bailey,
Bert Fields, H.B. Reedy, Jr., Gary Halcomb,
Harvey Creech, Toby Breeding, Don Halcomb,
Ross Wright

SEPTEMBER

LITTLE MARY:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in
September.

Ministers called: William McClanahan, Roy Slone,
Harvey Creech, Toby Bailey

Communion: Second Sunday in October.

Memorial: Second Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Jerry Manns, Squire Watts, Terry Collins, Benny Slone

LILY OF THE VALLEY:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Benny Slone, Bill Tackett, Milburn Slone, Ross Wright

Communion: Third Sunday in October.

Memorial: Third Sunday in May.

Ministers called: William McClanahan, Jerry Manns, Bill Halcomb, Squire Watts

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Cedar Grove Danny Dixon, Squire Watts, Paul Sparkman
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 Reynolds Fork Delmar Moore, Lonnie Sexton, Ollie Jack Howard
 Bull Creek Curt Watts, Jim Caudill, Clifford Fields
 Ivy Point Reed Hampton, Keith Thomas, Dewayne Mullins
 Little Dove Danny Amburgey, Mike Caudill, Charlie Dials
 Tolson Creek Norman Caudill, Phillip Combs, Emory Caudill
 Dixon Memorial Homer Smith, Elmer Caudill, Relon Hampton
 Big Creek Doug Gibson, Arthur Pendleton, Paul Cornett
 Happy Home Landis Everage, David Smith, Tommy Slone
 New Bethlehem Carl Slone, Randy Combs, Robert Everage
 Clear Fork Delza Young, Lee Fugate, Franklin Fugate
 Northern New Home Joe Back, Dean Hall, Layton Phipps
 Blair Branch Rodney Ison, Eugene Adams, Ellis Adams
 Mount Olivet William Lusk, Jr., Oliver Mullins, Lowell Caudill
 Little Zion Beckham Fields, Roger Gibson, John Fields
 Hurricane Gap Jimmie Ray Bailey, Ivan Cornett, Hillard Halcomb
 Kingdom Come Bert Fields, Roger Fields, George Roark
 Poor Fork Chris Stiltner, Toby Bailey, Harvey Creech
 Big Cowan Carl Adams, Clifton Hampton, Charles Raleigh
 Little Mary Lonnie Gregory, Coy Tolliver, John Bowling
 Mount Zion Carl Mosley, Earl Mosley, Donald L. Collins
 Friendship Jerry Caudill, Harlan Eldridge, Robert Whitaker
 Little Bethlehem Raymond Combs, John Reedy, Bob Amburgey
 Little Bethany Hurley Short, Joe Slone, Hershell Short
 Garden of Love Don Francis, Gary Mosley, Matt Pendergraft
 Rock Fork Earl Slone, Lowell Shepherd, Arlie Jackson
 Summertown Robert Combs, Howard Owens, Charles Young
 Emmanuel John Spahr, Ralph Deel, Theodore Looney
 Hemphill Alfred Adams, Cecil Stamper, Bob Sparks

Bethlehem Walter Sheets, Billy Campbell, Johnny Deal
 Bethany Charles Craft, Woodrow Tackett, Fred Ross
 Lily of the Valley Felden Ruggles, Jr., Clifford Hughes
 Little David James Yates, C. Paul McClanahan, William Stacy
 Big Leatherwood Darrell Newsome, Mark Gilliam, Lehman Gilliam
 Mount Olive Eugene Thacker, Marion Slone, Roy Slone
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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	10	0	0	1	3	5	2	177	4	9:30	\$450
New Home	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	46	1	9:30	150
Defeated Creek	1	0	1	0	2	0	5	26	2	9:30	250
Reynolds Fork	15	0	0	2	3	1	3	96	3	9:30	300
Bull Creek	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	70	3	6:00	200
Ivy Point	3	0	0	4	2	1	2	57	4	6:00	175
Little Dove	2	0	0	0	4	5	0	110	2	9:30	400
Tolson Creek	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	34	4	6:30	300
Dixon Memorial	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	43	4	9:30	100
Big Creek	0	0	0	0	5	1	3	29	4	3:00	250
Happy Home	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	35	1	9:30	125
New Bethlehem	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	3	9:30	200
Clear Fork	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	1	6:00	125
Northern New Home	2	2	0	0	0	2	1	101	4	6:00	250
Blair Branch	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	110	3	6:30	400
Mt. Olivet	4	0	0	0	0	5	0	120	1	6:30	400
Little Zion	1	4	0	0	2	0	4	27	2	6:30	300
Hurricane Gap	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	36	3	6:30	250
Kingdom Come	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	1	9:30	125
Poor Fork	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	25	1	6:30	250
Big Cowan	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	33	4	9:30	200
Little Mary	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	33	2	9:30	300
Mount Zion	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	2	6:30	50
Friendship	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	22	3	4:00	180
Little Bethlehem	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	26	4	9:30	200
Little Bethany	2	1	0	2	13	1	3	11	4	6:30	65
Garden of Love	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	23	3	7:00	150

104TH ANNUAL SESSION

	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	10	3	2	5	27	2	6	100	4	10:00	300
Summertown	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	2	9:30	125
Emmanuel	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	28	2	5:00	300
Hemphill	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	22	1	9:30	100
Bethlehem	7	1	0	0	5	5	8	119	3	9:30	350
Bethany	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	25	1	6:00	100
Lily of the Valley	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	9	3	2:30	100
Little David	2	5	0	0	0	2	5	39	4	9:30	200
Big Leatherwood	4	1	0	0	0	2	2	39	3	6:30	150
Mount Olive	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	15	2	9:30	200
Star of Bethlehem	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	20	4	10:00	150
Joe Reynolds	5	2	0	1	0	1	0	20	1	10:00	100
Chester Hogg Memorial	1	3	0	0	3	1	2	20	1	5:00	150
House of Prayer	2	4	0	0	0	2	0	25	3	10:00	100
Bright Morning Star	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	1	10:00	50
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Obituaries



MARY ADAMS

Sister Mary Smith Adams was born into the home of J.T. and Margaret Fields Smith on May 8, 1899. The Smith family was a large family. Mary had five brothers: Franklin, Madison, Davis, Dock, and Dee (her twin), four sisters: Cinda, Virgie, Berta, and Nancy. She also had two half brothers, Floyd and Thomas, and four half sisters: Mazie, Martha, Della, and Rebecca. Mary was the last living member of this large family.

Aunt Mary was the historian and genealogist of the family. She was blessed with a good memory and was always eager and willing to sit and tell about old times and kinfolk. Mary could remember when the family moved from Eoila to Jeremiah by horse wagon and how the older children walked along side the wagon but the younger ones, like Virgie, got to ride in the wagon. Mary said that she was about eight years old at this time.

Mary enjoyed the annual Memorial Day gatherings at the old homeplace at Jeremiah when friends and family would gather, sit and talk, and catch up on happenings of the previous year. Good food and fellowship was plentiful at these gatherings. The Smith reunion, held at Dee's old homeplace, was also one of Mary's favorite places to attend.

Aunt Mary was always concerned about her kinfolks, she would call and check on them on a daily basis. She spent many hours visiting by telephone.

Mary was married to Lenville Adams. They were blessed with four sons: Gillis, Otis, Junior, and Lowell; and they also

had one daughter, Gracie. Mary also raised her granddaughter, Mary Lou. Mary is survived by her five children, twelve grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Lenville, who passed away on March 8, 1968.

Sister Mary joined the Blair Branch Church at a Memorial meeting at Horse Mill Point Cemetery and was baptized in July, 1957. Her husband, Lenville, was also a member of the Blair Branch Church. Mary loved old time singing, with "Cabin on the Hill" being one of her favorite songs. Although Mary didn't hear very well she still wanted to attend her church as long as she was able.

Mary passed away on May 25, 1999, shortly after her one hundredth birthday. She was blessed to be able to stay at her own home until the last year of her life, when sickness forced her to go to the Letcher Manor Nursing Home.

Mary will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and church.

Psalm 116:15 "Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of one of His saints."



SIDNEY ADAMS

Sidney Adams was born September 13, 1910, to Robert (Bob) Adams and Susan King Adams. He passed from this life on November 15, 1998, making his stay here on earth 88 years, 2 months, and 2 days. Preceding him in death was his mother and father, seven brothers and sisters at a very young age, his sister, Flora Bowen, and brothers, Webb, Jim,

and Estill (Doc).

Left to mourn him is his kind and loving wife, Vinta

Amburgey Adams; 2 sons, Stanley Gordon and his wife, Erma Rudean and his wife, Sue; and 1 daughter, Nancy Sue Pigman and her husband, Roger; 9 grandchildren: Paul Gordon Adams, Robin Adams Embry, Tammy Lynn Adams, Sandra Adams Broering, Bryan Edward Adams, Jill Suzanne Adams, Acacia Pigman King, Joshua Lloyd Pigman, Jordan Scott Pigman, and 7 great-grandchildren; 4 brothers: Tolbia, Robert, John, and Andrew Adams; and 4 sisters: Ellen Robinson, Margaret Salisbury, Garnett Risner, and Grace Webb.

Dad was in politics a big portion of his life, and he loved to get out and campaign and be around people. He served as State Representative for 3 terms. Dad drove the school bus for many years and made some lifelong friends of the children who rode his bus. He was also a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, as well as having numerous other jobs. The most important thing Dad ever did was accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. In 1996, Dad was baptized into the Little Dove Old Regular Baptist Church. He had been going to church for many years and dearly loved attending with all the church brothers and sisters, but he couldn't seem to take that final step. In 1995 Dad had a serious car accident, and I remember talking to him in the ICU unit at the hospital. I asked him about his salvation and he cried saying he wanted to be saved and live eternally with the Lord. I told him I just felt God had spared him in the accident and was giving him the chance to make it right. Thank God, he did make it right, and we can rejoice that he is with our Lord.

Our family misses our beloved husband, father, and grandfather very much, but I know that he is with our Savior and Lord, and that makes our loss so much easier to bear.

Written by his daughter and sister in Christ,
Nancy S. Pigman



WILLIE (BILL) AMBURGEY

Willie Amburgey was a veteran of the second world war, a member of the VFW, a member of the Masonic Lodge and retired from the Louisville Sanitation Department. He was working with an Indiana security company at the time of his death. He passed away on May 17, 1999 at the Hospital of Veteran Affairs in Louisville, Kentucky of a short

illness.

Bill, known as "Chigger Bill," grew up in Knott County at Amburgey, Kentucky. He was the son of Rhoda (Combs) and Hiram W. Amburgey, born on January 24, 1920. On February 15, 1947, he was married to Freda Mae Oaks of Jackson, Breathitt County, Kentucky.

Bill believed in the Regular Baptist ways. He never joined any church but he attended the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church when he could and called it his church. He is preceded in death by his father, Hiram; mother, Rhoda; wife, Freda; one son, Phillip; one sister, Goldie Madden; and three brothers: Homer, John Shirley and Dennie. Left to mourn his passing are two sons, Paul of Louisville, Ky. and George of Cincinnati, Ohio; three grandsons; one granddaughter; one great-granddaughter; one brother, Sammie Amburgey of Vicco, Ky. and a host of nieces and nephews who loved him very much.

The family is thankful that Brother Danny Amburgey, Elder Don Pratt and Elder H.B. Reedy, Jr. went to Louisville and took care of the funeral for them. They also went to the Veterans' National Cemetery at Lebanon, Ky. where Bill's body was laid to rest. There he will rest until awakened by the holy angels who will take him to that heavenly mansion

to be reunited with the loved ones that have gone to rest from the troubles of this world..

Ecclesiastics 3:1-2: "To every thing is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up which is planted."

Written by a sister-in-law, Mrs. Dennie (Esther) Amburge



SUSAN ADAMS BACK

Susan Back was born on New Year's Day, 1917 to William and Fanny Adams of Blair Branch. She married Oscar Back July 1, 1949 and was preceded in death by Oscar on December 19, 1962. Mom passed away on March 1, 1998 at her home, after a courageous battle against leukemia.

Mom always told us to trust in The Lord and He would help us through any troubles. We called upon Him to help us through Mom's illness and passing, and by His grace and comforting spirit, we survived the storm. Mom set an example for each of us with her love, devotion to family, and above all, her faith. Even though her body became frail, her wonderful spirit never wavered.

Mom was so proud of her family, always looking out for us and encouraging us to do our best in life. She loved all her family, and never failed to show us how happy and proud of us she was. Mom also loved her church family. She was proud of the Blair Branch Church, which she joined in 1952. Even after she became so frail from her illness, she would proudly tell about the first meeting at her church. Mom could name those who attended and even the order of preaching.

In her waning days Mom looked so forward to visits from

fine friends like Hattie, Hassie, Millie, Gillis, Bob, Ellis, and others. All the kind words, prayers, and songs meant so much to her and all of our family.

I'm sure Mom would say "I love you" to all her family and friends. She would also tell of a beautiful home where she is waiting for us with open arms, just as she used to greet us here.

Mom, we can still laugh; just not as loud, we can still smile, just not as wide. A piece of our life is missing; but in our hearts, somewhere between love and kindness, there is a big space called Mom.



MELVIN BANKS

It is with great sadness, and tears that I try to write the obituary of Melvin Banks.

He was a good father to his children and grandchildren, and to me, his daughter-in-law. He loved people and meeting new people at the flea market, where he worked for many years.

But the main thing in his life at the last six months of his life

was how he could please his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

He would ask me to play songs from the Old Regular Baptist Church that Brother Emory Caudill had recorded for him, and read to him from the Bible. I want to thank Emory Caudill, Ellis Adams, and all the Tolson Creek ministers and sisters for the love and care they showed his family in his time of passing.

We miss him, but we know that he has gone on to be with Jesus. He joined Tolson Creek Old Regular Baptist Church three months before he died and was baptized.

Melvin Banks passed away on Monday, November 30,

1998 at his residence. Melvin was the son of the late George and Minnie Ison Banks. He was born February 13, 1923 being 75 years 9 months and 17 days of age at the time of his passing.

Surviving are 7 sons: Phillip Banks, Lee Banks, Raymond Banks, Ivan Banks, Billy W. Banks, all of Premium; Douglas Banks of Cartersville, Indiana, and David Banks of Premium; 2 daughters, Emmajean Noble of Premium and Patrina Tackett of Johnson City, Tn.; 1 brother, George Banks Jr. of Premium; 4 sisters: Callie Nease, Geraldine Adams and Irene Caudill of Premium, Bobby Jean Cornett of Indiana; 20 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, and wife, Hazel Banks, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing. Melvin was preceded in death by his second wife, Vickie Jean Blair Banks; 1 son, Melvin Banks Jr.; 1 daughter, Susan Jane.

Written by his daughter-in-law, Luenna Banks



CURTIS H. BATES

Curtis H. Bates was born in Knott County, Kentucky on May 23, 1906 to Lum and Lizza Thornsberry and died on March 19, 1999, at the Medical Center of Southern Indiana in Charlestown, making his stay here on earth 92 years, 9 months and 24 days.

He married Lettie Franklin on August 8, 1931. To this union were born four children. His wife, Lettie, and two daughters, Joyce and Wilma, preceded him in death.

Later in life he met and married Leona Wright Bates. Surviving are his wife, Leona Wright Bates of Letcher Co., Ky.;

three sons: Elwood Bates of British Columbia, Canada; Arthur Bates of South Carolina; Edward Bates of Michigan; daughter, Mary Bates Harbin of Hibernia, Indiana; two brothers, Everett Bates and Isadore Bates; two sisters, Sadie King and Augie Slone; twenty-five grandchildren; his stepchildren and many friends.

Curtis taught school in Knott County, Kentucky. He came to Indiana in 1940 and worked at the Government Plant in Charlestown and other plants in Indiana as well. He also liked hunting for ginseng.

Later in life, Brother Curtis found the need of a Savior and cried for mercy. He joined the Chester Hogg Memorial Old Regular Baptist Church, and was baptized on May 9, 1981. He always filled his seat and will be sadly missed by his family and brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Written by his family and a sister in the Lord,
Olive R. Tackett.



ASTER BLAIR

Words cannot express the sorrow and pain felt by the family, friends and community at the untimely death of Brother Aster Blair. Brother Aster was born August 11, 1944 to William McKinley Blair and Ezzie Francis Blair. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Blair; his mother, Ezzie Blair of Redfox; two sons, Anthony Wade Blair and David McKinley Blair of Redfox; two daughters, Janice Dianne Blair of Indiana and Pamela Michell Hudson of Redfox; one son-in-law, Duke Hudson of Redfox; four brothers: Marion Blair of Redfox, Michael Blair of Winchester, Mitchell Blair of Red Star, and J.P. Blair of North Carolina; one sister, Patricia Smith of Hazard; four grand-

children: Paul Byron, Jessica Nicole, Joshua Duke and Andrew Wade; and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, McKinley Blair, and one brother, Roger Blair.

Aster touched so many lives through his work. He was a skilled carpenter who built many beautiful homes throughout the hills of eastern Kentucky. As a young man Brother Aster got concerned about his soul and where he would spend eternity. After much praying, he felt that the Lord forgave him and promised him a beautiful mansion when this life was over. In 1978 he joined the Little Dove Old Regular Baptist Church. On earth, Aster was a simple man who did not want fancy belongings, but in Heaven he is living in a beautiful mansion built by another Carpenter.

Aster was a master storyteller. He truly loved people and nothing pleased him more than talking with his family and friends. Aster would go out of his way to spend time with people. A conversation with him always turned to the Bible and to all the good things that God had done for him. He dearly loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Aster was a scholar of the Bible. He spent a lot of time in his basement praying and talking to the Lord. Now we believe that he is with his Master forever.

The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Written with love by Jimmie Adams and Rodney Adams

My name is Jessica and I love my Pap-paw so much. He was a very good man, and he had lots of friends. Each one of them love him and we miss him so badly. He has left lots of love behind. I know he is in a good place and God will take care of him.

We love you, Pap-Paw.

Love, Jessica and Joshua Hudson

Time is life, and time is healing, I am sure. But this tragedy is a great loss, it is very hard lots of times. Sometimes I look at stuff that my Grandpa has done, and I begin to think of all the things he has taught me over the thirteen years, two months and one day I have known him. I remember about a year before my kindergarten year he taught me how to tie my shoes by the coal outside. My Grandpa was very special to me, he meant a lot to me and to many others, too. The day he entered eternal life, I had awakened to go to school. I have a necklace that I never forget, but that day I had forgotten it. I walked outside to catch the bus, and I was talking to my friend and for some reason, I turned and walked away, not because I had forgotten my necklace but because I knew something was wrong. As soon as I opened the door the phone rang. It was my cousin Troy. He asked for my mom. I gave the phone to Mom and went back outside. The bus never came so I decided that I would have my mom take me. When I got to the steps, I heard my mom (Janice Blair) crying in sorrow. I dashed up the stairs to see what was wrong. She wouldn't tell me at first. Finally she told me about Grandpa. At first, I refused to believe it. I thought that it was a dream. Finally, I came around and it dawned on me that it was real. I began to cry, but then I realized that God had done this for a reason, not a loss. Still, to this day, I cry alone in the dark.

Some people think of how my very wise Grandpa passed away, but I like to think of how he lived. I give God all the glory in my heart for what he has done for us, and I know he is taking good care of Aster Watson Blair just inside the gates of Heaven.

One of these days I hope to see him singing with the angels in his white robe.

I love you very deeply Pa-Pa.

Your grandson, Byron Sparkman

A Special Thanks

There has always been a person in my life who I have cared very deeply for. This man has been there for me when no one else was.

He has tucked me in nice and warm so that I could sleep all through the night. And I'll never forget those arms of warmth that he has held me with when I was scared. He has comforted me all of my life and I know that he always will.

The wisdom within this man will never be matched by all of the knowledge that I will ever hold.

He has a way of always taking care of the ones around him. This should have taken all of his time, but there has always been time for a game of catch. Without that I would have never had those wonderful summer memories of baseball.

He has always had time for a quiet hunt or a fishing trip. I learned so much from him especially in those areas. It means so much to me to know that I always had someone there to teach me how. Teaching me is just a small part of it. It's that he cared enough to want to teach me that matters.

But the most important thing he taught me is to have respect for everyone. That makes life a whole lot easier in everything that you do.

The special man that I have been talking about is my father. A father makes things so much easier in life. Especially when you can always be proud to have him as a father.

Today I am eighteen years old and still learning from him every day. Just by looking in this man's eyes I can learn so much. I love him with all of my heart and I appreciate him and our relationship more and more every day. I only hope that he knows.

Your loving son, David

(Written to Aster as a gift on David's eighteenth birthday)



DANA BLAIR

With loving memories, we will try to write the obituary of a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and a dear sister in the Lord, Dana Blair.

She was born December 11, 1930, and passed away from this life January 24, 1999, being 68 years, 1 month and 13 days old. She was the daughter of the late Ike and Cinda Caudill of Letcher

Co., Ky.

Early in life, she met and married Arnold Blair. They had been married 49 years and 9 months when she passed away. To this union were born 4 children: Linda Caudill of Jeremiah, Randy Arnold Blair of Jeremiah, Dale Robert Blair of Littcarr, and Janet Little of McRoberts, Ky. All survive her. Also surviving at her passing were 2 sisters: Delta Caudill of Morrow, Ohio and Deloris Gibson of Florida; and 2 brothers, Dorse Caudill of Virginia and Lott Caudill of Ohio; and 8 grandchildren, plus many nephews and nieces and friends. Six brothers preceded her in death, Since her passing, her brother, Loft, passed away.

She was a member of the Mount Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church for 39 years and was most faithful to attend for as long as health would allow her. She dearly loved her church and her Lord. I think she only missed 8 or 9 times at her home church, all were due to her sickness or her children's sickness. She certainly will be missed.

Since her passing, a daughter, a son, and a daughter-in-law have joined the church, and are living for Jesus. Another daughter already belonged to the church. So husband, children, and grandchildren, Mom has gone to her eternal rest, where there is love, peace, and joy forever, where she won't

have to suffer or worry about anything ever again. I know we all miss her, she was a special, special person. I've always felt like she was just another Mother for me, I loved her. So let's remember the precious memories about her, and try our best to live our lives here for Jesus, so we can go where she is.

With my love to you all, Merle



SHARON BRIDGES

In early spring, on April 18, 1945, Sharon Bridges graced the home of the late Sherman and Madge Fields Napier of Clay County, Kentucky. She departed from this earth on May 29, 1999 to be with our Lord, Jesus Christ. Before God called her home, He allowed us to enjoy her presence 54 years, 1 month and 11 days.

She met and married Lee Bridges in May of 1985. Preceding her in death are her parents and a brother, Sherman Napier. Surviving are her husband, Lee, and a son, Andy Bridges of Hamilton, Ohio; two daughters, Robin Chambers and Deborah Poole of Mason, Ohio; one stepdaughter, Gina Bridges of Nashville, Tennessee; three stepsons: Dion Bridges of Cincinnati, Ohio, Chad Bridges of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Brandon Bridges of Hamilton, Ohio. Also surviving are three sisters and one brother: Charlotte Wilson of Fairfield, Ohio, Katherine Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio, Grace Nussen of Tacoma, Washington, and John Napier of Tacoma, Washington; and six grandchildren, along with many friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Sister Sharon was baptized on December 2, 1972 into the Old Regular Baptist Church at Westchester, Ohio. She moved her membership to the Old Regular Baptist Church of North-

ern New Home in Goshen, Ohio, where she attended up until her passing.

She was employed for five years at Buchanan Conveyors until her illness forced her to take a leave of absence.

You have heard the statistical record of our precious sister. I will now, with the help of our Lord attempt to tell you a little about this dear sister in the Lord.

Jesus said, "You must be born again." Sister Sharon believed this and gave her life over to Jesus. In nature we mourn the death of this precious sister; however, in the Spirit we celebrate her earthly passing into the presence of God. If you have not done as she has, you will not understand this statement. Sister Sharon would not trade what she now has for this earthly life, which has sickness, sorrow and bitterness.

There are many present here today that have known Sister Sharon much longer than I have; however, for the time I have known her, I will say it has been fruitful. She has touched greatly on my life, as I am sure she has done to you who have known her for many years.

Her illness hindered her from attending church as much as she wanted. She still took time, even though she was not able, to call and inquire about one's health. She did this to me when she learned I was not feeling well.

I have known many that had this terrible disease. She accepted it with grace and dignity and put all her faith in God. During her last day or so, she cried and said it was tears of joy. She knew it would not be long until she would be going home to Jesus.

It is easy to write about one who has given over their life to Jesus. Pages would not hold the good things we could say about this sister in Christ.

God works in mysterious ways. We mortals cannot begin to understand what life has in store for us.

When Sister Sharon was born, she cried and her loved ones rejoiced. God has now turned this around. Sister Sharon

left us with joy and now her loved ones are crying.

The Good Book tells us, "While we look not at the things that are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." We witness this today. The body, which we have seen, is temporal. But that part we could not see is the spirit, which is ever lasting and is enjoying the peace and comfort with our Lord.

We will miss her sweet smile and the love she has so richly shown.

Written by a brother in Christ, E. Robert Miller



BERT C. CAUDILL

With a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my father-in-law, Bert C. Caudill. Bert was born February 21, 1918. He was the son of the late Henry H. and Ellen Caudill. Bert married Ruby Melton on June 18, 1938. Bert entered eternal life June 18, 1999, which would have been his and Ruby's sixty-first anniversary. To this union was

born three daughters and two sons. Ruby and two daughters preceded Bert in death.

Bert joined the Little Dove Church on April 9, 1978, and he was a faithful member until his death.

We, the family, will miss him, but we hope to meet him in Heaven someday. I love and miss you Bert.

How Will I be Remembered?

*What will they say about me,
those whom I hold so dear?*

*What will they best remember,
When I am no longer here?*

*Will they recall mistakes I've made,
Battles I never won?
Moments of pain I've caused them,
Or things I've left undone?*

*Will they censor my human failings,
And wish I'd been noble and strong?
Will they scoff at my hopes I nurtured,
The dreams that some how went wrong?
Or will they be moved by compassion,
Directed from heaven above?
To temper their judgement with kindness,
And soften their memories with love.*

Written by Bert's daughter-in law, Phyllis J. Caudill



BOYD CAUDILL

Boyd Caudill, 87, Blackey, Kentucky, died Saturday, December 19, 1998, at his home. He was born April 13, 1911, at Uz, Kentucky, the son of Wesley and Mahalia Caudill. Boyd Caudill was a member of the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church in Blackey. He retired March 24, 1974, after twelve years of service on the St. Marys KS Police Department. Prior to that, he served on the Sheriff's Department in Harlan and Letcher County in Kentucky, with a total of forty-two years of service in police work. As a young man, he worked in the coal mines in Harlan, County, Ky. He was in the National Guard and the

CCC's.

He married Mella Kelly on October 2, 1937, in Harlan County, Ky. She died December 28, 1987. He married Imogene Griffie on December 11, 1989, in Blackey, Ky. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Donald B. Caudill, St. Marys, and Richard M. Caudill, Reading; two daughters, Phyllis Barnes Lubtke Phelan Ca., and Sheila Caudill, Reading; seventeen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren; one stepson, Terrell Griffie, Blackey, Ky.; four stepdaughters: Brenda Caudill, Blackey, Ky., Sharon Adams, Letcher, Ky., Wanda Long, Gordon, Ky., and Loretta Mullins, Pound, Va.; thirteen step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; one brother, Edwin Caudill, Uz, Ky.; and two sisters, Ella Carson, St. Mary's, and Ann Frazier, Whitesburg, Ky. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patsy Isom, on September 19, 1985, and a granddaughter, Debbie Caudill, in May, 1979. Two stepsons, Carman and Dwayne, are also deceased.

His funeral service was Tuesday, December 22, at his Church in Blackey, Ky. Burial was in a family cemetery near Kingdom Come, Kentucky.



ELMA CAUDILL

Loving wife, loving mother, loving grandmother, great-grandmother, faithful Christian, and friend. This describes the lady we called Mom.

We are filled with memories today of our life with her. She taught us early on to be good and to do the right thing. She set a good example when she and Dad accepted Jesus as their savior and walked hand in hand into the water to be baptized on June 25, 1989, and arose to walk in the newness of life.

Elma Caudill passed away on March 4, 1999 at home.

Mom was the daughter of the late Leander and Betty Day Eldridge. She was born January 20, 1920 being 79 years 1 month and 12 days of age at the time of her passing. Mom was a member of the Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church. Carlos and Elma were married October 16, 1936 and to this union was born 2 sons, Roy Caudill of Shepherdsville, KY. and Loye Caudill of Letcher; 4 daughters: Ollie Jent, Verna Jent and Artie Shepherd all of Blackey and Ina Sumner of Somerset KY. Elma is survived by her husband, Carlos, and 1 foster daughter, Margaret Eldridge of Somerset; 1 brother, Astor Eldridge of Medway, Ohio; 1 sister, Arlie Shea of Waynesburg, KY; 11 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing. Mom was preceded in death by 7 infants, 4 brothers: Howard, Willie, Lloyd and Henry and 1 sister, Eva.

We chose to take care of Mom at home as her illness worsened. Near the end of her life, when she was in pain, she would call out softly, "Oh, Lordy, Lordy." We felt it was a confirmation of her faith in Him, and we felt sure he was near. We will miss her so much, but because of the preparations she made for eternal life, it will make our sorrow lighter.

All our love and Prayers, Carlos and children



HILLARD DAVID CAUDILL

An empty seat with a red rose, a grieving family, brothers and sisters with sad and tearful faces, and thoughts of a world that is now a little more empty and lonely, these are memories from the great loss of a good man, Hillard Caudill. He was a good family man, so loved and respected by his wife, children and grandchildren. Oh, how he loved them and worried about their care, especially the salva-

tion of their souls. He also was dedicated to serving the Lord and his brothers and sisters in the church. Hillard is greatly missed by all of us, he enriched our lives and left pleasant memories that will linger until we can join him in the paradise of God.

Hillard David Caudill passed away on Monday, December 14, 1998 at his residence. He was the son of the late James Jesse and Chloe Caudill. Hillard was born on September 23, 1939, having lived 59 years, 2 months and 21 days at the time of his passing. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Sue Caudill; two daughters, Sherry Sue Mullins and Patricia Ann Caudill both of Cynthiana; one son, Clem Blair, a loving gift from Al and Billie Blair; two sisters, Opal Caudill of Alexandria, Kentucky, and Vina Bryant of Auburn, Indiana; three brothers, Coleman Caudill of Jeremiah, Kentucky, Lonzo Caudill of Jeremiah, Kentucky, and Hubert Caudill of Sunman, Indiana; five grandchildren, Benjamin, Rebekah, Cassie, Shelley and Noah and a host of other relatives and friends. Hillard was preceded in death by two sisters, Effie and Arlie Caudill.

Hillard was a good natured, hard-working man. He was friendly and helpful to everyone that he met. However, for a number of years he had problems with his heart which finally required major surgery. In a Lexington hospital, he realized his need for a Savior and found the peace and assurance that he needed. As his daughter remarked, "I want you to meet my new daddy," Hillard had been made anew by the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. He then dedicated his life to serving the Lord. Hillard became, a member of the Blair Branch Church and brought much joy to our lives. He found great satisfaction in serving God's people. His light shined among our many churches and he was loved by all.

In a quiet moment of his life while alone at home, Hillard heard a call from glory and God took His obedient servant home to rest. He is now waiting for his family, friends, broth-

ers and sisters to come to that eternal home. Rest in peace, our beloved brother, we will meet again.

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

Written by a friend and brother in the Lord,
Elder Don Pratt



SARAH MARGARET CAUDILL

Proverbs 31: 30, 31

Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the lord, she shall be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Sister Margaret was born into the home of Dan and Virgie Adams on November 29, 1924. She was the second of nine children.

Margaret met and later married Ellis Caudill on September 14, 1946.

Ellis became ill and Margaret cared for him until his death. She lived on with his parents, William and Phoebe, caring for them until their deaths. Virgie and Margaret joined the Blair Branch Church at a Memorial Meeting at Horse Mill Point Cemetery in 1958. They were baptized by I.D. Back and Carl Back at the low water bridge below Virgie's home.

Margaret had no children of her own but loved and cared for all her nieces and nephews. Most of them can recall fond memories of staying in Doty Creek, especially the love and attention Aunt Margaret gave them.

She returned home in the late seventies to help her mother

in the running of the old homeplace. Many a meal was cooked and enjoyed there, especially the Memorial Day dinners, when family and friends from far and near would gather in for a day of visiting, food, and fellowship,

When Granny became sick Margaret cared for her with patience, love, and devotion until the time of her passing. Margaret kept the old homeplace in the same manner as her mother, always a welcome place for family and friends.

Margaret was diagnosed with cancer in 1996 and battled it until her death, never complaining or questioning why. While surrounded by loved ones the Lord ended Margaret's suffering at 1:00 Wednesday morning March 3, 1999.

She leaves to mourn her passing three sisters: Mamie, Juanita, and Coreen; and three brothers: James Gid, Dock, and Ivan. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a brother (Blaine), and a sister (Mary Geneva).

Also surviving are a host of nieces and nephews who will never forget the lessons their Aunt Margaret taught them and the good example she lived before them.

II Timothy 4: 6, 7, 8

"For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."



ISHMEL COMBS

Ishmel Combs passed away on Tuesday, May 6, 1997 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

Ishmel was the son of the late Jordan a Sarah Katherine Gibson Combs.

He was born July 1, 1920 being 76 years, 9 months and 5 days of age at the time of his passing.

Ishmel was a member of the

Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Marie Irene Combs; 1 son, Tommy Combs of Letcher; 2 daughters, Ollie Marie Smith of Isom and Gathelee C. Terrell of Louisville; 3 sisters: Redith Tolliver of Louisville, Quanita Johnson of Cumberland and Vernie Meade of Ft. Gay, West Virginia; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

*Why do we mourn departing friends?
Or shake at death's alarm!
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends,
To call them to His arms.*



DAISY F. DAY

Daisy F. Day was born July 11, 1923. She was the daughter of Dock D. and Atha Ison Frazier. She departed this life to enter into a new life with Christ on Thursday, November 19, 1998. She is survived by her husband, Coleman Day, her daughters, Joanne Day, and Sherry Wright,

and her son, Jerry Day. She was also the mother of an infant son who was stillborn. She was the proud grandmother of 6 grandchildren: Rachel Mays, Rene Hinderlider, C.J. Wright, Jerry, Ali, and Whitley Day. She had one great-granddaughter, Leeha Skaggs. Also surviving are one brother, Paul Frazier, and one sister, Marie F. Day. One brother, Pat Frazier, and one sister, Nancy Hall, preceded her in death. A devoted Christian, she was baptized into the Big Cowan Old Regular Baptist Church on December 27, 1953.

Daisy Day said her favorite poem was entitled, "It is Enough." She said, "It is just the way I feel."

It is Enough

*I do not know what yonder lies,
 Behind the mist that comes with sunset's glow.
 But I have seen a glory in the skies at eventime,
 I have seen the flowers grow.
 I've walked in clean, white snow,
 I've heard the rain and watched the trees,
 That leafed and bloomed in spring.
 I've lingered by a brook that rippled by,
 And listened to a mating Robin sing.
 I've lived and laughed,
 And then wept to laugh again.
 I've known a joy, that followed deep despair,
 Whatever the mist conceals.
 It is enough for me to know,
 That joys are greater there.*



HARRISON DEEL

With a sad and broken heart, we will try to write the obituary of our dearly beloved daddy and husband. He was the son of the late Charlie Hopkins "Hoppy" Deel and Gracie Jane Dales Deel. He was born to this union August 15, 1929, and departed this life October 6, 1998, making his stay here on earth 69 years, 1 month, 21 days. He was married to Gay

Ola (Willis) Deel September 13, 1947. They devoted their lives to each other for 51 years, 23 days. To this union were born two daughters, Marshall Clevinger and Linda Branham, and two sons, Bobby Harrison Deel and Blake Deel.

He was preceded in death by his mother March 14, 1972, and his father December 1, 1979; also by five brothers and 3 sisters. He leaves to mourn his death: his wife, Gay Ola (Willis) Deel of Grundy, VA; two daughters, Marshall Clevinger and Linda Branham, both of Grundy, VA; two sons, Blake Deel of Breaks, VA and Bobby Harrison Deel of Grundy, VA. Also surviving are three grandchildren. He leaves two sisters, Myrtle McGlothlin of Vermilion, OH, Orpha Pennington of Jackson, KY; three brothers: Finis Deel of Grundy, VA, Gilbert Deel of Fairless Hills, PA and Clyde Deel of Vermilion, OH. Daddy also leaves one stepsister, Lexie Stiltner of Grundy, VA.

Daddy was a member of the United Mine Workers of America, Local Union 7025 of Harman, VA having worked for Harman Mining Corporation for 33 years. We never had a great lot of money, but Daddy always saw that we had the things that we needed and things that we wanted as we could afford. Looking back as children, Daddy always provided for us. He was a hard worker all of his life and a very indepen-

dent man.

Each and everyone of us went to Daddy for advise or help from time to time. He was always willing to help and seem to know the answers to our problems.

Daddy became ill some several years before his death. The doctor discovered that he had cancer about eight years prior to his death. He received radiation treatments that summer and seemed to be fighting the disease with a positive attitude. Daddy also had severe lung conditions from smoking and working all those years in the coal mines. It wasn't until the last three to four years that you could see a dramatic change in Daddy's health. He had always loved to hunt and fish and now the time had come that his health would not permit it. His breathing had gotten so bad he could not climb those mountains as he had before. The pain became worse with each passing day.

When Daddy let God into his life, it was the most precious day of all. The day Daddy became a Christian, he told Mommy that he had a feeling that he had never had before and that he wanted to join the church. Elders Jimmy Yates and Billie Campbell joined with us to celebrate this wonderful day when Daddy became a member of the Little David Old Regular Baptist Church, Indian Bottom Association, of Prater, VA. Daddy told us that he was one of God's children now and that God would take care of him. He would pray so hard sometimes for God to just take him home so the pain could stop. He suffered many times with his family and friends standing over him praying for a better life. Daddy's life here on earth was coming to an end and we all knew it.

God let us keep Daddy until Tuesday morning, when He called him home. Daddy's prayers had finally been answered and he had gone to Heaven, a place to rest without any sorrow or pain.

We all have many precious and wonderful memories of Daddy and will miss him more than words can say. But, we

feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. Our hearts are broken and have an emptiness that will always be there, but we know that our Daddy is living in Heaven, as he had prayed so hard for.

Daddy, you will be missed by so many people, but especially Mommy, the children, grandchildren, daughter-in-law and sons-in-law. We love you so very much from the bottom of our hearts.

Rest In Peace.

Written by his broken-hearted wife and children



FLORENCE CARTER ELDRIDGE

April 11, 1917 - March 5, 1999

On April 11, 1917, God sent to earth an angel from Heaven. This special gift was given to her parents, Sam and Delia Carter. This angel was given the name Florence. She grew to be a very special person. She was loved by her family, friends, and her church family.

On October 1, 1949, she married Leroy Eldridge. Born to her were 9 children: Shirley Whitaker of Cumberland, Lois Dixon, Carrol Stamper, and Herbert Eldridge of Hallie, Bobby Eldridge of Eolia, Lena Eldridge and Larry Eldridge of Hallie, and Mary Adams of Eolia. One daughter, Martha Eldridge, and two grandchildren preceded her in death.

With eight children and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren who always loved, admired, and looked up to her, she led a very fulfilling and happy life. She was a very beautiful person, who was full of life with an abundance of spirit. Living in Hallie for most of her life, she was known by most everyone, and all enjoyed her humor and company. Being around her, you could feel her aura of happiness that she

out. On March 5, 1999, she left this earth, to go back to Heaven to be with God. I believe that there is a star in the sky for everyone in Heaven. If this is true, every night we can look to the heavens and see our mother, grandmother, and friend, Florence Carter Eldridge, shining for us still. We will always remember the loving person she was and she will always be in our hearts, for we loved her so dearly.

Written by: granddaughter, Kim Stamper



ELAM J. EVERAGE

Elam J. sprung up a flower in the home of Aker and Angaline Jones Everage June 12, 1936. Early in life he met and married Marie Everage. In this union 5 children were born, one son, John Allen, and 4 daughters: Helen Faye Morgan, JoAnn Auer, Teresa Auer and Karen Raichel.

Elam J. was a kind and loving husband and father and he worked hard to provide for his family. In later years Elam J. realized something was missing in his life. He realized it was the Lord. He prayed and prayed and Jesus forgave him. He joined the Happy Home Church on the third Sunday night in September 1997 and was baptized October 5, 1997. He was a faithful member and brother to many churches as long as he was able. On February 12, he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife and children; his brother, Landis Everage; 2 sisters, Matilda Lucas and Goldia Jenkins; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews; and 2 aunts. His mother and dad, 1 brother and 1 sister preceded him in death. I would like to say to you children that the Lord didn't take your Daddy to hurt you. He's resting now in the arms of Jesus. If he could speak

he'd tell you not to weep for him but for yourselves. You all can meet Daddy, but you have to do what Daddy did. Get the Lord in your life, because time is running out. You children be good to Mommy, and be good to one another.

Written by his brother and sister-in-law in the Lord,
Landis and Cleo Everage

*A million times we'll miss you
A million times we'll cry
if love alone could have saved you
you never would have died
In life we loved you dearly
In death we love you still
In our hearts you hold a place
no other one can fill
The golden gate stood open
God saw you needed rest
God's garden must be beautiful
He always picks the best.
Wife, Marie, and family*



CHARLIE FIELDS

Charlie Fields entered eternal life on October 21, 1983. He was born at Roxanna, Ky. on November 13, 1885 to Issac and Phoebe Jane Caudill Fields. He passed away in Pineville Community Hospital, Pineville, Ky. He was 97 years old.

Daddy was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers, 1 sister, and a grandchild. He was the

last living child of this family.

Daddy married Reavy Caudill on June 29, 1935. Left to mourn his precious memories were his wife, and daughter and son-in-law, Mae and Harold Lloyd of Pineville, Ky.

Daddy made his peace with God and was baptized in 1956. He was a member of Poor Fork Old Regular Baptist Church for several years. For some reason he asked for his letter, it was granted and he never put it in another church. He always went to church every chance he got.

The last two years he lived he was in poor health. He never complained about anything. When he left us to go be with the Lord, our family circle was broken.

I miss Daddy, but I do know I'll be with him again when my time comes to go.

Daddy is buried in Green Hills Memorial Garden at Middlesboro, Kentucky.

Written by daughter, Mae Fields Lloyd



REAVY CAUDILL FIELDS

With a broken heart, I'll try to write this obituary of my precious mother and dear friend, Reavy Caudill Fields. The Lord called her home on July 28, 1998 at the Middlesboro Appalachian Regional Hospital at age 84.

She was born February 2, 1914 to James Floyd and Hannah (Caudill) Caudill. She was born at Roxana, Ky. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charlie Fields; infant grandchild, eight sisters and three brothers. She left behind one daughter and son-in-law, Mae and Harold Lloyd of Pineville, Ky.

Mother had been sick for a few years. She had heart trouble and was a diabetic. But she never gave up. About four days before she left she called me to her bedside. She said "I want

to talk to you." She said, "I hate to leave you here, but I have to go home; my family is standing at the gate waiting on me. I love you, goodbye." That was the last Mother ever talked enough I could understand her. She loved everybody.

Mother joined the Poor Fork Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized in 1956. Later in years she moved her membership to Defeated Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. She loved the Lord and loved to go to church.

She moved to Pineville, Kentucky in 1981 to be close to her daughter. There aren't any Regular Baptist Churches in Pineville, so she took membership with Wasioto Baptist Church with her daughter. She never let the Old Regular Baptist leave her belief. She sang the songs to herself. She would get happy and rejoice in the Lord.

She got acquainted with a very special friend of this family, Joe Steely, and family. Joe would take her to church with him back to Cumberland. She was always thrilled to get to go.

Mother was laid to rest in Green Hills Memorial Gardens beside her husband. Helping others was her joy, but her labors are over and she is now resting with Jesus.

Written by daughter, Mae Fields Lloyd,
and friend, Joe Steely



LUCY FIELDS

Lucy Fields was born May 29, 1912. She was the eldest of thirteen children born into the home of John and Tina Campbell. She passed away June 7, 1999. She is survived by 5 children: Louise Williams, Greenville, S.C.; J. W. Fields, Louisville, Ky.; Eddie Fields, Schuler, Okla.; Joy Worley, Asheville, N.C.; and For

ester Fields of Asheville, N.C. Also surviving are several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many of Lucy's childhood friends, including brothers and sisters and relatives, have passed away. She lived a long, full life, being 87 years of age at the time of her passing.

She was married to the late Elder Clarence Fields 53 years, until his passing. They shared a wonderful, godly life together. Their church fellowship and Christian witness were extremely important to them. They were not strangers to "good works." Few were the times when they went to church without taking as many neighbors and friends as their car would carry. Some of my earliest church memories are of them going to church with a car full of people. Another very fond memory of them is of Sunday dinners after church. These "after-church gatherings" were special events. Feasting, singing, rejoicing, praying and biblical discussions all occurred at these dinners. Oh! What precious memories!

After Clarence's death several years ago, Lucy lived at and maintained the old homeplace until her health deteriorated. She, being independent and determined, decided not to move from Knott County to live with her children. Even though they wanted her to come and live with them, she thought she would be a burden. So she moved into the Knott County Nursing Home on June 7, 1995, where she knew many of the others residents and enjoyed the community environment.

At the time of her passing Lucy was a member of the Little Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church, Brinkley, Ky. The church members loved her and she loved and appreciated them.

In the last months prior to her departure, Lucy began to pray for God to take her to her new home in Heaven. On June 7, 1999, God answered her prayers. She departed from the Knott County Nursing Home exactly four years after she moved there and went to her new home in Heaven.

HERBIE HALL

Herbie was our uncle, but more like a father to us. We miss him and it is hard to write this obituary of him. But, with God's help, we can conquer anything. Herbie was born August 10, 1923 at Halo, Ky and passed suddenly from this life March 10, 1996 in Lincoln Park, Mich. His parents were the late Thomas Buddy Hall and Nanny Fouts Hall. He has left behind his wife, Martrilla; two sons, Herbie Jr. and Jerry Lee; one daughter, Linda Lou, all of whom reside in Michigan; three brothers: Harold and Conard Hall of Virgie, Ky. and Thomas Hall of Conway, Va.; three sisters: Leatha Tackett of Virgie, Cleatha Sturgill of Stambough and Parsie Miller of Stollings, W.Va. His sister, Grathel, has passed away since he has been gone.

Herbie was a World War II veteran, who was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge, thus earning him a purple heart. He was also in the Laharre Invasion of France. Thirty years of hard work and dedication to his company, Great Lakes Steel, earned him retirement in 1980. Co-workers will remember Herbie as a very great friend. He will be missed highly at the Union Hall.

Herbie and my father loved to fish together. The lakes in Tennessee have lost many fish to these two. They were like brothers; so this meant Herbie was close to our family. He is missed by all who knew and loved him. We sure hope to see him again someday, where we all can fish in that big lake in the sky. We love you, Herbie.

Written by his nieces, Hannah and Fallon Sparks



GLENN D. HAMPTON

His apple trees are blooming. The redbud and dogwood decorate the mountains. The trees are breaking forth in green with new life. The birds are singing everywhere. The sorrow of winter is overcome by the joys of springtime. But we are so sad!

Glenn D. Hampton was born into the home of the late Solomon and Mary Ann Adams Breeding on May 28, 1921. He passed from this life on Friday, April 16, 1999 at the age of 77 years 10 months and 18 days. Glenn's father was murdered before Glenn was born, so he never saw his father,

Glenn retired from teaching after 32 years. He had taught in Indiana, Jefferson County, and Letcher County. His students learned. They behaved and they loved him. He loved his students too.

Glenn was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Forrest Ison; a sister, Lois Breeding Shepherd, and 3 infant brothers and an infant sister. He is survived by 3 brothers: Kenneth Back, Lexington, Ky.; Lexter Breeding, Lexington, Ky.; Lance Breeding, Jeremiah, Ky.; 2 sisters: Norma Jean Logan, Clarkston, Michigan, Evalene (Gig) Frazier, Louisville, Ky.

Glenn was like a father figure to his brothers and sisters. Whether it was helping to buy a car, buying a prom dress or a pair of shoes it was done in love and without fanfare. He also demanded good behavior.

The Adams family reunion will never be the same. The work he did in organizing, cooking and hosting will long be remembered and he will be missed.

In August, 1960 Glenn joined the Blair Branch Church.

What joy he had in fellowship with God's children, especially his mother, whom he loved so much. After his mother passed away he moved his membership to the Mount Olivet Church where he served as clerk and supported his church and many other churches far beyond the call of duty.

He was an Old Regular Baptist to the core. He believed in the precepts, he believed in the traditions, he believed in the practices and he made us all proud by his dedication and commitment to a real and genuine relationship with God.

He served the Indian Bottom Association as clerk from 1980 until his death. He set a standard of quality work for clerks everywhere.

When churches needed advice on how to host the association, Glenn provided it. In our time no one has done more to maintain the good old-fashioned way.

Glenn was a special kind of man. He was not a put on. He was simple and true. He did not bend with the wind, but he stood straight and tall. Few men have made the sacrifices for the cause of Christ that he has made.

Already we see a vacant seat at Mount Olivet, at Blair Branch, and at the Association Building. His Sunday afternoon visits are over. His strong solid voice in the old songs of Zion is silent, and we can hardly bear to let him go. But Glenn would say to us:

*Dear friends, farewell I do you tell,
Since you and I must part;
I go away and here you stay,
But still we're joined in heart.
Your love to me has been most free
Your conversation sweet.
How can I bear to journey where
With you I cannot meet?*

I long to go; then farewell woe;

*My soul will be at rest;
No more shall I complain or sigh,
But taste the heavenly feast.
O may we meet and be complete,
And long together dwell
And serve the Lord with one accord
And so, dear friends, farewell*



GLENNIS ROGER HARRIS

Glennis Roger Harris, husband of Louann Jean Gamble Harris, of Orchard Drive, Nicholasville, passed away March 28, 1998 at his home. He attended Little Mary Old Regular Baptist Church. He was the son of Olive Mae Gregory Harris of Maxey Flat and the late Carlass Dewey Harris. Additional survivors include six children: Glennis Roger Harris Jr. of Fleming County, Kimberly Ann Harris of Florida, Roger Shawn Harris of Lexington, Angela Kaye Harris of Fleming County, Connie Lou and Nicole Gayle Harris, both of Nicholasville; three grandchildren; four sisters; and six brothers. Services were held at Little Mary Old Regular Baptist Church with Bro. Lonnie Gregory officiating. Interment followed in the Caudill Cemetery.



VELA MAY HORN

Sister Vela was born at McDowell, Kentucky February 4, 1909 to the late Rilda McCown and Beverly McCown, and passed from this life April 26, 1999, making her stay on this earth 90 years and 2 months. She was married to Paul Horn in 1926, and to this union were born four children: Norma J. McMurry and Ted

Horn of St. Marys, Ohio, and Marcella Stumbo, of Illinois; one daughter, Jewell Haskell, preceded her in death. Sister Vela has left loving memories for her children, her grandchildren, her many friends and the Old Regular Baptist Church that she loved so much.

Sister Vela joined the church when just a young mother, at Little Rosie, in 1946.

She later moved her membership to the Little Flossy Church at Kendellville, Indiana, where she was a faithful member as long as her health permitted. She was not afraid or ashamed to show the world what she stood for. She loved it when her Christian friends came to visit, and especially when they would sing the old time hymns to her. After she had been so sick for such a long time, she would say, "I don't know why the Lord has kept me here so long," and I would say, "Your work is not quite finished, I think it's because of your beautiful faith and because these young Christians need to see the power of the Lord working in a faithful old Mother."

I feel with all my heart the Lord spoke with Vela while she was leaving and said, "I am with you, it's time to rest from your labor, your work is finished."

So good-bye to a dear mother, grandmother, and friend. We wish you could know how much we treasure these many years we've been blessed to love you and to know you.

Friend and family



HATTIE ADAMS ISON

Who can find a virtuous woman for her price is far above rubies ... she is like a merchant ship; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens She perceiveth that her merchandise is good; her candle goeth not out by night ...

Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come ... Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

Hattie Adams Ison, the daughter of the late James and Sarah Back Adams was born September 21, 1906. She passed from this life on Monday, February 8, 1999 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Healthcare Center making her stay on earth 92 years 4 months and 18 days.

Early in life Hattie fell in love and married Jeff Ison on January 21, 1925. To this union were born 11 children. How Hattie loved her children! And oh, how she lived for her children and her grandchildren. She had favorites. Each and every one was a favorite to her.

Her children preferred a vacation at Isom over one far away. When she had an opportunity to visit some of her children she was packed and ready to go days ahead of time.

Hattie had a hard life. She has worked harder than anyone should have to work. She put food on the table for her children and their friends. She helped her neighbors and her kin-folks. She did what it took to provide the security that caused her children to know that all was well.

On October 3, 1967 she lost her husband to death. On April 4, 1978 she lost her son Danis. On December 20, 1994 she lost her youngest child, Jeff Jr. On October 3, 1995 she

lost her son, Delmus.

Of her Mother's 12 children, only one, Fred Adams survives. In spite of all her hardships and sorrow she continued to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Hattie is survived by 2 sons: Hargis Ison of Isom, Ky. and Clarence Ison of Cynthiana, Ky.; 6 daughters: Agnes Terrell Maggard of Carlisle, Ky., Venus Amburgey of Mt. Sterling, Ky., Vedis Combs of Scottsdale, Arizona, Sarah Ann Wallace of Clarksville, Tenn., Betty Breeding of Jeremiah, Ky. Stella Ison of Isom, Ky.; as well as 25 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Hattie Ison joined the Blair Branch Regular Baptist Church and was baptized on the third Sunday in May, 1974. She gloriously bore the image of her Heavenly Father and was a light to the world.

Like many in our part of the country, there was no money for family entertainment. Hattie played with her children. The games and laughter still rings in the memory of the family. As we got nearer and nearer to the old home place we could hear her singing as she washed or cooked or cleaned.

Now if we really listen closely we can almost hear her singing with the angels. Her tender touch, her gentle way and her sweet smile will linger in our memory in time to come and let us understand that we can almost see Heaven from here!



JUDY SHELL ISON

Judy Shell Ison passed away on Thursday, September 10, 1998 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center.

Judy was the daughter of the late Henry and Ritter Banks Shell. She was born October 14, 1914 being 83 years, 10 months and 27 days of age at the time of her passing. Judy was the widow of Lily Ison. Surviving are one son,

Sherman Ison of Garden City, Michigan; 3 daughters: Evaleen Billedeaux of Detroit, Michigan, Bertha Schwartz and Sadie Hayes, both of Taylor, Michigan; 3 brothers: Verlon Shell of Kings Creek and Arthur Shell of Middlesboro, and John Shell of Dayton, Ohio; sisters: Reva Maggard of Kings Creek and Della Couch of Berea; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends who mourn her passing.



MANDA MOSLEY SIZEMORE JOHNSON

With a sad and broken heart and the help of the good Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my mother, Manda Mosley Sizemore Johnson. Mommy left this world of trouble and sorrow the eighth day of March, 1999. She was born on August 10, 1912 to the late Elder Lindsey Mosley

and Josephine Short Mosley. She had twenty-one brothers and sisters. All preceded her in death except two sisters, Hattie Slone of Litt Carr and Edna Owens of Lexington.

Mommy married our Dad, Hurley Sizemore, in 1931. Daddy died in 1941 and Mom was left to raise her six children alone. The children were Norma Blackburn of Cleveland, Ohio, Josephine Owsley of Ashland, Ky., Joan Short of Jeffersonville, Ky., Alger Sizemore of McDowell Ky., Fannie Walters of Prestonsburg, Ky., and Jackie Sizemore of Lexington, Ky.

In 1959 Mommy met and married another wonderful man, Wilford Johnson. She was so happy with him, but God called him home in 1988. Wilford had three children who Mommy treated and loved like her own. Wilford's children were: Elizabeth Stromsky and Wilford Johnson Jr., and Cora Sue Newsome of Phoenix, Arizona. Wilford was also a good Dad to us, and we loved him so much.

Mommy didn't belong to any church, but I believe with all my heart that she is at rest with God today. When I would go visit her, I would always ask her if she had made it all right with God, she would say "Honey, I'm still praying." Just a few days before she died we were by her bed and she opened her eyes and was crying and telling us how good everybody looked to her and how happy she was. She said "the Lord is my Savior" and I knew from the look on her face that everything was all right with her and God. Only the love of God can make you that happy. Mommy, we love and miss you but I believe soon we all will depart from this troublesome world and the ones who have been down at the foot of Jesus and had their robes washed white will meet around God's throne never to die any more. Children, don't you all want to go?

May God bless you all is my prayer.

Written by her daughter, Joan Short

*Mommy
I knew her as Mrs. Johnson, but
Manda was her given name.*

*She was called Mommy,
A very precious name.*

*She owned many little treasures and
beautiful things, but her
most prized possessions are not
material things.*

*She handed the list of possessions
of the names she loved the most
and it read this way,
Alger, Jackie, Wilford, Norma Jean,
and Joan and Fannie
God, "I loved them so;"
Elizabeth and Cora Lou, sisters Kattie
and Edna too. Then there's all (41)
grand kids, great-grand kids and
great great-grand kids too.*

*Your Mom and Grandmother will always live
through each one of you
For you all are part of her and
she's a part of you.
A special gift from God, Mommy
was her best name.
Heaven has gained another Angel,
I heard God say,
watch over my prized possession.
She told God,
I've listed them all by name.*

Written by June Hutchinson
3-11-99



JOHN JUSTICE

A tribute to Bro. John Justice: we consider it a great honor to write the obituary of one of the most humble men we know. Bro. John was born Feb. 7, 1914 in Panther, West Virginia to the late Mr. and Mrs. William A. Justice (Bud).

Bro. John died March 3, 1999, making his stay here on earth 85 years and 24 days. He met and fell

in love with Pricy Justice. They were married in December of 1931. To this union were born 5 boys and 2 girls: Hershel, Jimmy, Hurdle, Feed, Jerry; girls: Cynthia Justice and Jerlene Justice Matney. Bro. John was preceded in death by his loving wife Pricy, one son, Jerry Justice, and one daughter, Cynthia Justice of the home.

Bro. John belonged to the Old Regular Baptists for over fifty years. When the brothers and sisters would go visit with Bro. John he would always greet us with a smile and a hug. He would never let us leave without a song and prayer, and often times an old time meeting when the spirit was strong. I can recall one saying he always said after meeting was over "If somebody didn't get something out of this meeting, they didn't have nothing to put it in." Bro. John was a faithful member of the church. He will be missed greatly at the Bright Morning Star Church. He is gone home to be with God, and I feel with all my heart that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by a brother and sister in the Lord
Bro. Terry and Sis. Shelia Collins



ESTIL KILGORE (SHORTY) JUSTUS

With tears in our eyes and a heavy heart we will write the obituary of our beloved son and brother, Estil Kilgore (Shorty) Justus. He was born on August 11, 1948 making his stay 48 years, 4 months, 12 days. He departed his life on December 21, 1998. He was preceded in death by his father, Hayes Justus, and

one brother, Charlie Justus. He leaves to mourn their loss his mother, Ruby Justus; four sisters: Patsy Justus, Ruthann Stacy Of Grundy, Va.; Sarah Helen Stiltner Of Maxie, Va.; and Josephine Ratliff of Hodgenville, Ky.; three brothers: Lester Justus, Willard Justus and Hayes Justus Jr. of Grundy, Va. He also had many friends to mourn their loss.

He has resided in Lexington, N.C. since 1988, where he passed away. Shorty was his nickname that friends gave him because he was a likable person. He always had a smile on his face, I wish that I could see the smile on his face now. He always called me on Saturday night and I miss hearing his voice so much. He never complained about his sickness to me, because he didn't want to burden me. On December 21, 1998, Jesus had called him to come to a better home in Heaven. We all miss him so much, but our loss was Heaven's gain. We all need to praise the Lord Jesus and live right, so we all can be together again someday.

Written by his family, with love



HAYES JUSTUS

With much sadness and broken hearts we will try to write an obituary of my husband and father. Hayes Justus was born January 2, 1917, and departed his life on November 25, 1998, making his stay 82 years, 1 month, 7 days. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Ruby Justus; four daughters: Patsy Justus; Ruthann Stacy of Grundy, Va.; Josephine

Ratliff of Hodgenville, Ky.; Sarah Helen Stiltner of Maxie, Va.; three sons: Lester Justus, Willard Justus, Hayes Jr. Justus; three sisters: Cletis Justus, Edna Matney of Grundy, Va. Dolly Sparks of Tazewell, Va.; three brothers: Clayton Justus, Burl Justus of Grundy, Va., Hassell Justus Of Bluefield, West Va. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paris Justus And Lydia Stacy Justus, and his first wife Wadie Stacy Justus. He had been married to Ruby Justus since 1945. He also was preceded in death by two sons, Estil Justus And Charlie Justus; one granddaughter, Rebecca Justus; and four brothers: Ellis Justus, Burlin And Ezra Justus.

He became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1987. He attended church often until he got too sick to go on. He was a good husband and father, and a hard working coal miner for 37 years. He walked 15 miles across a mountain to get to work to put food on the table for the children.

He had been a sick man for a long time. He called on the Lord many times and now he's gone to rest. This place is so lonesome and we all miss him, but our loss was Heaven's gain. He is gone but not forgotten. On November 25, 1998 Jesus called and he went to sleep peacefully. We hope to meet again someday in Heaven with no more pain.

Written by his family, with love



PHYLLIS ANN TERRY LAFFERTY

It is at the request of Brother Ralph and with much sadness in my heart that I write this obituary of my good friend, cousin, and sister in the Lord, Phyllis Ann Terry Lafferty, the daughter of the late Jim Terry and Rebecca Allen Terry.

Sister Phyllis was born January 26, 1943 on the Newman Fork of Quicksand in Knott County. She deceased this natural life March 7, 1999 at age 56.

Sister Phyllis was united in marriage to Brother Ralph Lafferty on November 16, 1968. They were married by Elder Leslie Patton at Brother Ralph's parents' home in Brush Creek. Unto this union were born three children. She is survived by her husband of 30 years, two daughters, Rebecca Rose Glime and Marsha Lynn Crisp, and one son, Steven O'Brian Lafferty. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Natalie Nicole, Shawn Michael and Todd Dylan, whom I'm sure were the loves of her life, as my five grandchildren are to me.

Surviving sisters are Sarah Thomas, Stella Green, Lona Green and Ruby Ramey. Deceased brothers are George, Ward, Will and Herby. Also surviving are numerous nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors that space will not permit me to name.

I have known Sister Phyllis and Brother Ralph from the day they married, and can say of the truth that they were of the best neighbors and friends any neighborhood could have.

Being a good, moral, and honest person is of a great value to any community and church, but this doesn't make us a child of God. Brother Ralph told me that in the year of 1957 when Sister Phyllis was about 15 years old, she professed a

hope in Christ, and after giving an experience of Grace and being baptized, her membership was taken with the Upper Quicksand United Baptist Church. At her passing, Sister Phyllis and Brother Ralph were both members of the Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church.

For over 42 years, Sister Phyllis loved and served the Lord. That's a long time. No one could keep themselves that many years, unless God was the Master of her heart, soul, mind, and spirit.

I feel Sister Phyllis would want me to thank all the ministers, family, friends and her brothers and sisters in the Lord for all they did for her during her illness. And a very special thanks to Bubby Don and Sissy Etta, as she called them, and to Paul Burton and LaRue. I believe without any doubts that God will reward you for your love and kindness shown to her during this dreaded disease that has befallen so many of our friends and loved ones.

Brother Ralph bless your heart, so many miles you have driven over the past year and all you did to try and comfort your beloved wife, whom I know you would have been willing to lay down your life for her because of the undying love you had for her. Brother Ralph, we'll not say good-bye to Sister Phyllis, let's say we'll meet her again, and I truly believe we will, with all the children of God.

To Sister Phyllis' family and friends, I would admonish you to look at how short our natural lives can be, and call upon the offered mercies of the Lord, while life affords you the opportunity.

I'll close this obituary of our beloved sister who didn't live to die, she died to live. I heard a song not long ago entitled "Jesus, Dad and Me" and says in part: "Dad, your child is really missing you, without you I sure feel alone, Heavenly Father save a place for me too, I can't wait till I get home."

Brother Fred Vanderpool



OMA ADAMS McINTOSH

Oma was born to Joseph Adams and Matilda Tolliver Adams on May 2, 1919. She was married to Willie McIntosh and had six children. My father and two of my siblings, Lovell and Minilene, preceded Mom in death. The remaining children are Patty Amburgey of Letcher, KY, Ray McIntosh of Jeff, KY, Matilda Parks and Buford McIntosh, both from Mallie, KY. Along with her surviving children are twelve grandchildren that mourn her passing.

Daddy died when we were all small, leaving Mommie to raise all of us alone. Mom never complained

She began a lifelong hobby of making quilts. As she would quilt she would sing all of her favorite Christian songs; making each quilt with love and care for her children. There is a memory of her in each piece and stitch.

Mommie said, "When I die I would like to go to Heaven in my sleep." Mommie told me she was ready to go to Heaven and meet Jesus. She told me of a dream she had about her sister and her working in a plane factory. In the dream God told her to make a special plane that would take them both to Heaven.

I will miss my mom, who had a very special place in my heart. That space is empty now, but my love for her will always keep her alive in my heart.

My loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her loving daughter, Patty Amburgey

ROY MITCHELL MILLER

Roy Mitchell Miller was born at Hindman, Knott County, Kentucky on April 17, 1923 to the parents Mose and Dicie Miller.

He was a proud veteran of World War II, with the rank of Technical Sergeant. He served with the 3rd Infantry Division in the Army of the United States. He met Cresful (Ted) Brooks and they were united in marriage on February 28, 1944. To this union were born two daughters. Dad eventually obtained a job working for Kentucky Power Company, and retired after 38 years of service.

After retirement, he became involved in wood working. He was very talented and could make almost anything. Many hours were spent in his small shop where Mom could always keep up with him by the sound of his saw. The most time consuming item he made was Noah's Ark. It was tedious work to carve out all the animals and hand paint each one. However, he was best known for making bird feeders. As a tribute to him, the family has placed a small bird feeder at his grave site.

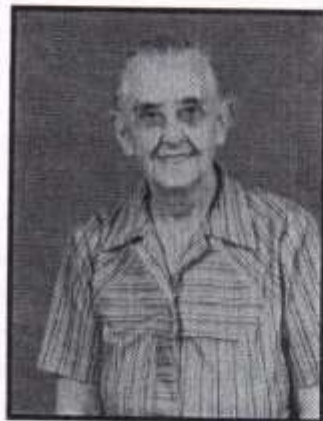
Dad joined Little Dove Church on June 12, 1977. He was such a faithful and good Christian. He would often write in his Bible regarding subjects preached and many dates were recorded of what he considered good meetings. One entry in his Bible summed it all up, the last line simply said, "Glory, Glory, Glory".

Dad departed this life on January 17, 1999 at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital at the age of 75. He went so fast and peacefully. Looking back on that day, we had many blessings in such a heart-breaking situation. The Lord was merciful in that Dad did not suffer and the family was spared from

making difficult decisions.

He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, Cresful "Ted" Miller; two daughters, Ella Nora "Peewee" North, and her husband Perry; Renee Stidham, and her husband Fred; two grandchildren; Greg North and his wife Shannon; Kim Johnson, and her husband, Kelvin; and one great-granddaughter, born after his death, Kailey Brooke Johnson; two sisters, Audrey Compton, of Hindman, Kentucky and Macie Gallo-way, of Lake Placid, Florida. He is also survived by a host of relatives and friends who loved him very much.

Written by his family, Ted, Peewee, and Renee



NANCY (NANA) MOSLEY

With the help of the good Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my great Aunt Nancy (NaNa) Mosley. NaNa was born on November 10, 1900 to Elder Lindsey Mosley and Josephine Short Mosley. She was one of 22 children, and only two are left to mourn her passing: Hattie Slone of Litt Carr, KY and Edna Owens of Lexington, KY; and a niece,

Joan Short of Jeffersonville, KY.

NaNa was like a mother to my mom. She went to live with her when she was just a little girl. NaNa loved and cared for her as if she was her very own. The Lord called NaNa home on April 23, 1998 making her stay here on earth 97 years, 5 months and 13 days. I can remember as a child going to her house and she would always want to be in the kitchen making sure we all had something to eat. She lived her life as close as she could to the Lord. She would never allow a television or anything in her home but she would always take the time to help us kids make up something to play. After we

grew up and married some of us at one point in our life would need somewhere to live for awhile. NaNa would always have an empty bed and a big smile on her face welcoming us in her home.

I loved NaNa more than words could ever say. I know she's happy now resting in the arms of Jesus. She didn't belong to any church but about one month before she died she'd wave her arm and say, "Come and get me, Lord." There will always be a part of me missing until I meet NaNa again on Heaven's bright shore. We all love you, NaNa, and miss you, but I know our loss is Heaven's gain.

Your loving great niece, Linda Short Mosley

Someone Special

*NaNa was someone special who had love for all
She had never hurt anyone as I can recall
Everyday she would worry and ask "have you ate?"
There was always love in her heart and there was never
no hate*

*NaNa would stay in her kitchen day after day
Sweet words are you hungry?
I can still hear her say*

*There was never a TV or radio in her home
There was someone special and her name was Joan
Joan was the big love in NaNa's heart
It hurt so bad to see them have to part*

*NaNa felt like a mamaw to us all
When we played at her home, she would say be careful try
not to fall
When we was feeling lonely or down and sad
Just one little hug or kiss from NaNa made us so glad*

*Jesus needed NūNū a lot more than we
Her love and smile we can still feel and see
This one year that NūNū has been gone
We're still feeling all alone*

*We feel she's an Angel resting around God's throne
NūNū is now living in her brand new home*

Written by great niece
Becky Short



WALTER MULLINS

With God's guidance, I will attempt to write the obituary of my beloved father, Walter Mullins. On June 30, 1926 my father was born to Morgan and Rosa (Vanover) Mullins in Dorton Kentucky. He was one of seven children.

Dad met my mother, Irene Sherman, in Ecorse Michigan and

five months later, on January 11, 1945, they were married. To this union I, Sharon, and a son, Gregory, were born.

I remember February 9, 1964, as though it were yesterday, the day my father was baptized. From that day forward he lived his life doing the work of the Lord as a child of God would do. He loved everyone, especially his brothers and sisters of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ. He was a member of the Little Ida Church, Ecorse, Michigan. Dad was called to preach and became an ordained minister in September, 1966. The members of Little Ida Church elected Dad to be their Moderator. He held this office for seven years, until his health caused him and Mother to move to Florida.

I still remember those cold winter nights in Michigan when Dad would get a phone call from a brother or sister of the church, or just a friend, and they needed him to come to their home or the hospital or even out of state, and Dad would go regardless if it was in the middle of the night, to have prayer or lay his hands on them. They knew he was a called child of God. Dad help establish many churches and was always there for them whenever they needed him.

In 1984, here in Florida, Dad began having church services in his home. The brothers and sisters would come. How my Dad loved to feed them and give them a place to sleep. Then a beautiful little church became available for them in Crystal Springs. One day I asked Dad who named the church house, and he told me he was driving out to the church one Sunday and a voice told him "It shall be called Star Of Bethlehem." I knew then God had named the church.

I remember how happy it made Dad when visiting Brothers and Sisters would come to Star of Bethlehem, and how he showed them so much love and respect. Then, on April 16, 1997, Dad had a stroke and his doctor told him not to be under any stress, because that could worsen his condition, so in September of 1997 Dad stepped down as moderator of the Star Of Bethlehem Church.

More bad news came on January 5, 1998 that Dad had that dreaded cancer disease, malignant melanoma. On December 4, 1998 we were told Dad had only a few months to live, so on January 9, 1999 God came and took His old soldier home to live eternity in love praising the Lord.

Dad left behind a heartbroken wife, daughter, son, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

My family and I want to thank those of you who called or visited my father in the last few weeks of his life just to let him know how much he was loved and would be missed, as he did for you in your hour of need - because he loved you. And thank you, Uncle Denver and Aunt Juanita, for being there

for us.

This was written by me, his daughter, with all my love and respect for my beloved father. Only with God's guidance could I have done so.

We love and miss you so very much,
Mom, Gregory, Sharon, and your family



HANNAH NEWSOME

This is to honor a woman in death, who meant so much to her children whose price is far above rubies.

In writing this obituary, I hope to put closure to a chapter in my life, that I have not yet been willing to let go.

Hannah Edna Powell Newsome was born September 14, 1912 to the late George and Angeline Powell of Pike Co., Ky. She passed from this life on February 13, 1998, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, making her stay in this life, eighty-five years and five months.

As a teenage girl in Shelby Gap, she met and fell in love with Alsie Berry Newsome. They were united in marriage on July 3, 1930. To this solemn union seven children were born.

They had a hard time raising their children. She never let her family down. She was a cook, who fed her family from nothing, she was a nurse who healed cut hands and mended broken hearts, she was a teacher who taught her family morals, responsibilities and values. She was a preacher who taught us about the word of God, and what he would approve of. She was a dear friend to everyone. She further proclaimed her love for the Lord in April, 1974 and was baptized in into the Big Leatherwood Old Regular Baptist Church. She was a

faithful member until her death.

She leaves behind to mourn her passing, four sons: Darrell of Fusonia, Harold of Little Leatherwood, George of Sadieville, and Alsie Berry Jr. of Cumberland, Ky; three daughters: Lois Logan of Pikeville, Doris Callahan of Cornettsville, and Brenda Newsome of Pikeville, Ky; twenty grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alsie Berry Newsome, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

As I look back on the impact you made on my life, as a mother and now as a grandmother, I wonder, "Am I the kind of woman you would be proud of?" God gave me the spiritual strength to let you go, and I thank him for our time together. With a natural heart I grieve for you daily, with a spiritual heart I know I will see you again on the other side of Jordan. So promise you'll meet me at the shore, when God says, "Rise and walk with me."

Written by your sister in Christ,
your granddaughter by birth, Debbie Sexton

A Mothers Worth

*God sent down an angel
From heaven to earth
To love, guide and nurture
We thought not of your worth*

*A loving smile and a tender touch
On you we always depended
It mattered not how you felt or thought
As long as our hearts were mended
More priceless than a diamond
More precious than a pearl
You were your family's shining gem*

As you walked here in this world

*You left this world with golden wings
To receive your jeweled crown,
No other woman was ever so loved
On this earth I've ever found*

*There was cries from the hearts
Of those you left behind
When death took your feeble body
Cause memories still flood our mind*

*Sometimes when it's quiet
I hear you call my name
Saying "Deb, I am happy here"
But our lives are not the same*

*I know angels are rejoicing
Because one of theirs came home
I can see you in my dreams at night
With golden wings around the throne*

Deb



LILLY MAY OWENS

It is with much sorrow that we write the obituary of our mother, Lilly May Coleman Owens. She was born on January 5, 1918 and passed from this life on June 4, 1999, making her stay on earth 81 years, 5 months and 29 days.

She was the daughter of Ulysses S. and Sarah Cannady Coleman. She was married to the late James Corbett Owens and to this union were born seven

children, five sons: Amos T. Owens, Carlos Owens, Odell Owens, Samuel Owens, and James C. Owens; two daughters, Loretta Robinson and Mattlene Mirossay. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, 2 brothers, 1 granddaughter and 1 grandson.

Other survivors include: 2 sisters, Rose Jones and Maggie Desorta, High point, NC.; five brothers: Dayton Coleman, Vansant, Va., Frenchman Coleman, Haysi, Va., Dayton Coleman, Prater, VA., Trinkle Coleman, Roanoke, VA., Bill Coleman, Floyd, Va., and Lawrence Coleman, Marietta, OH.

Mom never united with the church, but she attended for several years at Little David Old Regular Baptist Church. Everytime there was church you would find her there in the same row and the same pew. We say to Mom, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. I will come and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

There's an empty seat at Little David Old Regular Baptist Church and there's a little empty house, but Mom has gone to a better place. May the God of everlasting peace keep this loving family in His care.

Written by the children



GWEN OLIVER PRATT

*"My beloved spake, and said
unto me,*

*Rise up, my love, my fair one,
and come away.*

*For, lo, the winter is past and
the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the
earth.*

*The time of the singing of the
birds is come,*

*And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."*

On January 21, 1940 God delivered a very special child into the home of Steve and Stella Pratt. This child needed extra care and love because God had not given him the ability to learn and to develop as a normal child. But, He had filled this child with lots of love, laughter and joy so that he may be a sparkle of sunshine in the lives of those around him. God later gave this home another special child but He also added six other children who learned many valuable lessons of life from these two special ones. Gwen was "special" to each of us in his own unique way. Everyone had his/her own name for Gwen and he called himself, "Bidy." He loved all of us and showed that love in a way that was different for each of us. Gwen showed a lot of affection to any small children in the family and, to him, all new babies had hair the color of his. In his daily life, he found much joy in looking at funny books and photo albums, coloring and watching western movies on TV. Gwen never matured beyond childhood during his 59 years but his simple ways enriched our lives beyond measure.

Gwen Oliver Pratt was born at Amburgey, Kentucky on January 21, 1940 to Steve and Stella Pratt. He was the second

of nine children, preceded in death by one sister, Anna Sue, who died before the birth of Gwen. He lived all of his life with his parents until their death in 1990, living the remainder of his life with his brother and sisters. Gwen is survived by three sisters, Virginia Lee of Amburgey, Kentucky, Elizabeth Carol of Richmond, Kentucky, and Stella Loraine of Sasfras, Kentucky, and four brothers: Donald of Sasfras, Kentucky, Sidney of Carrie, Kentucky, James of Leburn, Kentucky, and Stephen, Jr. of Cynthiana, Kentucky. He is also survived by a host of nephews, nieces and sister and brothers-in-law who loved him very much.

Loving Gwen was easy, he gave and returned love with no hesitation. He liked to go to church and greatly enjoyed the affection and attention of everyone. Sometimes, Gwen would cry as he listened to the preaching of the gospel. He did not want to leave at the end of service but wanted to shake hands and hug everyone. Gwen never met any strangers and made lots of friends from all walks of life.

Gwen was very sick near the end of his life and spent some time in the Hazard Nursing Home and the Hazard ARH. His struggles to hold on to this life came to an end on March 28, 1999 in the Hazard ARH. God sent his angels to carry His special child to a heavenly home. Gwen answered the call, "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." He is in Heaven awaiting us, his sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, our husbands and wives, and all those who loved him. Sometimes I can almost hear his voice saying, "C'mon, c'mon."

Written by his brother, Elder Don Pratt



**BILLY JEAN PUCKETT &
FIVERY ANN "BEA"
PUCKETT**

Bill was born November 22, 1933 in the Mullins Ridge section of Dickenson County, Virginia, the son of the late Cowan and Stella (Mullins) Puckett. Bill passed away on Tuesday morning 4:45 a.m. June 2, 1992, at Bristol Regional Hospital after a short illness.

He was retired from Chrysler Corporation as a crane operator and a member of the United Auto Workers Local 869 in Michigan. He was a proud member of the Clintwood Masonic Lodge # 66 and always walked upright before God and man.

After 30 years living in Hazel Park, Michigan, Bill and Bea, his wife, returned to Dickenson County Virginia in 1982 and made their home on Rose Ridge.

Bill Puckett leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Bea Puckett; one daughter, Debbie Dallafior; one son-in-law, John Dallafior; 3 granddaughters: Tracy, Christy and Melony Dallafior, all of Rt. 1, Clintwood, Virginia; 4 brothers: Carroll Puckett of Clintwood, Virginia. Jerry Puckett, Dave Puckett And Clayton Puckett of Michigan; 2 Brothers, Joe Puckett And Kermit Puckett, preceded Bill in death; 3 sisters, Nell Stanley And Janet Lyall of Clintwood, Virginia and Dean Swindall of Michigan; a stepmother, Doshie Puckett, of Clintwood; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends and relatives. Bill had a kind heart and was always eager to please little children and was especially good to the elderly. He was a good neighbor and friend who was there to help even before he was called upon to do so.

Bill will be missed - but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Bea was born August 29, 1935 and passed away June 23, 1999, making her 63 years old. She was the daughter of the late Pearl (Childress) Rose and Everett Rose of the Rose Ridge Community, Dickenson County, Virginia. She was the wife of Bill Puckett, who preceded her in death on June 2, 1992. They were employed in the automobile industry and made their home in Hazel Park Michigan for 30 years. Then, in 1982, they retired and moved back home to Rose Ridge.

Bea leaves to mourn her death one daughter, Deborah Ann (Puckett) Dallafior; three granddaughters: Tracy (Dallafior) Deel and her husband Blaine Deel, Christy Dallafior and Melony Dallafior; and one great-granddaughter, Kylie Ann Deel, all of Rose Ridge Community; one brother Darrell Swinfield "Smoky" Rose of New Boston, Michigan; five sisters: Wanda (Rose) Rose of Taylor, Michigan, Edna (Rose) Cantrell of Romulus, Michigan, Mavis (Rose) Lambert of Ashland, Ohio, Bonnie (Rose) Rose and Scharlene (Rose) Phipps of Rose Ridge Community; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends and relatives.

Bea realized early in her life the importance of the family keeping close together, her father being killed in 1945 in a coal mining accident and her brother, Cecil "Red" Rose was killed in an automobile accident in June 1974. She made a special effort and succeeded to continue having their Rose family reunions even after they retired and moved back to Virginia.

She worked hard in and around her home. She was so proud of her flowers, her garden and lawn. She seemed to take her sickness well at first, and later, as she grew weaker, she still refused to take her hospital bed and give up, but instead remained in her recliner chair. In her later days we could all see her weakening away, day by day. She always said, "I'm not afraid to die. I know I'm going to Heaven to join the rest of my family members." Bea gave explicit details of how she wanted to carry out her funeral arrangements. She said,

"I never had a son, and I guess that's why I think so much of my nephews, so I want them to be among the pallbearers."

Bea's presence and the sound of her voice will be sadly missed, but our loss is surely Heaven's gain.

Written by her brother-in-law, Darold L. Phipps



BETHEL SEALS

With the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of our Mother and our Mamaw, Bethel Seals. She was born March 4, 1929 at Bath, Ky. to Whitt and Dorothy Thornsberry. Preceding her in death: parents, Whitt and Dorothy; 3 sisters: Geneva Thornsberry, Ethel Vance, and Melvina Bentley. Survivors include 1 sister, Lois Turner; 3

brothers: Russell, JW. and David Thornsberry.

On March 13, 1944 she married Dad, and they were married 54 years. Then, Mom and Dad together with God's help made 9 wonderful children. God gave them 2 special boys, Bill and Rondal. They are the two angels God gave them to take care of. The other seven children had other things in life to do; we went our own ways out into the world.

Bill is your oldest son and was with you the longest.

I (Sue) next came in and took Bill's baby place.

Then, Gwen came and took my baby place.

She did the most in caring for you, Mom.

God bless her dearly.

Then, James came and took Gwen's place.

He lived beside you and was there everyday.

Then Mom, God gave you a little Angel, Rondal.

Mom he will always be your baby boy.

*So, then you got another baby girl, Marty.
She gave you the most grandchildren, 4 boys.
Then here came another boy, I was there when he
was born*

*WBOY (Floyd Jr) he was Daddy's name sake.
So, then Mom you got the best birthday present
God could have given you.*

*He gave you your next baby boy, Butch.
Mom, Butch will always have March 4th in his heart.
Then Mom, you gave us a baby girl, Tammy.*

*Mom, you were sick when you had her.
So, I took care of her for 4 years.*

I even took her when I got married.

*Mom's life here on earth was
69 years, 11 months and 9 days.*

Your Loving Daughter, Sue Amburgey

Mamaw left this old cruel world on February 8, 1998. She was a very strong willed person. She had a heart of gold. On June 13, 1999 she was diagnosed with cancer. Mamaw took the bad news so well because she knew the Lord was on her side. Cancer didn't take her, the Lord sent his angels to come and take her home.

I remember when Mamaw was trying to make her life right with the Lord. On November 7, 1997 she had a little service at her house. I heard Mamaw's voice. When I looked in the living room she was crying, shouting and praising the Lord. She joined the Reynolds Fork Church that night and was baptized on December 21, 1997.

We remember plenty of times she would be so weak and was in so much pain from all those treatments. She would say, "You all pray for me." Sometimes she would ask the Lord to come and take her on home.

Mamaw was always saying how much she loved her children. She was always asking the Lord to watch over her fam-

ily. She was blessed with 11 grandchildren, 1 great-grandson and 1 great-great-grandson on his way. She was always so proud of us all.

Your loving granddaughter, Jackie Jacobs



LESTER SHORT

Lester Short passed away Wednesday, August 26, 1998 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center.

Lester was born October 25, 1911 being 86 years, 10 months, and 1 day of age at the time of his passing.

He was the son of the late Hiram and Catherine Sparkman Short. Surviving are his step-mother, Isabell Short of Mallie, KY.; daughter, Phyllis "Patty" Ann Short of Blackey; 2 sisters, Dovie Ritchie and Inis Slone; and 1 brother, Curt Short. Lester was preceded in death by his wife, Una Mae Short, and 2 sons, Rudolph Valentino Short and Emil Short.

Lester was a member of the Dixon Memorial Church since the first Sunday in May 1979, being a member for 19 years.

Lester liked to sing and line songs. He was a faithful member as long as he was able to attend. We will miss him, but we feel like he is gone to Heaven and is singing and shouting with the angels.

Elder Homer Smith



JAMES ALBERT SLONE

(Paw, as his family knew him)

Born: April 23, 1937

Deceased: May 9, 1998

Albert was born in Hollybush, Kentucky to Maryland and Emilie (Tuttle) Slone. Later in life he met and married Cynthia Hicks on January 20, 1954, in Jolo, West Virginia. To this union were born 5 boys and 2 girls: James, Garland, Joe, Emery, Ray,

Etta Mae and Carol Sue.

Paw met a man when he was 31 years old, in 1968, who put a seal upon him forever. This man was Jesus. Paw was an elder of the Ivy Point Church of the Old Regular Baptist.

His life was the church, he loved to travel and preach the gospel, especially with his dad when he was alive. Paw was in the church for half of his life. Paw's life was the church, and outside of the church his family was his life and his precious gifts. He loved them all very much. He worked very hard and helped his family as much as possible.

Paw worked in the coal mines in West Virginia for many years. He became disabled after a rock fall. This was the beginning of many years of pain and suffering, but this didn't keep Paw from going on. He often talked to his children and grandchildren about the church and how they should get ready to go home with Jesus. Paw was a real sweet person who loved to play a good prank or joke on any one he could. We all have special memories of him. The one that everyone remembers is the whistle. He could whistle and we knew who it was, we didn't have to think twice.

He also leaves to mourn his passing 5 brothers: Isom, Joe, Steve, Willie, Bobbie Ray; 1 sister, Anna Sue Gibson; 30 grandchildren; 2 sons-in-law; 15 great-grandchildren; 5

daughters-in-law; a host of nieces and nephews.

His dad and mom, one brother, and two grandchildren preceded him in death. We all feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

We all love and miss you, Paw, and hope to meet again.

Written by your loving granddaughter in Christ,
Wanda Smallwood

Another special memory is this poem written by his wife.

Jesus Spoke

Albert heard the voice of Jesus,

As he went his worried way,

It was clearly in his Blessings,

He sent to him each day,

The joy of wife and children,

The smiles of old time friends,

The kindness of his family,

Their love will have no end,

He saw the leaves upon the trees,

A rainbow in the sky,

The little children in the yard,

As they played and laughed and sang,

But one morning he opened his eyes,

And it was only for him to see,

The face of Jesus as he said,

"Come To Me"

The last words that I heard him say,

"God come to me I'm ready to go"

Albert my love, I had to say Good-bye,

I am so lonesome now but,

Thank God I can say some day soon,

I can meet with you.

Written by his lonely wife, Cynthia



GOLDIE SLONE SMITH

Goldie Slone Smith, of Lexington, Ky., formerly of Garner in Knott County, was born on March 28, 1917, to the late Wilson Slone and Isabelle Mosley Slone. Goldie married Robert Smith on February 12, 1942, with whom she remained for over fifty-one years, until her death on November 25, 1993, at the age of seventy-six. From this union were

born six sons: Thomas, Billy, Cleva and Terry, all of Lexington; Gary of Prospect, Ky. and David of Pee Wee Valley, Ky.; and three daughters: Sharon Cauby of Orlando, Florida, Rochella Deshler of Nicholasville, Ky. and Nancy Nolan of Bush, La. Also surviving are ten grandchildren. She is survived by one sister, Elizabeth Caudill of Leburn, Ky. Goldie joined the New Home Old Regular Baptist Church in September, 1947, where she remained and was dedicated to serving the Lord.



UARDA SMITH

Uarda Smith was born December 30, 1908, in Smithsboro, Ky., the oldest of seven children of John D. and Betty Smith. She passed away at home, after a short illness, on April 13, 1999.

Uarda attended school at Carr Creek. She was a bright student who loved English, but didn't care for math. She played on the girls' basketball team. She started out at Caney Junior College, but her father told her she didn't have to stay there if she

got homesick, so she soon returned to Smithsboro.

While she was still a teenager, Uarda caught the eye of a young man seven years her senior, Shell Smith. They courted for several years and married in 1930, when she was 21. They built a log house near her parents' home place and lived there happily. For some of her younger years, she worked as a clerk in the Commissary at Wisconsin Coal Company. She joined the church in 1951 and that became a very important part of her life.

In the late 1960's, Uarda's parents died, and the construction of Carr Creek Lake took their entire community. In 1967, the Smiths moved to Burgey's Creek. They worked hard to make the new place seem like home, and lived there with sisters Ruth and Joyce nearby until Shell's death in 1971.

Though she always missed her sweetheart, for the next 28 years Uarda honored his memory by extending her love to family and friends. She was a cheerful, uplifting presence to everyone who knew her. She could find something kind to say about everyone she knew, no matter what. She had a spirit that was full of compassion. She never had tears for herself, but she shed them freely in sympathy to others; tears spilled from her full heart during church services. But to Uarda, smiles came even easier than tears. She loved to laugh, and to make others laugh with her.

These are the things she cherished most: the Lord; her family; her friends (and she was still making new ones until the very end); Little Dove Church and her brothers and sisters in Christ; the outdoors, and working in the garden; animals and birds; flowers, springtime and sunny days; music (she loved Vince Gill).

She is survived by two sisters, Joyce Blair and Ruth Smith; two brothers-in-law, Louis Warren and Manon Blair; and one niece, Karen Jones. She is also survived by Manon's children and grandchildren, whom she welcomed as immediate family in the last few years, as well as many devoted cousins.

Uarda and Shell had no children of their own, but God allowed her to be the most wonderful mother, first to her little sisters, and then to her niece. In her later years, she was a loving example to many young people. Uarda was always a joy to be around, because even at age 90, she never grew old.

Written by her niece, Karen Joyce Jones

FLORENCE ROWE SPENCE

Florence Rowe Spence was born on March 28, 1933 to James and Bertha Rowe. She was one of ten children: McKinney Rowe, Arthur Rowe (deceased), Edna Creech, Opal Bentley, Noomia Wright, Mary Weddington, James Beldon Rowe, Eula Recznick, and Georgia See. Florence is survived by her husband, Howard Gerald Spence; one daughter, Geraldine Tschann; one son, Howard Mitchell Spence; and five grandchildren, three boys and two girls.

Florence wants her death from this earth to be a message to all those who attend her funeral. For those who know her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ knows she has gone on to a place with her Lord and is waiting for each of you to meet her there where we will all be together forever more, where there is no more parting and no separation. She asks you to remember her by being with her Lord and your Lord Jesus Christ in perfect peace and happiness as you look upon her cold and still face from this life.

She also wants to say to all those who are here today who look upon her and are not Christians, and who know not her Lord Jesus Christ, her plea is for you to not wait until you are lying in your coffin. Don't put off calling upon Him before it's too late for you and you reach this point where you are through with this life. When death has put you in your coffin, it's too late then. I urge each of you in love, and I plead with you my last time, don't go out into eternity without knowing Jesus. Accept Him now while there is still life in your body. Don't go into a life of damnation and punishment forever

with no escape without my Lord, what a terrible waste that would be. I ask you to ask yourselves, do you want to leave this world without calling upon God? When you leave my funeral today, remember what you have heard, what my last plea is. Be saved, not lost. I bid this old world good-by and a hallelujah to the new one.



DANA ALLEN STARNES

It is with much sadness and grieving hearts, but with fond and loving memories that we are presenting the final obituary of our dear son and grandson, who departed this life on November 6, 1998, in an automobile accident while on his way home from school. On October 20, 1980, a beautiful baby boy was born to Allen and Charlotte Yates Starnes,

making their family complete and giving us much joy for 18 years and 17 days. Dana was a former student of Daniel Boone High School in Gray, Tennessee and participated in the ROTC while attending. He attended Gravel Hill Baptist Church and Rock Springs Freewill Baptist Church and he enjoyed helping the churches any time he could. He had such a good sense of humor which made life brighter for his family and friends. Left to mourn his passing are his parents; one brother, Jared Lee Starnes of the U. S. Marine Corp. at Camp Lejune, North Carolina; his maternal grandparents, James C. and Ruth Hill Yates of Haysi, Virginia; paternal grandparents, Fred and Imogene Conley Starnes of Piney Flats, Tennessee; a special friend, Andrea Harris of Falls Branch, Tennessee; several aunts, uncles, and many friends. In our hearts, there is a void and an emptiness that is impossible to explain and our homes will never be the same, but with God's help and all the pre-

cious memories that Dana left us, we will get through. We will miss him dearly, but we must look to our Savior who can help to heal our grieving hearts. In our Father's house are many mansions, and it is our hope and prayer that we can join Dana there in that beautiful city where we will never have to say good-bye to each other again.

Written by his family who loves him very much

My Vision of My Special Angel
As I lay here thinking about "Dana" I begin to cry and pray. Oh! God! why! why! did you take him from me? I heard a voice so sweet and kind say, "I needed him up here with me" I said, "oh! please let me just see." The kind voice said, "Look up here standing beside of me." I looked, there he stood smiling and shining like the morning sun, looking down at me. He smiled and said, "I have my Golden Wings and long White Robe. God has just given to me. If you want to see me get ready down there, so you can come and live with me. Tell Mom and Dad I love them, and teach them how to pray so we can be together someday. Tell them not to worry, God needed me in Heaven. I am as happy as can be praising His name and shouting around his Throne. You can't imagine my beautiful home. I said, "Dana, you must have been someone special for God to let me see and talk to you." He smile and said, "Tell Mom and Dad to read my Bible, it will tell them what to do. Ma~Maaw, keep on praying so I can talk to you. Don't cry, I must say good-bye. I love you.



McCLELLEAN DAVID STEPHENS

McClellan David Stephens was born on January 7, 1916 and passed away on March 4, 1999, having lived 83 years, 1 month and 25 days. He was the husband of Thelma Reed Stephens. He is survived by two sons, Herbert Lee and Randy Blake; three daughters: Lula Bell Stephens Howard, Angela Stephens Porter and

Tammy Stephens Howard; two brothers, Matthew Stephens and Leonard Stephens; four sisters: Lizzie McKinney, Maggie Howell, Alice Kendrick, and Mary Potter; eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The Lord saved McClellan from his sins on August 14, 1988. He is missed on earth but now is resting with God. The funeral services were held on Sunday, March 7, 1999 at the Nelson Frazier Funeral Home with Sterling Bolen and Jerry Manns officiating. The final resting place is at the Reed Family Cemetery, Hippo, Kentucky.



AVIS (TAB) STEWART

It's such a beautiful time to go to Heaven! There's a tinge of color on the hillsides. Leaves are beginning to fall. The garden is all gone. Summer is past and fall is upon us. Even though we know that springtime follows winter and fall, it is sad to see them pass.

A generation is passing, an era has come to an end. This flower

of our life has faded and we are so sad.

Avis (Tab) Cornett Stewart eased away from this life on Sunday, August 29, 1999 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center. She was born into the home of the late Arch and Artie Back Cornett on April 7, 1917. She was 82 years, 4 months, and 22 days old at the time of her passing.

As a beautiful young woman Tab fell in love and married Mose Stewart on January 28, 1939. Mose preceded her in death on July 21, 1987.

"Tab and Mose" and "Mose and Avis" had that special ring that lets us know they were meant for each other.

To this union of love were born ten children, 4 boys: James of Terre Haute, Indiana, Reed of Jeremiah, Ky., Larry of Whitesburg, Ky., Raymond of Louisville, Ky, and 6 girls: June Newman of Huntsville, Ala. Phyllis Back, Frances Dobbs, Pruda Bird, Gay Stewart, all of Louisville, Ky., and Vanessa Day of Whitesburg, Ky.

Avis Stewart was a woman of a kind. She had a high standard of moral values that superseded everything else. She had the characteristics of the Cornetts more than most anyone else and she was proud of that. But she bore the image of her Heavenly Father in her appearance, in her talk, and in her everyday walk.

Her greatest accomplishment was to repent and be born again into the family of God. Tab joined and was baptized into the Little Ruby Old Regular Baptist Church in November, 1961. Mose and Tab served the church as deacons since November, 1967.

She was a retired teacher and school librarian. Many, many lives were touched by her work and love and caring. Few women have done the hard work that Tab has done.

Tab was not afraid to tell it like it is. It didn't matter who it was. She leaves a legacy of a job well done. She was punctual and diligent about her teaching. She was strong and cou-

rageous in her Christian convictions.

Tab was so proud of her big family. She adored and respected each child for what they were.

In addition to her children, Tab is survived by 2 sisters, Eunice Bates of Blackey, Ky, Mildred Strunk of Somerset, Ky.; and 6 brothers: Varge Cornett of Huntsville, Ala., Lilly Blaine Cornett of Falmouth, Ky., Cleo Cornett of Stamping Ground, Ky., Clell Cornett of Louisville, Ky., Dean Cornett of Arab, Ala., Elwood Cornett of Blackey, Ky.; 17 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Solomon wrote:

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar; . . . She perceiveth that her merchandise is good; her candle goeth not out by night . . . she stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy ... Strength and honor are her clothing and she shall rejoice in time to come.



MANIS STURGILL

"Papaw"

*I want to tell a story about
my Papaw,*

*A story, today, that's not
often told,*

*About a hardworking man
who loved his family and
home with heart and soul,*

*He rose before dawn and
began his day,*

never lingering in bed,

*As the sun slowly rose to shine on his precious head,
He worked the land and tended the orchard*

*'til sundown everyday,
But always made you feel special in his own way,
He never met a child who didn't love him,
To all he was "Papaw," he never let us down,
Whenever you needed him, he was always around,
We never thought we would lose him,
that God would take him home,
But I know in Heaven he'll never be alone,
There're children all around and beautiful fields
for him to walk,
Our precious Savior will hold his hand
while they talk,
Someday soon the Lord will call us
home to meet him in the sky,
Then we'll all be together in the sweet by and by.*

I love you and miss you more than I can bear. I will never forget you, Papaw.

Love, Tammy
August 17, 1999



GRATHEL HALL TACKETT

I will try, by the help of God, to write an obituary of my sweet, loving aunt, Grathel Hall Tackett. Grathel was born into the home of Thomas Buddy Hall and Nanny Fouts Hall on April 18, 1928 at Halo, Ky., and left earth for her eternal home on February 22, 1999. She is survived by her husband, Lavon Tackett of Virgie, Ky; one son, Doctor Laddie Tackett of Winchester, Ky; three daughters: Donna Johnson of Virgie, Valerie Gandolfo of Richmond, Tammy Tackett Chambers of Louis

village; three brothers: Harold Hall of Virgie, Conard Hall of Virgie, Thomas Hall of Conway, Va.; three sisters: Parsie Miller of Stollings, W.Va., Leatha Tackett of Virgie, Cleatha Sturgill of Stambough; 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Homer and Herbie and sisters, Millie and Ethel.

Grathel was a retired restaurant operator and teachers' aide for the Pike County School System. Grathel was always a very happy person. Her bright smile was the first thing you noticed when you looked at her. Family meant a great deal to her. Children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, and especially her husband, were special in her life. A few years ago, Grathel and Lavon renewed wedding vows on their 50th wedding anniversary. Surrounded by many friends and family, they spoke of the love they shared and how it had grown down the years.

In 1997, Grathel had a blockage in her ear that required surgery. This was performed in Lexington. But to all our dismay, this did not take care of her problem. Cancer began growing in other parts of her body and she knew time was close. She was a member of the Bingham Baptist Church. She loved Bro. William Bingham so much. Bro. Paul Watson, Bro. Bordis Slone, Bro. Nelson Craft, and Bro. Jimmy W. Hall visited her in her home. We sang, prayed and the brothers preached. She loved and enjoyed it highly. By the help of God, they brought a lot of joy to her in her last days.

Her last few hours were spent thinking of her devoted husband, Lavon. He and she loved each other as one. The last few minutes of her life were spent with her children and husband around her bed, holding hands and singing "Amazing Grace." She was in extreme pain. Her family fell to their knees and her son Laddie prayed to God to please not let her suffer any longer; they wanted Him to take her on home. As Laddie said, "Amen," Grathel took her last breath. God answered their prayers.

We miss you, Grathel. We love you and soon well be at home with you in Heaven.

Written by your nieces, Hannah and Fallon Sparks



RICKY TACKETT

December 16, 1954 - May 31, 1999

Ricky Tackett was born to the late Raymond Tackett and Brooksie Boleyn, who currently resides in Paintsville, Kentucky. Ricky was survived by his devoted wife, Rose; two loving daughters, Melanie and Ma-Shawna; two adoring grandchildren, Hope and Brennan; one sister, Pamela; five brothers of blood: Sonny, Rod, Nick, Lannie, and Tony; and one stepfather, Ronald. His beloved daughter, Melissa, preceded him in death.

Ricky worked as a coal miner and was proud of the field in which he worked. He strived to be a hard worker and earned the respect of all he worked for and with.

He was blessed with an extraordinary intelligence. After becoming a child of God, his comprehension of the Bible was golden. He was a wise and passionate man who liked nothing better than to have long, heated discussions on the Bible with his brethren in church.

His courage and strength were drawn from God and this made him a shining light to all who knew him. To know Ricky was to know love. Through his many trials and tribulations, his faith in God never wavered. He wanted all to know what God had blessed him with.

Ricky fought a long, hard battle with hepatitis. Through his pain and suffering, he made it possible for others with this disease to have hope. He was a brave soldier fighting an

unseen enemy, but now his battle is over and this battle he has won.

He left his mark on all of our hearts. We will never forget Ricky's gentleness and kind ways. So, keep your memories of him close to your heart, for as long as we have these, he lives on.

Ricky Tackett

*You are gone from here, but not from our hearts,
Now for today we must part.
You left me good thoughts to keep in my heart.
Our cheers, tears, laughter no one can erase.
I'll keep these with me till we meet again someday.
You have touched the hearts of the young
as well as the old.
For this our rewards are all of gold.
Rest in peace.*



RAY TOLLIVER

With a sense of great loss and sadness for the departure, January 31, 1999, of our brother, husband, father, grandfather, friend, and brother in Christ, I attempt to write the obituary of James "Ray" Tolliver. He was born to Jimmie Elison and Callie (Bentley) Tolliver of Millstone in Letcher, Ky., February 11, 1926, where he grew to manhood. At age 18 he enlisted into the army during WWII. After five years of service to his country, Brother Ray was honorably discharged, and returned to Kentucky where he was employed by the Raceland Car Shops until retirement as a welding supervisor.

In December of 1949 Brother Ray was married to Delores Elswick and to this union were born five daughters: Diana Bradley, Brenda "Bendie" Lynn (deceased), Connie Jones, Leesa Green, and Cindy Moore, all of Rush, Kentucky. He also leaves the following grandchildren, whom he also loved very dearly and who hold very fond memories of him, which will go with them to the end of their stay here on earth: Becky, (deceased) and Brian Bradley, Jason and Jamie Jones, Danny and Jessica Green, Todd and Andrea Moore. Brother Ray's natural brothers and sisters are as follow: Oattie Brown, (deceased) of Grove City Ohio, Ben, of Beaver, Ohio, Elbert "Allen," Willie, Donald, and Henry, all of Greenup Ky., Sabrina Kiser of Wilmington Oh., Coy of Frenchburg, Ky., Pauline Withrow of Louisville Ky., Willis of Beaver, Oh., June lery of Greenup, Ky.

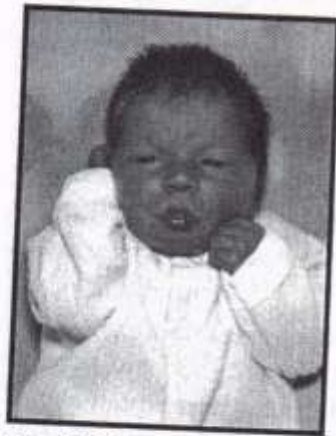
Brother Ray told me of his travail in repentance from death unto life on many occasions. Upon this profession of faith, and the hope of glory being formed in his soul, an anchor most sure and steadfast, he approached the Little Rosa Church of the Philadelphia Association to ask for membership, (a home for the saved he would say). He was received and baptized in April 1961, where he stayed and served until his departure. During his life as a servant of Christ, the Lord used him in a unique way to tell people about the goodness and greatness of his master and captain of his soul. I, and many others, were encouraged and strengthened by his wisdom and ability to use the words of the Lord to attack and tear down the strategies of Satan and to build up one's faith in Christ. He is one of the servants which I believe the Lord used to help in showing me the death and destruction which awaits those who continue in Satan's footsteps, the benefits of serving the Lord, after repentance and being born again, into the kingdom of Heaven, heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Thanks be to the grace of God and our savior, Jesus Christ who invites all to come unto him to eat of His flesh

and drink of His blood. God's will is that none be lost, but that all come to repentance. Children, search your hearts to see that this is the message which Brother Ray lived and taught.

To Brother Ray's family I would like to say; remember the counsel he gave you and hold it close to your hearts. To family and friends, I would encourage you, who haven't made your peace calling and election sure, that you follow the spirit, in faith believing upon Christ, when God invites you to come unto him through his son, Jesus Christ. Do whatsoever Christ says, and you will become a happy man and/or woman. For it's by grace are you saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it's a gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. Finally I want to say that I believe Brother Ray will awaken in a city of pure delight, where there is no need of sun or the moon because God and His son are the light of that city, where there is no pain, sadness nor death.

Farewell for a little season, dear brother.

Brother Coy Tolliver



DEVAN EARL RAY WALKER

With the help of god, I will try to write the obituary of an angel that God loaned us for 2 short weeks.

Devan Earl Ray Walker was born at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital at Pikeville, Kentucky on July 11, 1999 and passed away at home in Langley, KY on July

25, 1999.

He is survived by his parents Misty Jackson and Earl C. Walker, his paternal grandparents, Braska Schenek and Earl Wayne Walker; his paternal great-grandmother, Marie Wallen Thompson; his maternal grandparents, Harriet Ann Jackson

and Millard Ray Jackson; and maternal great-grandmother, Norma Jean Patton; and 4 brothers: Sean Douglas Perkins, Christopher Lee Walker, Odis Daniel Walker and Timothy Mark Walker, and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, the late Woodrow Thompson, the late Harry Patton, the late Arlie Jackson and the late Ethel Lovins Jackson.

We will always treasure the short time that we were allowed to keep him, but God knows what is best. In trying to find words to say how we feel this poem says it all.

*A precious one from us is gone
A voice we love is still
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled
Our aching hearts are longing
For your face we see no more
But we hope someday to see you
On that bright, eternal shore.*

Thank you, God, for loaning us your angel.

The Family



KELLY WATSON

Kelly Watson was born in Knott County on Oct. 19, 1944. He passed from this life on July 25, 1999 at Jackson, Ky. Kelly was 54 years of age. He was preceded in death by his father, Dingus Watson, and his mother, Dulcina Slone Watson.

Brother Kelly moved to Branham's Creek at an early age and grew to manhood. He met and married Lillie Craft, and

to this union were born three children: two daughters, Melinda Watson and Beverly Halbert, and one son, Wade Watson.

Brother Kelly worked hard as a Construction Worker and a Coal Miner in order to support his wife and children. Brother Kelly liked to sing songs of the Old Regular Baptist long before he ever joined a church.

He became disabled by heart disease and in 1979 Kelly had his first open-heart surgery. The Bible says that "A man that's born of woman is but few days and full of trouble." In a perfect world the beginning would be perfect and the ending would be perfect, but in real life . . . the beginning of life is always perfect and the end of life can be perfect if you find Jesus as your Savior, but it is the middle of life (for those who know right from wrong) where life is not perfect, for the Bible says that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. And Jesus said to the accusers of a woman caught in a sinful act, "He who is without sin cast the first stone."

In May of 1980 Kelly met and married Bonnie Manns. Not long after this Brother Kelly felt the drawing power of God, and in August of 1989 Kelly joined the Walker Branch Pentecostal Church. Again, in 1994, Kelly had to have another heart surgery.

The denomination doesn't get a person into Heaven, but Jesus does. There is one faith, one Lord, and one baptism, and by the One Spirit are we all baptized into the one body.

Brother Kelly leaves to mourn his passing three children: Melinda, Beverly and Wade; three brothers: Paul, Taylor, and Henry; three sisters: Nan Taylor, Sue Ritchie and Nellie Rose Slone; four grandchildren and a host of friends and neighbors.

The last time Kelly and I talked we talked a lot about his children. He was worried about them. Like all parents, we worry about our children. There is a scripture in the Bible that says, "There's a way that seemth right to man, but the end thereof is death." So to his children I write, try the spirits

to see if they be of God, seek and search after righteousness.
Be fully persuaded with your whole heart and mind that you
have eternal life.

Written by Eld. Bordes Slone for Melinda,
Beverly, and Wade, and all of Kelly's family

By the Side of the Road
by: Judy Watson Conley

*By the side of the road, just as the sun had set
Brother Kelly had stopped for a moment
to catch his breath;
With the pain in his chest pounding so hard -
If only I could rest Lord, for I'm awfully tired;*

*Then a voice from heaven spoke, that
only he could hear
"Welcome, my child, I promised you rest,
so do not fear,
Angels in white began to gather all around -
And they laid him gently unto the ground;*

*And by the side of the road with cars passing by
You should've been there with a spiritual eye;
Two angels made a pillow out of a mound of grass -
It was called but the death angel was just too fast;*

*"Rest your weary head my child,
for it is now time for you to leave
Oh! What a sight my brother must have seen !!!!!
Heaven opened by invitation and
oh! what royal splendor -
Why! way up yonder stood his blessed ole Daddy
waving from a window!!!!
And over by the fountain, was*

*a young mother shouting
with three little babies just a clappin!!!
So many old friends and relatives he saw
Nothing but joy and peace Brother Paul!!!*

*But here in nature, I know it breaks your very heart
To leave a loved one and have to part;
Just remember, when sadness overwhelms
you by the side of the road -
Look up ... look up - in that city of gold!!!*



FRED WATTS

Dad was a member of the Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church. He dedicated his life to loving and serving God as a faithful servant, loving husband and father.

There is no way in this short message we can convey to you what Dad meant to those who knew and loved him. He was truly a remarkable person. Dad was born March 21, 1913. He passed from this life on September 3, 1989. He leaves his precious wife, Inus Caudill Watts, of Hallie; his four beloved sons: Billy Dean, Shelby and Robert all of Hallie, and Marty of Ermine; and his four beloved daughters: Doris and Viola Watts of Hallie, Naomi Sturgill of Whitesburg, and Kaye Parker of Kona. He also leaves seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Dad will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. We look forward to meeting him again where separation cannot come. We know Heaven has gained another flower in its bouquet.

The family



JOHN V.H. WATTS

Sept. 13, 1904 - March 22, 1996

**AND ADELINE (LINA)
WATTS**

November 15, 1911 - March 3, 1999

“And they shall become one”

(Genesis 3:24)

Mother and Daddy were united as one on earth for over sixty-six years, but now they are one in Christ. Although they were blessed with a long and happy marriage, they are now partakers of a marriage supper in a palace that we can only imagine.

Their earthly possessions were meager, but the love they had for their family and for mankind made them the richest two people on earth.

Mother and Daddy were firm believers in the commandment “Love thy neighbor as thyself,” and when Jesus says to them “I was hungry and you fed me,” Mother and Daddy will understand. They not only provided food for neighbors in need, but Mother would cook extra meals for a family she knew was hungry.

Mother and Daddy were of the Old Regular Baptist faith and loved Cedar Grove Church. The pastors there were like family to them.

The emptiness we feel over the loss of our parents is overwhelming, but we all know that our loss is Heaven’s gain.

The following poem was written by Sherry Huff (a daughter) in memory of Mother and Daddy. No other written word could express more clearly our feelings.

Leo Watts, Odell Watts, Martha Watts,
Margaret Holbrook, Darlene Hibbard,
Sherry Huff, Carla White

Finish Line

*The Matriarch has left the room,
We did not see her go;
These rooms that really are so small,
With cavern's depths echo.*

*The Patriarch has beckoned,
"I'm waiting for you here;
Come rest here in this quiet place,
I'm so proud you are near."*

*The palace where she reigned so long,
Of clapboards falling down;
Could not have been more regal still,
Decked out in throne and crown.*

*Yet now it is a little house,
No chatter cuts the space;
To make us feel that we belong,
Or put us in our place.*

*We walk around, We see his cane,
Her robe upon a hook;
Down on the floor we stoop to feel,
The daily paths she took.*

*With compass needles flying,
We are listing in the wind;
But soon we know we'll lift our wings,
And stay the course again.*

*For it is very fitting,
That neither is alone;
The Matriarch, The Patriarch,*

Beneath a granite stone.

*They passed through life's great seasons,
Spring, summer, winter, fall;
And bearing seven children,
Were allowed to keep us all.*

*The Matriarch has left the room,
We did not hear her feet;
Her palace now is empty,
But her life has been complete!*

Sherry Huff, March 20, 1999



KIRT WATTS

Dad was the son of Esquire and Cecelia Watts. He was born on May 29, 1908, and died on February 7, 1999 at the age of 91 years, 8 months and 8 days.

He was married to Ada Marie Caudill. They had two sons and four daughters. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by our mother, Ada; one son, Ellis Reed Watts; and three great-grandchildren: Michael Watts, Michael Dixon, and Claudette Dixon. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Georgeanne Watts, and Orpha Watts; and by one brother, Kirby Watts.

He is survived by one son, Squire H. Watts, and four daughters: L. Esther Dixon, Gladys Moss, Geraldine Dixon, and Desta T. Caudill. Also surviving are ten grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and three sisters: Martha Ison, Mary Ison, and Alice Watts Eldridge.

Dad was a member of the Cedar Grove Old Regular Bap-

tist Church. He loved his church, but distance and health kept him from attending as much as he would have liked.

In Remembrance of You, Dad

*How can I, in a few words say,
Just what you've meant to us along the way.*

*To quiet mountains and valleys deep,
Away from busy crowded streets.
You raised your family by the sweat of your brow,
And marked your days behind the plow.*

*You were never envious of another man's land,
But were content with earnings of your hand.
When we were young and misbehaved,
Your hand of discipline led us to mend our ways,*

*I remember the time that we trimmed at ease,
Your two precious dogwood trees.
Evermore after that we did refrain,
For on your face was written your pain.*

*Seeds planted so long ago,
Did I ever say thank you, did I ever let you know,
Ah yes, the softness in your eyes that said it back to
You loved the sun flickering on the shimmering leaves*

*After the years of toil you took your ease,
When the winds did blow that caused you strife,
You knew this was the simple law of life.
Your words were few and your spirit quiet,
No matter our problems you saw us
through the night.
The steep road home winds and climbs,*

Knowing you've reached the summit eases our minds.

*The sun sinks low and fades and dies,
We who are left must dry our eyes.
For you have obtained the greater prize.*

*We miss you now our hearts do sorrow,
We hope to see you in our tomorrow.*

Written by your daughter, Gladys Moss



GRACIE YOUNG

I will try to write the obituary of my beloved mother, Gracie Young. She was born to William and Eliza Jane Napier Hicks on February 28, 1907. She passed away on February 23, 1999. She was 91 years old - almost 92, lacking 5 days. She was preceded in death by her dad and mom; her husband, Alonzo Young; 1 son, Ruffice Young; and 1 infant daughter, Leanner Young. She is survived by four sons: James A. Young of Rittman, Ohio; Johnnie Young of Brownsville, Oregon; Samuel Ray Young of Emmalena, Ky.; and David Young of Langley, Ky.; six daughters: Maggie Gambill of Mousie, Ky.; Helen Hall of Litt Carr, KY.; Bertha Owsley of Chappells, South Carolina; Sally Robinson of Rittman, Ohio, Lillie Crisp of Vermilion, Ohio; and Dorothy Carson of Gillette, Wyoming. Other survivors include 26 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, 18 great-great-grandchildren, 3 sisters, 2 brothers, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Mom saw the need for a Savior and she went to the Lord and He forgave her. Mom joined the Ball Branch old Regular

Baptist Church in 1976. She went to church as long as she was able and helped the church and people all she could.

Mom got sick and went to the Hazard Nursing Home. She spent the last 2 years and 9 months of her life there. We went to see her every two or three days to see if we could do or get her anything. She loved to see us come, especially her great grandchild, Travis. So on Tuesday, February 23, 1999, about 4 p.m., the good Lord came and took her home. The Lord sure was good to her and us by letting her be with us for almost 92 years. I still miss her, but I know our loss is Heaven's gain. Mom, I hope to meet you in Heaven some sweet day.

Written by her daughter, Helen Hall

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:

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Delegates: | Alternates |
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Dear Brethren, receive our letter and these Brethren to sit with you in council. May the Lord bless you in all your work. We are at peace among ourselves. The state of the church is as follows:

Ordained Ministers

- | | |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Name: | Post Offices: |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

- Received by Experience and Baptism _____ Letter _____
 Restored _____ 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 the Indian Bottom Association
Building, East County, Kentucky - August 1977*

Directions to the Indian Bottom Association

1. From Hazard, Kentucky, go east on KY 15 to Whitesburg, then follow signs up Yellow Creek to Indian Bottom.
2. From Hindman, Kentucky, go west on KY 15 to Whitesburg, 10 miles to KY 15, turn right, follow KY 15 to Indian Bottom, Sassafra, follow signs as in direction #1.
3. From Whitesburg, Kentucky, follow KY 15 to Indian Bottom, about 20 miles; follow signs as in direction #1.
4. Accommodations for campers will be provided and available on the building parking lot.

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