

Minutes of the  
One Hundred and Sixth Annual Session  
of the  
*Indian Bottom Association*  
of  
*Old Regular Baptist Churches*  
of *Jesus Christ*



Held at the  
Indian Bottom Association Building  
Sassafra, Knott County, Kentucky  
August 31, September 1, 2, 2001

Hosted By Little Dove,  
Happy Home, Little Zion  
and Summertown Churches

Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator (633-9269)  
Elder Jim Fields, Assistant Moderator (633-7014)  
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## Indian Bottom Association Officers



**Elder Elwood Cornett**  
**Moderator**



**Elder Jim Fields**  
**Assistant Moderator**



**Elder Donald Pratt**  
**Clerk**



**Bro. Bob Banks**  
**Assistant Clerk**

## A TRIBUTE TO OUR DECEASED MINISTERS



**Elder I.D. Back**



**Elder Clark Hays**



**Elder Everett Owens**



**Elder Eulis Slone**

The voices of Elders I.D. Back, Clark Hays, Everett Owens and Eulis Slone have grown silent, yet the fruits of their labor and fond memories of their lives will remain with us for many years to come. As their frail bodies fell, their spirits went to God who gave them. They fought a good fight; they finished their course; they kept the faith; they have gone to receive their reward, a crown of righteousness and a home in Heaven.

**MINUTES OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH  
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE  
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION OF  
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES  
OF JESUS CHRIST  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2001 AND  
THE TWO FOLLOWING DAYS**

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our association building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, August 31, 2001 and the two following days. Being hosted by the Little Dove Church and co-hosted by the Happy Home, Little Zion and Summertown Churches, the association met in the congregational department of the association building for preaching services. After singing some old songs of Zion, Elder James Caudill introduced the service and led in prayer. Elder Jimmy Hall followed with the introductory sermon.

The delegates were dismissed from the congregational department and asked to assemble in the delegate room. Brothers Howard Owens, Merle Caudill, Barry Tiller and Ellis Adams were appointed by the moderator 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 Jim Fields to introduce the session and 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 Joe Steely, Jerry Day and John Reedy. He then called for the letters of our several churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association.

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

second, with no objection, the Star of Bethlehem Church, which had sent no letter or delegates, was 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/Treasurer  
Brother Bob Banks, Assistant Clerk.

(The following brothers were appointed to count the votes:  
Freddy Watts, Randy Blair, and David Nichols.)

3. By a move and second, with no objection, the moderator was directed to make all temporary appointments.
4. The moderator appointed a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation from the Little Dove Church to arrange the preaching services for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.
5. The moderator called for newly constituted churches desiring to take up fellowship with us. A letter from the Rose of Sharon Church was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the letter was received, the delegates were seated and the letter was referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
6. Churches of our same faith and order who desired fellowship with us were called for. None responded.
7. By a move and second, with no objection, the reading of the Articles of Faith, the Rules of Decorum and the Constitution was omitted. All were directed to be printed in the minutes.
8. The moderator called for corresponding associations of our same faith and order who desired to correspond with us. None responded.

9. The moderator called for transient members and ministers and the following responded: Brothers Paul Watson, John Reedy, Emory Caudill, Lonnie Sexton, Layton Phipps, James McClanahan, Wade Fields, and Barry Tiller.
  
10. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services:  
Friday afternoon: Brothers Virgil Combs and Billy Campbell.  
Saturday morning: Brothers Frank Newsome, Harvey Creech, James McClanahan and James Slone.
  
11. The moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements composed of one delegate from each church, together with the association moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk.
  
12. By a move and second, with no objection, it was decided to meet on Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. to arrange the business for Saturday.
  
13. By a move and second, with no objection, the Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning. The singing will start in the congregational department at 9:30 a.m.

The Committee on Arrangements met at 1:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon in the congregational department of the association building. After singing, Brother Virgil Combs introduced the session and led in prayer. Elder Billy Campbell then preached, after which the committee arranged the work for Saturday. Elder Charles Craft called dismissal.

**SATURDAY MORNING**

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

1. The clerk called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was given by the clerk of the association. 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 \$8,937.00 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 Elder Carl Slone, 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: Brothers

Benny Slone, Ivan Amburgey, Don Pratt, Elwood Cornett.

b) The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Gary Mosley to preach the introductory sermon for the 2002 session and Brother Benny Slone to be his alternate.

c) The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Barry Tiller to write a circular letter for approval next year.

9. By a move and second, with no objection, obituaries are to be printed in the minutes with no fee for the printing of pictures, starting in 2002. They are to be typed and double spaced.

10. The treasurer's report was given. By a move and second, with no objection, the report was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes. The report is as follows:

Balance on hand (9/2/00) ..... \$431.63

Collections:

Church Contributions ..... \$9,040.00

Pictures, etc. .... \$673.92

Interest ..... \$20.85

Total in treasury ..... \$10,166.40

Expenses:

Printing 3,825 Minutes ..... \$9,333.00

Safety deposit box ..... \$50.00

Total expenses ..... \$9,383.00

Balance in treasury (9/1/01) ..... \$783.40

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 (9/2/00) ..... \$3,403.27



Collections:

Church contributions .....	\$15,496.00
Sunday services .....	\$957.00
Donations .....	\$2,891.12
Concession stand .....	\$305.00
Loan .....	\$20,000.00
Total in treasury .....	\$43,052.39

Expenses:

Payment on previous loan plus interest .....	\$3,081.25
Insurance .....	\$670.40
Kitchen .....	\$1,865.42
Supplies .....	\$2,515.74
Utilities .....	\$1,287.55
Labor .....	\$982.00
Checks .....	\$15.00
Windows .....	\$23,163.00
Total expenses .....	\$33,580.84
Balance in treasury (8/28/01) .....	\$9,471.55
Amount owed on loan .....	\$20,000.00

12. The Committee on Council report was given by Elder Don Pratt:
- a) In response to Item 15 of the 2000 Association, the Committee on Council recommended that the Association retain the present orders of the Association without change.
  - b) The Committee on Council discussed with Elder Earl Slone, moderator of the Rock Fork Church, the use of an inside baptistry. Elder Slone apologized to the Committee on Council and reported that the Rock Fork Church was closing its inside baptistry. Elder Slone stated that “we will do the best we can” to follow the practices and procedures of the Indian Bottom Association.
  - c) The Committee on Council discussed issues concerning the Star of Bethlehem Church.

The Committee on Council report was received by a move and second, with no objection.

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, Bill Halcomb and Elwood Cornett.

13. The question of the Star of Bethlehem Church, having no letter nor delegates, was discussed. By a move and second the Indian Bottom Association declares non-fellowship with the Star of Bethlehem Church, appoints a committee composed of Elwood Cornett, Ivan Amburgey and Bill Halcomb to investigate, and to make a way for the members of the Star of Bethlehem Church to come into any of our churches. A report will be made to the 2002 Association. An objection was filed. By a standing vote, the motion was approved.
14. The requests from the Mount Olivet Church to host and the Defeated Creek and Tolson Creek churches to co-host the 2002 association were read. The Chester Hogg Memorial Church made a verbal request to co-host. By a move and second, with no objection, the requests were granted.
15. The request from the Reynolds Fork Church to correct its membership number to 85, as of December 6, 2000, was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
16. The request from the Little Mary Church was read. It is requested to change our present orders "to expand the list of associations from which we can receive members by recommendation to include all churches that make up the following United Baptist associations: Big Iron Hill and New Hope." After discussion, the request was withdrawn.
17. The request from the Mt. Zion Church to change it's memorial meeting to the second Saturday and Sunday in April; communion to the second Sunday in June; and union meeting to the second Saturday and Sunday in September was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
18. The request from the Rock Fork Church to "add Eulis Slone's name to the list of deceased elders" was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.

19. The request from the Joe Reynolds Church to change it's regular meeting time from the third Saturday and Sunday to the first Saturday and Sunday of each month; communion to June; and memorial meeting to August was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
20. The minutes from the organizing presbytery of the Rose of Sharon Church were read. By a move and second, with no objection, the church was received into full fellowship of the Indian Bottom Association and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.
21. 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.
22. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a Resolution of Appreciation to the Little Dove, Summertown, Happy Home and Little Zion Churches for hosting the 2001 session of the Indian Bottom Association.
23. There was a move and second, with no objection, to have services at the association building on the following odd-Sundays: September 30, December 30, March 31, June 30, September 1.
24. By a move and second, with no objection, the minutes of the 2001 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 2002 session of the Indian Bottom Association convenes on September 6, 2002. The moderator called on Elder L. D. Mosely to lead us in the closing prayer.

*Done and signed by order of the Indian Bottom Association.*

Elder Edwood Cornett, Moderator  
Elder Jim Fields, Assistant Moderator  
Elder Dan Pratt, Clerk  
Mrs. Bob Jones, Assistant Clerk

## Sunday

On the last day of our one hundred sixth association, a large congregation gathered at the association building. The love of our people, one for another, was evident in their warm smiles, handshakes and hugs.

After singing some songs of Zion, Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, welcomed the congregation and called upon Elder Ivan Amburgey to introduce the services. Elder Squire Watts led in prayer. They were followed by Brother Benny Slone, Elder Don Pratt and Elder Jim Fields. Elder Elwood Cornett then came forth and preached the closing sermon. Elder Roger Gibson led in a prayer of dismissal, thus bringing to an end the 2001 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

### RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

We, the Indian Bottom Association, wish to express our appreciation to the Little Dove, Summertown, Happy Home and Little Zion Churches for the wonderful job of hosting the 2001 session of our association. The building was clean and the food was great; and, most importantly, your love was evident in everything that you did. We especially thank our sisters for their hard work. We also appreciate those who worked in the concession stand. Brothers and sisters, may God richly bless you for your labor of love. Let's give Him the praise for allowing us to share with each other.

Indian Bottom Association

## Circular Letter

Brethren of the one hundred and sixth annual session of the Indian Bottom Association, it is with a “meek and quiet spirit” that I take pen in hand to address you through this circular letter. It is certainly a great honor and a grave responsibility to be chosen to do so. It is my prayer that our Lord Jesus Christ direct and guide each and every word written herein.

I have heard it said that we are a stiff-necked and peculiar people who have failed to keep up with and address the problems confronting us in today’s changing times and that time has quietly passed us by. We have been accused of being an old “fogeys” church, believing we are the only group of people on that righteous pathway to Heaven. Many believe that changing with changing times will cause us to lose our identity and dilute our religious belief and doctrine to the extent that we would become as one with the world. Some believe that changing times creates a need for changes through an understanding of the people of an ever-changing society. There are some who seem to ignore things and believe all is well.

We must never allow ourselves to become a stiff-necked people as we are so advised in Acts, chapter 7, verse 51 of the Holy Bible which says, “Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost as your fathers did, so do ye.” However, we certainly must be a peculiar people as we are told in the Holy Bible in Titus, chapter 2, verses 13 and 14 which states in part “...the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ: who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” Therefore, we should never act as if, feel or believe that we are the only people having the Spirit of God as is displayed often times through appearing to be stiff-necked and self-righteous. As children of God and the “light of the world” we certainly want to be somewhat flexible and responsive to the needs of our followers. Therefore, we should be a peculiar people differing from the world in that there should be a manifestation of the Spirit of

Jesus Christ shown in our life. In other words we must “let our light shine.” In Ecclesiastes, chapter 12, verse 13 of the Holy Bible the writer says, “let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.” We also are told in St. John, chapter 4, verse 24, “God is a spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.” So fearing God, keeping his commandments and worshipping Him in spirit and in truth should be the foremost thing in our mind. We need to keep all things in perspective, praying for wisdom and guidance in all matters coming before us as we are told to do in the Holy Bible by James, chapter 1, verse 5, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given them.”

Brethren, I believe we have a loving and caring association with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at its center. Therefore, let us guard this with the utmost care. As often as we come together let it be in one mind and one accord and not be as Apostle Paul said in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, chapter 11, verse 17, “now in this I declare unto you I praise you not, that you come together not for the better, but for the worse” but for the betterment and uplifting of Gods kingdom. “Come let us reason together.” Amen.

Written by Elder Carl Slone

## **UNION, COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICES**

### **MARCH**

#### **LITTLE ZION:**

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March.

Ministers called: Jimmy Hall, Ivan Amburgey, Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Frank Newsome.

Communion: Second Sunday in June.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Virgil Combs, Roger Gibson, Alonzo Mosley.

Fields Cemetery Memorial: Sunday, June 29, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.

#### **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: All of the same faith and order.

Communion: First Sunday in May.

Memorial: First Sunday in June.

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

#### **ROSE OF SHARON:**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Jimmie Bailey, Barry Tiller, Jim Fields, Benny Slone, Curl Dixon, Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Bill Tackett, Squire Watts, Lonnie Gregory, Milburn Slone, Roy Slone, Coy Tolliver.

Communion: First Sunday in August.

Memorial: First Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Sherman R. Williamson, Roy Slone, James Slone, Lonnie Sexton, Hurley Short, Terry Isaac, Steve Hagerman, all brothers from our sister churches.

**JOE REYNOLDS:**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Eugene Thacker, David Smith, John Bolen, Don Pratt.

Communion: First Sunday in June.

Memorial: First Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Roy Slone, Bobby Amburgey, William McClanahan, Squire Watts.

**DEFEATED CREEK:**

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Frank Newsome, David Nichols, William McClanahan, James Caudill.

Communion: Second Sunday in August.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Emory Caudill, Ellis Adams, Roger Fields, Elwood Cornett, Bert Fields.

**BLAIR BRANCH:**

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Alonzo Mosley, Billy Campbell, David Smith.

Communion: Third Sunday in July.

Memorial: Third Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Merle Caudill, Elwood Cornett, Danny Dixon, moderator, assistant moderator.

**ROCK FORK:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Barry Tiller, Jim Fields, Billy Campbell, Elwood Cornett.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Felden Ruggles, Jr., Carl Slone, Ronnie Robinson, Virgil Combs.

Memorial Meeting at Bolyn Cemetery, May 26, 2002, 4:00 p.m.

Ministers called: Jerry Mann, Earl Slone, Don Pratt, Alonzo Mosley.

Memorial Meeting at M.D. Slone Cemetery, Raven, KY., Last Sunday in June, 2002.

Ministers called: Bordis Slone, Earl Slone, Jerry Manns.



**NORTHERN NEW HOME:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June.

Ministers called:

March: Barry Tiller, John Fields, John Eldridge, Roger Fields

April: Lonnie Sexton, Benny Slone, Paul Watson,  
Toby Breeding.

May: Elwood Cornett, Layton Phipps, Ronnie Robinson,  
Coburn Ison.

June: H.B. Reedy, Jr., Milburn Slone, Oscar Raines,  
John Bowling.

July: Charles Shepherd, Jimmie R. Bailey, Clifford Hughes,  
Tad Huff.

August: Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Howard Owens, Barry Tiller,  
Ross Wright, Bill Conley.

September: Woodrow Tackett, Emory Caudill, Jerry Manns,  
Ellis Adams, Roger Gibson.

October: Jim Fields, Don Pratt, Lehman Gilliam, Curl Dixon.

**LITTLE BETHLEHEM:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Ellis Adams, Virgil Combs, L.D. Mosley, Billy  
Campbell, Roger Gibson.

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: Jim Blankenship, Elwood Cornett, Lonnie  
Sexton. Feldon Ruggles, Jr.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Harvey Creech, Toby Bailey, Squire  
Watts.

**MOUNT OLIVET:**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Howard Owens, Merle Caudill, Frank Newsome, 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, Squire Watts, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.

Communion: First Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Tad Huff, Keith Thomas.

Memorial: First Sunday in October.

Ministers called: Lonnie Sexton, Alonzo Mosley, Ivan Amburgey, Jerry Manns.

**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, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.

**PILGRIMS HOME:**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Roger Gibson, James McClanahan, Billy Campbell, Theodore Looney, Eugene Thacker, Jim Fields, Roy Slone.

Communion: First Sunday in June.

Memorial: First Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Theodore Looney, Merle Caudill, Alonzo Mosley, William McClanahan, Bordis Slone, home ministers.

**LITTLE DOVE:**

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Feldon Ruggles, Jr, James Caudill, Billy Campbell, Jim Blankenship.

Communion: Second Sunday in July.

Memorial: Second Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett and home ministers.

**EMMANUEL:**

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Ellis Adams, Alonzo Mosley, Don Pratt, Squire Watts, Tad Huff, Keith Thomas.

Communion: Second Sunday in June.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Arnold Bailey, Toby Bailey, James McClanahan, Jim Blankenship, William McClanahan.

**HOUSE OF PRAYER:**

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Roger Gibson, Elwood Cornett, Paul Watson.

Communion: Second Sunday in July.

Memorial: Second Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Jerry Manns, Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Virgil Combs.

**REYNOLDS FORK:**

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Frank Newsome, Bill Halcomb, Elwood Cornett.

Communion: Third Sunday in June.

Memorial: Third Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Charles Craft and home ministers.

**BULL CREEK:**

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.  
Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Jim Fields, Elwood Cornett,  
Howard Owens, Benny Slone, Homer Smith.  
Communion: Third Sunday in August.  
Memorial: Third Sunday in June.  
Ministers called: All of same faith and order.  
Melton Cemetery Memorial: Second Sunday in June.  
Jent Cemetery Memorial: Third Sunday in July.  
Collins Cemetery Memorial: First Sunday in October.

**GARDEN OF LOVE:**

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.  
Ministers called: Don Pratt, Bobby Amburgey.  
Communion: Third Sunday in June.  
Memorial: Third Sunday in September.  
Ministers called: Earl Mosley, Don Collins.

**NEW BETHLEHEM CHURCH:**

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.  
Ministers called: Eugene Thacker, Earl Slone, Don Collins.  
Communion: Third Sunday in July.  
Memorial: Third Sunday in September.  
Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Howard Owens, home ministers.

**JUNE**

**KINGDOM COME:**

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 May.  
Ministers called: Bert Fields, Roger Fields, Ellis Adams, Clifton  
Hampton, George Roark, Clifford Gilbert, Roy Slone, Don Pratt.  
Cemetery Memorial: Second Sunday in August.  
Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

**CLEAR FORK:**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Mickey Amburgey, Roger Gibson, home ministers.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in October.

Ministers called: Robert Combs, Barry Tiller, Odis Ritchie, home ministers.

**NEW HOME:**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Danny Dixon, Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Frank Newsome.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Bill Halcomb, Harvey Creech.

**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: Alonzo Mosley, Keith Thomas, Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Danny Dixon.

Communion: First Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Bill Tackett, Ross Wright.

Memorial: First Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Roy Slone, Roger Gibson, Emory Caudill, John Eldridge, Lawrence Brown.

**MOUNT OLIVE:**

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: James Caudill, John Bowling, Bordis Slone,  
Jimmy Hall, Emory Caudill.

Communion: Second Sunday in July.

Memorial: Second Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Chester Gibson, home ministers.

**ROCK OF AGES:**

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

Communion: Second Sunday in July.

Memorial: Second Sunday in August.

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

**FRIENDSHIP:**

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Howard Owens, Bob Amburgey,  
Don Pratt, Elwood Cornett.

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Luther Combs, Ross Wright, home ministers.

**BIG LEATHERWOOD:**

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Jerry Manns, Howard Owens, Harvey Creech,  
Toby Bailey, Elwood Cornett.

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Squire Watts, Toby Breeding, Alonzo  
Mosley.

**BETHLEHEM:**

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Charles Shepherd, Squire Watts,  
Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Howard Owens.

Communion: Third Sunday in July.

Memorial: Third Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Dexter Church, Ivan Amburgey, Harvey Creech,  
Frank Newsome, Bobby Yates, Theodore Looney, home min-  
isters.

**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.

Memorial of Dixon, Back & Smith Cemetery: Fourth Sunday in May.

Memorial of Spring Branch Cemetery: Second Sunday in June.

**BIG COWAN:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Jim Fields, Charles Shepherd, Don Pratt, Lehman Gilliam.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Bill Moore, Barry Tiller, Roger Gibson, Lonnie Sexton, Alonzo Mosley.

**IVY POINT:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Benny Slone, Theodore Looney, Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Frank Newsome.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Roger Gibson, Harvey Creech, Bordis Slone, Jim Fields.

**TOLSON CREEK:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: James Caudill, Duane Hall, Billy Campbell, Roy Slone, Merle Caudill, Roger Gibson, Howard Owens.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Vergle Caudill, Luther Combs, Emory Caudill, Norman Caudill, Elwood Cornett.

**BIG CREEK:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Barry Tiller, Howard Owens,  
David Smith.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Benny Slone, home ministers.

**CEDAR GROVE:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, David Nichols, Lehman Gilliam,  
Frank Newsome, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Zennith Ison, Squire Watts, Danny Dixon, Bill  
Halcomb, Elwood Cornett.

**LITTLE DAVID**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Alonzo Mosley, Paul Watson,  
Jimmy Hall, William McClanahan.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Keith Thomas, Lonnie Sexton, Ivan  
Amburgey.

**JULY**

**LITTLE BETHANY:**

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Earl Mosley, Eugene  
Thacker, Steven Hagerman, Michael Hagerman, Anthony  
Hagerman.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Jim Rush, Roy Slone, Benny Slone, Gary  
Mosley, Milburn Slone.



## AUGUST

### HURRICANE GAP:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Bobby Amburgey, Toby Breeding, Bert Fields.

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in October.

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Jimmie R. Bailey, Harvey Creech.

## SEPTEMBER

### LITTLE MARY:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in September.

Ministers called: William McClanahan, Ivan Amburgey, Squire Watts, Jim Fields.

Communion: Second Sunday in October.

Ministers called: Bill Tackett, Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Clifford Hughes.

Memorial: Second Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Benny Slone, Elwood Cornett, Jerry Manns, Charles Shepherd.

### MOUNT ZION:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Danny Dixon, Alonzo Mosley.

Communion: Second Sunday in July.

Memorial: Second Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Gary Mosley and home ministers.

### LILY OF THE VALLEY:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Howard Owens, Charles Shepherd, Roy Slone.

Communion: Third Sunday in October.

Memorial: Third Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Bill Halcomb, Milburn Slone, Benny Slone, Emory Caudill.

## DELEGATES TO THE 2001 ASSOCIATION

**Cedar Grove:** Paul Sparkman, Danny Dixon, Zenith Ison  
**New Home:** Arnold Thacker, Johnny Watson, Ronnie Robinson  
**Defeated Creek:** Gary Caudill, Albert Wilder, Matt Combs  
**Reynolds Fork:** Ivan Amburgey, Marvis Short, Denver Ritchie  
**Bull Creek:** Virgil Combs, Truman Jent, Jim Caudill  
**Ivy Point:** Alonzo Mosley, Ricky Casebolt, Johnny Slone  
**Little Dove:** Merle Caudill, Charlie Dials, Johnny Childers  
**Tolson Creek:** Luther Combs, Marshall Roark, Norman Caudill  
**Dixon Memorial:** Homer Smith, Allen Whitaker, Elmer Caudill  
**Big Creek:** Billy Maggard, Arthur Pendleton, Doug Gibson  
**Happy Home:** Landis Everage, Duane Hall, John Hall  
**New Bethlehem:** T.J. Reynolds, Carl Slone  
**Clear Fork:** Lee Fugate, Elmer Ray Combs, Franklin Fugate  
**Northern New Home:** Bill Halcomb, Harry Francis, Jack Varney  
**Blair Branch:** Rodney Ison, Ellis Adams, Jerry Adams  
**Mount Olivet:** Oliver Mullins, Lowell Caudill, Wallace Bolling  
**Little Zion:** Benny Slone, Kenny Oliver, Beckham Fields  
**Hurricane Gap:** Glen Sparkman, Hillard Halcomb, Lowell Shepherd  
**Kingdom Come:** Bert Fields, Roger Fields, George Roark  
**Poor Fork:** Harvey Creech, Barry Newsome, Joe Steely  
**Big Cowan:** Carl Adams, Green Calahan, Jerry Day  
**Little Mary:** Lonnie Gregory, Coy Tolliver, Howard Thornsberry  
**Mount Zion:** Earl Mosley, L.D. Mosley, Carl Mosley  
**Friendship:** Harlan Eldridge, Jeff Sloan, Jerry Caudill  
**Little Bethlehem:** Bob Amburgey, H.B. Reedy, Jr, Dale Caudill  
**Little Bethany:** Hurley Short, James Slone, Joe Slone  
**Garden of Love:** Gary Mosley, Tim Smith, Carlos Mosley

**Rock Fork:** Arlie Jackson, Willie Crase, Jimmy Conley

**Summertown:** Robert Combs, Oliver Maggard, Sim Shepherd

**Emmanuel:** Fred Phillips, Theodore Looney

**Hemphill:** Jimmy W. Hall, Bob Sparks, Bobby Boyd

**Bethlehem:** Gary Carter, Walter Sheets, Billy Campbell

**Bethany:** Harvey Ross, Jr., Jeff Beer, Woodrow Tackett

**Lily of the Valley:** Clifford Hughes, LeRoy Cremeans, Feldon  
Ruggles, Jr.

**Little David:** William Stacy, Wayne Roark, C. Paul McClanahan

**Big Leatherwood:** Verlin Cornett, Lehman Gilliam, Jimmy  
Amburgey

**Mount Olive:** Eugene Thacker, Marion Slone, Roy Slone

**Joe Reynolds Church:** No delegates were present on Saturday

**Chester Hogg Memorial:** James Isom, John Eldridge, Roger Gibson

**House of Prayer:** No delegates were present on Saturday

**Bright Morning Star:** Steven Hagerman, Michael Hagerman, Emory  
Slone

**Rock of Ages:** Carl Slone, Grady Hall, Anthony Hagerman

**Pilgrims Home:** Dewayne Belcher, Arnold Bailey, Bobby Yates

**Rose of Sharon:** Bill Conley, James Webb, William Conley

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Eld. Mickey Amburgey	Little Bethlehem Church	606-785-5917
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Eld. Nelson Craft	Reynolds Fork Church	606-785-3735
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Eld. Harvey Creech	Poor Fork Church	606-589-5798
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Eld. John Fields	Little Zion Church	606-633-5749
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Bro. Carl Lambert	Little Mary Church	
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Bro. Theodore Looney	Emmanuel Church	540-531-7017
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Eld. C. Paul McClanahan	Little David Church	540-463-8403
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Eld. Billy Mosley	Garden of Love Church	419-229-6607
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Eld. Carl Slone	New Bethlehem Church	606-785-5595
Eld. Carl Slone	Rock of Ages Church	219-897-2795
Bro. Darrel Slone	Ivy Point Church	606-368-2396
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Eld. Eugene Thacker	Mt. Olive Church	606-785-0784
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Eld. Keith Thomas	Ivy Point Church	606-368-2096
Bro. Walter Thomas	Reynolds Fork Church	606-368-3900
Eld. Barry Tiller	Little Mary Church	606-864-3144
Bro. Coy Tolliver	Little Mary Church	606-768-9014
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Eld. Squire Watts	Cedar Grove Church	606-476-2707
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Eld. Roger Whitaker	Dixon Memorial Church	606-632-2072
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Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday

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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

**Ivy Point Church (Continued)**

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Clerk:  
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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

## **Big Creek Church (Continued)**

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## **HAPPY HOME CHURCH**

Amburgey, KY

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Clerk:  
Alger Mullins  
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**Happy Home Church (Continued)**

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday

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**NEW BETHLEHEM CHURCH**

Off Rt. 80, Talcum, KY

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Clerk:

Robert Everage  
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Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday

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Eld. Odis Ritchie  
477 Owens Branch Rd.  
Hindman, KY 41822  
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Eld. Carl Slone  
Box 322  
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**CLEAR FORK CHURCH**

Route 1088, Lotts Creek, KY

Moderator:

Eld. Charles Shepherd

HC 77 Box 90

Gordon, KY 41819

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Clerk:

Franklin Fugate

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Fisty, KY 41743

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Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday

**NORTHERN NEW HOME**

Stumpy Lane, Goshen, Ohio

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Hamilton, OH 45013

Phone: 513-896-6800

Clerk:

Jack Varney

1379 Fay Rd

Loveland, OH 45140

Phone: 513-575-4256

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

Ministers:

Eld. Bill Halcomb

1259 James Road

Hamilton, OH 45013

Phone: 513-896-6800

Eld. Clayton Montgomery

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Bro. Sherman Williamson

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Eld. Willie Bowling

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**Northern New Home (Continued)**

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**BLAIR BRANCH CHURCH**

Highway 7, Jeremiah, KY

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Jeremiah, KY 41826  
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Clerk:  
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Letcher, KY 41832  
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Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday

Ministers:  
Eld. Ellis Adams  
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Jeremiah, KY 41826  
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Eld. Don Pratt  
19 Pauley Hollow  
Sassafras, KY 41759  
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Bro. Herbert Stallard  
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**MOUNT OLIVET CHURCH**

Blackey, KY

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**Mount Olivet (Continued)**

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday

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Eld. Toby Breeding  
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Jeremiah, KY 41826  
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Eld. James Caudill  
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**LITTLE ZION CHURCH**

Highway 7 & 15, Jeff, KY

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Hallie, KY 41821  
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Clerk:  
Jay McCool  
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Cornettsville, KY 41731  
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Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday

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Highway 160, Gordon, KY

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781 Turkey Creek

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Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday

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**KINGDOM COME CHURCH**

Rt. 588, Premium, KY

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Clerk:

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**POOR FORK CHURCH**

Cumberland, KY

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Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday

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**BIG COWAN CHURCH**

Highway 931 S., Big Cowan, KY

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Jeremiah, KY 41826  
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Clerk:  
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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

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**LITTLE MARY CHURCH**

Rt 1895, Morehead, KY

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**MOUNT ZION CHURCH**

Perkins Branch, Hindman, KY

Moderator:

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**Mount Zion Church (Continued)**

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Hindman, KY 41822  
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**FRIENDSHIP CHURCH**

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Clerk:  
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**LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHURCH**

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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

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Clerk:

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Bro. Northern Smallwood

Allen, KY

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**GARDEN OF LOVE CHURCH**

St. Mary's, Ohio

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Clerk:  
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Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday

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**ROCK FORK CHURCH**

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Clerk:

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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

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## **SUMMERTOWN CHURCH**

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Clerk:

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## **EMMANUEL CHURCH**

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Clerk:

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Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday

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**HEMPHILL CHURCH**

Neon, KY

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Robinson Creek, KY 41540  
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Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday

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**BETHLEHEM CHURCH**

Rt 604, Popular Creek, Grundy, VA

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Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday

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Eld. James McClanahan  
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**BETHANY CHURCH**

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Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday

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Proctorville, Ohio

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Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday

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Bro. Felden Ruggles, Jr.  
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Haysi, Virginia

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## **BIG LEATHERWOOD CHURCH**

Cornettsville, KY

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Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday

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Bro. David Nichols

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**MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH**

Slonefork Road, Garner, KY

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Mallie, KY 41836

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Clerk:

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Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday

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**JOE REYNOLDS CHURCH**

Highway 979, Beaver, KY

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Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday

**Joe Reynolds Church (Continued)**

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Allen, KY 41601  
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Bro. Carl Dean Reynolds  
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**CHESTER HOGG MEMORIAL CHURCH**

Charlestown, Indiana

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Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday

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**HOUSE OF PRAYER CHURCH**

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Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday

## **BRIGHT MORNING STAR CHURCH**

Paynesville, WV

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## **ROCK OF AGES CHURCH**

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Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday

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<b>Church</b>	Rc'd by Exp & Baptism	Rc'd by Letter	Restored	Rc'd by Recommendation	Dismissed by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Sat. Service Time	Contribution
Cedar Grove	2	0	0	0	0	6	2	166	4	9:30	\$450
New Home	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	41	1	9:30	\$200
Defeated Creek	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	27	2	9:30	\$250
Reynolds Fork	5	4	0	3	0	2	1	97	3	9:30	\$300
Bull Creek	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	64	3	6:00	\$200
Ivy Point	0	3	0	2	2	1	6	52	4	6:00	\$175
Little Dove	1	0	0	0	4	2	1	103	2	9:30	\$400
Tolson Creek	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	33	4	6:30	\$300
Dixon Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	43	4	9:30	\$125
Big Creek	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	44	4	3:00	\$250
Happy Home	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	33	1	9:30	\$135
New Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	27	3	9:30	\$200
Clear Fork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	1	6:30	\$150
Northern New Home	1	0	0	0	16	2	1	79	4	6:00	\$300
Blair Branch	2	0	0	0	1	3	2	105	3	6:30	\$500
Mt. Olivet	5	0	0	0	3	5	0	113	1	6:30	\$450
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	27	2	6:30	\$250
Hurricane Gap	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	38	3	6:30	\$250
Kingdom Come	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	16	1	9:30	\$125
Poor Fork	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	26	1	5:00	\$250
Big Cowan	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	34	4	9:30	\$225
Little Mary	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	41	2	6:00	\$300

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Mount Zion	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	2	6:00	\$100
Friendship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	3	4:00	\$150
Little Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	24	4	9:30	\$200
Little Bethany	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	12	4	6:30	\$100
Garden of Love	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	3	7:00	\$150
Rock Fork	11	7	1	2	4	1	6	100	4	10:00	\$100
Summertown	1	2	0	0	4	2	0	20	2	6:30	\$150
Emmanuel	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	32	2	5:00	\$200
Hemphill	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	25	1	9:30	\$165
Bethlehem	1	2	0	1	2	1	8	102	3	9:30	\$300
Bethany	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	26	1	6:00	\$100
Lily of the Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3	4:30	\$100
Little David	3	0	0	4	1	1	3	41	4	9:30	\$200
Big Leatherwood	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	44	3	6:30	\$200
Mount Olive	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	19	2	9:30	\$200
Joe Reynolds	0	2	0	0	4	1	5	16	1	10:00	\$150
Chester Hogg Mem	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	19	1	5:00	\$225
House of Prayer	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	13	2	10:00	\$50
Bright Morning Star	2	0	1	0	1	0	5	19	1	10:00	\$50
Rock of Ages	1	0	0	0	3	0	5	9	2	6:00	\$40
Pilgrim's Home	2	1	0	2	0	0	3	39	1	10:00	\$100
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	15	1	5:30	\$122
<b>TOTALS</b>	59	30	4	16	57	49	62	1878	-	-	\$8,937

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## Obituaries

### Alfred V. Adams



Alfred V. Adams was born on August 26, 1905 at Inman, Virginia to Andrew Adams and Hannah Elizabeth Caudill Adams. He departed this life on May 5, 2001 at 10:05 a.m. at the Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, being 95 years, 8 months and 9 days old.

At an early age, Alfred, along with his family, moved to Little Cowan where his family had a home place. Later, he moved to Fleming, Kentucky where his dad was able to find work.

As a young man, Alfred got a job with the Elkhorn Coal Company where he eventually became a scrip writer, working for some 30 years until the company closed. He was the last man to go in the Hemphill office. Alfred made a lot of lifelong friends there, as he did everywhere he worked. He worked in Ashland, Kentucky for about a year and a half until one day he walked Johnny Fulton, an old friend, who had just been elected Sheriff of Letcher County and asked Alfred if he would come back to Letcher County and work for him. Finally, he and his family could come back home! Later Alfred worked for Lewis Hall, who followed Johnny Fulton as sheriff, Greer-Ellison coal company as a bookkeeper for awhile and then he was contacted by Maynard Hogg whom he had done work for and who eventually sent him to Calvin Tackett and Don Manning. Alfred worked for Tackett and Manning until he retired in the 1980's. Don and Nancy were so good to him as was Maynard and there was always a special place in his heart for all of them.

Alfred was first married to Vida Murray. To this union, there was a son and daughter, Donald Ray and Mary Lou.

Later in life, he met and married Sarah Tolliver. They were blessed to be together for 30 years before she passed away at the age of 51 from years of arthritis. He was always so good and kind to her.



They had two daughters, Flo and Linda.

Alfred was always a good man, but there was something else needed in his life. On the first Sunday of April, 1945, the Lord saved his soul and he gave his hand to Brother Willis Tolliver at the Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church at Millstone. He was baptized the following month on the first Sunday of May, 1945 and for the rest of his life, he lived it for the Lord.

The Hemphill Church was formed in 1951 and he was chosen to be their clerk, a position that he held until September, 2000 when he decided he could no longer take care of it. But his church loved him so much that they kept him on as Honorary Clerk, an honor which made him so proud.

Alfred met and married Dortha McCray Hall after he was left alone. She preceded him in death in May, 1999, after about 26 years of marriage.

For the last three years, he made his home with his daughter Flo and her husband Teddy in Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

Along with his previous wives, Sarah and Dortha, Alfred was preceded in death by his only son, Donald Ray, and two grandsons, Donald Ray, Jr. and Steve Marcum; four brothers, Boyd, Kirtley, Mose and Andrew; three sisters, Mary, Bonnie and Vanessa, whom he lost only 6 months ago.

He is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Marcum, Flo and Teddy Galloway all of Big Stone Gap, Virginia; and Linda and Harold Combs of Jeff, Kentucky; beloved sister and brother-in-law, Martha Ellen and Tom Owens of Oakwood, Virginia; a special sister-in-law, Grace Adams of Richmond, Indiana; 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter as well as a host of nieces, nephews and friends; some very special cousins that were like brothers and sisters to him, Cassell and Edison Caudill, Gladys Caudill Pitts, Louanna Caudill Day, and Elsie Caudill Banks, all of Little Cowan, and their brother, Burnice Caudill, of Cumberland, Kentucky.

There will never be another Alfred V. Adams, for God only made one and he made him special. We are sure that God has prepared a very special place just for him!

Thank all of you for loving our Daddy,

Flo, Linda and Mary Lou



## Georgia Back

Sister Georgia Back was born October 7th, 1924 to Cleland and Malva Caudill in Jeremiah, Kentucky. She departed this life on December 29th, 2000, being 76 years, 2 months and 21 days old.

Early life was not an easy or happy one but she met and married Brother Joe Back on April 6th, 1944. They had almost 57 years together.

To them were born two children, Roger Dale Back and Diane Turner. Through these two children she gained seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Her great grandchildren brought her much happiness through the last years of her life even though she was sick. Mom had quite a bit of sickness throughout her life. Over twenty-five years ago Mom found Jesus and joined the Old Regular Baptist family. She enjoyed church so much before she became too sick to go. She never lost her faith and looked forward to going to meet her savior some day. I believe she suffers no more and rests with friends and family who have gone on before her. She will be sadly missed. We had her for a short while but we will love her forever.

Written By The Family

At the time of her death, Sister Georgia was a member in full love and fellowship in the Northern New Home Church at Goshen, Ohio. The church remembers very well how Brother Joe and Sister Georgia would come to church regularly and bring the grand children and while setting in the same seat would fill it up. We remember very well the wonderful meals she would prepare for those who came to eat. The church will sadly miss her. Another seat is now empty but we pray that some or all of her loving family will attend church and give their life to Jesus Christ.

The Northern New Home Church

**I.D. and  
Ina Rose Back**

**Ina Rose Back**

The redbuds bloom. The dogwoods are white and pink and red. The mountains and valleys are all dressed in green. The birds are soaring and singing as they ride the wind. Even the rain is gentle as it gives drink to the thirsty earth. Springtime is such a happy time, but we are so sad. A pearl has been plucked from our midst and we cry for our loss.



Ina Rose Hamilton Back passed from this life on Wednesday, April 26, 2000 at her home in Blackey, Ky.

Ina Rose was the daughter of the late Arch and Susan Combs Hamilton. She married I. D. Back on June 20, 1947.

She was born October 28, 1928, making her 71 years, 5 months and 28 days of age at the time of her passing.

She is survived by her husband, Eld. I. D. Back; one daughter, Sherry S. Fugate; two sons: Tony W. Back and Ronnie W. Back all of Blackey, KY; one sister, Elizabeth (Tootsie) Martin of West Carrollton, Ohio; five grandchildren: Allen and Callie Fugate, Byron W. and Jason (Ikie) Back, and Anthony Price Back also survive.

She is also survived by 2 great granddaughters, Sidney and Morgan, and 1 great grandson, Andrew. They were all her delight. She leaves a wonderful host of relatives and friends .

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, two sisters, Mabel McWilliams and Virginia (Jenny) Caudill, both of whom she adored and they adored her.

Ina Rose sought diligently for her Savior, Jesus Christ and He rescued her. She was baptized into the Mount Olivet Church in February, 1976. She placed the Lord uppermost in her life. He has now taken her to be where he promised he would.

Ina Rose was a most special and wonderful wife and mother. She was a mother, a wife, a homemaker, and she kept all in order while her husband preached and worked to provide for the family.

Ina Rose was a noble lady, completely honest and of the highest moral character. She has enriched the lives of all who knew her. The legacy she leaves calls for her family and friends to serve God and love one another.

The psalmist wrote *"Order my steps in thy word: And let not any iniquity have dominion over me."* Ina Rose was that special lady that God provided for I.D. She honored and respected him and his calling. And he adored her. A union created in Heaven. Their names, I.D. and Ina Rose have that special sound. It flows like poetry.

They never had much money, but she could take so little and make so much. She had a magical touch that made birthdays and holidays, especially Easter, memories for a lifetime.

Her wisdom, strength, intelligence, purity, innocence and modesty combined with her faith and salvation made her indeed an elect lady.

Few have suffered as she has, but suffering only made her faith in Jesus grow stronger.

I.D. and Ina Rose have a multitude of friends. A special friend they found in Phyllis Asher who cared for them the past couple of years. She laughed when they laughed. She cried when they cried. Through her, Ina Rose leaves this message:

"My children, I can't come back to you, but you can prepare to come to me."

Ina Rose waited patiently until she heard the call: *"For lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my loves my fair one, and come away."*

### **I.D. Back**

I D Back probably heard Taps more times in our cemeteries than in the army!

*Shadows fall Hear the call  
As it floats o'er the camp  
"All is well," Bugle blows  
"Soldiers rest, So good night."  
Day is done, gone the sun  
From the hills, from the sky;  
All is well, Safely rest, safely rest,  
God is nigh.*

In a few weeks the birds will sing, the flowers will bloom and the mountains will be dressed in green. Spring is a time of great happiness, but we are so sad. A mighty oak has fallen in Israel. An era has come to a close. A generation has now passed. The future seems so unsure.

I.D. Back was discharged from this earthly warfare on Tuesday, January 23, 2001 at the Letcher Manor Nursing Home in Whitesburg, Kentucky. He was born on July 4, 1925, making his life on earth 75 years, 6 months and 19 days. I.D. was the son of the late Jim and Callie Caudill Back.

On June 20, 1947 he married Ina Rose Hamilton. She preceded him in death on April 26, 2000. Their wonderful marriage was blessed with 3 wonderful children that they adored: Ronnie W. Back, Sherry S. Fugate and Tony W. Back, all of Blackey, Kentucky.

In addition to his children, I.D. is survived by 5 grandchildren: Byron W. Back, Jason (Ikie) Back, Allen Fugate, Callie Fugate, and Anthony Price Back, as well as 4 great grandchildren: Sidney, Morgan, Andrew and Blake.

I.D. is also survived by 1 brother: Keller Whitaker and 1 sister: Corsie Hale, as well as a multitude of other relatives and friends

Brother I.D. also leaves weeping the Mount Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church. He led it and he fed it. He was its only moderator since it was organized in June, 1956. He also leaves weeping the Little Dove Church that he served as moderator for over 30 years and the Blair Branch Church that he has served as moderator since 1976. Brother I.D. loved the Indian Bottom Association and the Indian Bottom Association loved him.

Some men are worthy of honor, but Apostle Paul said *"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."*

The third Saturday night in June, 1951, I.D. poured out his heart to a loving God. In an instant, the love of God was shed abroad in his heart. The next day he joined the church. In the spring of 1952 he made his first offering to preach. For over 4 decades he preached simple gospel truth in love and power.

His powerful yet mellow voice was soon echoing through these mountains. Vile sinners began to cry and sainted mothers shouted praise to the King. No other gift and calling has been more wisely used in our generation.

He had a special way with people, especially young people. He gave them of his time. He played with them. And he told them about Jesus. He was a great preacher and in funerals he was the best. He has preached thousands of funerals in his time.

I.D. loved the mountains, his culture and his people. He loved the community of Blackey and left only to defend his country during World War II. Except for his time in the army his address was Blackey all the days of his life.

It was 1942 that he joined the army. He saw a lot of action. During the Battle of the Bulge an artillery shell killed most of his comrades and almost killed him. He credited his friend Burnie Reed with saving his life. He was to bear the scars of war the rest of his life, but his patriotic dedication only got stronger and stronger.

Brother I.D.'s voice has been made silent. We will never more hear it again. But in our hearts it echoes all around so clear, sweet and melodious as he says, " I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith....

*"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of waters, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."*

## **Proud Granddaughter**

by: Callie Fugate

*“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the heavens; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.”—Daniel 12:13*

The scripture written on the lines above describes one of the most influential people to have ever been a part of my life. Reverend I.D. Back, now deceased, was more than just my grandfather. He was a shining light at the end of my tunnel as well as a servant to our community, the Lord, and all those he knew.

As I sat quietly on the front pew of the Mount Olivet Church staring solemnly at the man that lay there in a casket, a thousand thoughts and memories ran through my brain. Being a servant to his country in his younger years and a servant to the Lord for most of his life, it was hard to believe that the one and only I.D. Back had been swept up by angels and taken to his eternal home. The glow that I received from him and his inspiring life was brighter that day than ever before.

Through all the weeping and sorrow that surrounded me, I could only dwell on the many memories that I held close to my heart. The memories of his bold voice echoing through my ears as he would sing sweet Christian songs to me, the countless mornings that I traveled up the hillside before school so that he could brush my long brown hair, even all those lovingly, teasing remarks that he would speak to me every time I was near. All so precious and treasured by me, these are only a few of the memories that I will never forget.

Not to dwell on cherished memories or unforgotten moments, I know that my job should be to carry on the tradition that he started and to inform those who had not had the privilege of knowing him of what a wonderful and inspiring man he was.

Born in 1925 and raised up in Blackey, he was always gracious and thoughtful. After my birth and for all the years that followed, his shining life inspired mine in more ways than one. I learned from him one of the most valuable lessons that a person can offer. Kindness was the quality that I possessed because of his influential impact on my life.

After seventeen years of being blessed with his presence and watching and learning from him, I realized that what you do for others all comes back to you, whether it be good or bad. He taught me that kindness and sincerity towards others gets you happily through life, making you end up on the sunny side. He proved those words of wisdom in every graceful and thoughtful action that he took part in. But not to over explain my memories or lessons learned, I wrote to you today to define him and his inspiring life. However, I lack the time or space to fully describe one of God's true messengers.

I consider myself lucky to be the granddaughter of a man who left such large shoes to fill. He was looked up to and loved by not only his family, but also the community as a whole. I know in my heart that the memory of him will shine bright as the stars of heaven for many years to come, and leave the deep impact on people's lives forever more. As long as I live I will forever be the proud granddaughter of the one and only I.D. Back.



### **Martha Bailey**

Martha (Mammie) Bailey entered eternal life on Thursday, February 8, 2001. She was the daughter of Wesley J. and Margaret Caudill. Mother was born on March 2, 1922. She was 78 years old at the time of her death. She married Robert Bailey, who preceded her in death on January 25, 1997. One son, Gary Robert Bailey, also preceded her in death.

She is survived by four daughters; Barbara, Evelyn, Doris and Donna. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Mother was a woman of great compassion to others. She devoted her life to seeing to the needs of others. She took care of her mother, father and brother, Watson Caudill, until their deaths.

Mother was the backbone of our family. She always wanted us around her, especially at holidays and special occasions. She was never too busy for her children and grandchildren. She had strong beliefs in God, family and right and wrong.



Mother enjoyed cooking and having dinners for her family. She was not only a mother and grandmother, but a true friend. Words cannot express how much we miss her.

Written by her daughters and granddaughter

### **Mary A. Blair**

Mary Adams Blair was born November 27, 1918 into the home of John and Larrena Roark Adams of Jeremiah, Kentucky. Angels came to take her home on Tuesday, December 26, 2000 at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky after a short illness.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents, my father, Virgil Blair, a son, James Gregory Blair, a grandson, Eli Blair, as well as her parents, four brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include Ruth Ann and Roland Brown, Jeremiah, Gerald and Cathy Blair, Jeremiah, Larry and Patricia Blair, Blackey, and Brenda and Luke Woods, Jr., 8 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She also leaves two sisters, Ethel Fields and Martha Colley, a sister-in-law, Mildred S. Adams, and many nieces, nephews and loving friends.

Mom joined the Blair Branch Regular Baptist Church and was baptized in October, 1960. She loved her church and was faithful in attendance. She always wanted to be a help to her church and loved everybody there and they showed her love and respect, too.

Mom was in the Whitesburg Hospital and couldn't attend the Christmas Singing at Blair Branch but she wanted me to go sit in her seat and help Aunt Martha shake hands and tell her who was there because Aunt Martha is blind and Mom always sat with her at church to help her. I sat there that night, not a Christian, and felt so out of place but yearned to belong in that seat. In February, 2001, God forgave me and I can now sit in Mom's seat and rejoice. The stones she piled up along the way led me home.



God gave us the gift of a week with Mom after the doctors told her she was dying. All our family got to spend special time alone with her and she prepared all of us for the hard time to come with her dying and funeral. She had made all of her funeral arrangements several years before because she wanted to spare her children from dealing with them. She asked all of us to conduct ourselves with dignity at her services and not worry about her because she was going home and she was ready to go. In death, as she had always done in life, she was taking care of her family.

Mom never felt sorry for herself and always wanted to be independent. She laid a path for all the kids and grandkids to follow. We all miss her every day, but we also know her race was won and she's gone to a better place.

Sleep on, Mom, we'll see you one day.

Written by her daughter, Ruth Ann Brown

### **Rebecca E. Blankenship**



Mom Becky, as she was affectionately known to her family, was born February 24, 1901 and went home to be with Jesus on June 21, 2001, making her 100 years, 3 months, and 3 days old. She was the oldest daughter of William O. "Bill" and Rutha Deel Coleman. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Zeke Blankenship, her daughters: Ruby Marcelle, Wilma O'Quinn, and Florence Helen Deel. Also, 4 half brothers and 5 sisters preceded her in death. She leaves behind two sons, Jedith Blankenship of Breaks, Virginia and Curtis Blankenship of Garden City, Michigan. Three daughters also survive: Edith Charles and Annaray Hamilton of Breaks, Virginia and Elma Gay Hardway of New Brunswick, Ohio. Mom Becky leaves a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and one great-great-great grandchild, which means she lived to see five generations of children come after her. This is something few can say.

Mom Becky joined the Little Jocie Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder Dave Church early in her life. She

remained a faithful servant of God until her death. One did not have to ask if she was a Christian. It was obvious in everything she did. She had a gentle, loving spirit. Her voice was kind and loving, never raising it in anger. Never did you go into her home unless she asked if you wanted something to eat or drink. She believed in helping people and she always did when she saw someone in need. She somehow had the ability to make her grandchildren feel each one was the most special to her, but in truth each one was.

We have no doubt that she is resting by the throne of God, waiting for that great resurrection morn when both soul and body will be reunited to live forever in heaven. Rest on Mom Becky. We will love you always; you will always live in our minds and hearts.

Written by her family

### **Bobby Boggs**

I will try by the help of God to write an obituary of my dear husband. He was the son of James and Olga Adams Boggs. They preceded him in death. He had four brothers, two of whom died before him. He had one sister preceding him in death and six sisters still living.



He and I met when he was sixteen and I was fifteen. We were married on December

19, 1953. To this union were born four sons, Terry, Greg, Keith, Mark, and one daughter, Diana Gilley. He had ten grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and another great-grand child on the way.

His family loved him so much it broke our hearts when we lost him to lung cancer. I feel he died too soon but God called and he answered. Bobby made a big change over the last years. I kept hoping he would, but he never joined our church. I believe he is in Heaven because there were a lot of people he told that he felt Jesus's hand holding his hand and he believed he was all right. I believe I will one day meet him in Heaven.

Written by his Wife, Barbara Boggs



### **Betty Lou Ison Breeding**

Betty Lou Ison Breeding was born on May 15, 1939 at Isom, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Jeff and Hattie Adams Ison of Isom. She passed away on September 19, 2000 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center.

In addition to her husband, Verlon Breeding, survivors include 3 daughters, Denise Mullins of Isom, Verlone Eldridge and Tammy Slone both of Jeremiah; son, Timothy L. Breeding of Louisville; 2 brothers, Hargis Ison of Isom and Clarence Dean Ison of Cynthiana; 5 sisters, Agnes Terrell Maggard of Carlisle, Venus Amburgery of Mt. Sterling, Vedis Combs of Monarch Beach, CA, Sarah Ann Wallace of Clarksville, TN, and Stella Ison of Isom; 3 grandchildren, Nicholas Hall, Monique Eldridge and Michael Slone. She was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Danis Ison, Jeff Ison Jr. and Delmus Ison.

Betty was baptized into the Blair Branch Old Regular Baptist Church in April of 1982. She worked as a cook for many years in the Letcher County School System and was admired by her co-workers for her dedication and good work ethic. A precious mom that loved her family and always believed that they came first. She loved giving and expected nothing in return. She had that unique special touch in preparing a home cooked meal and making sure everyone was taken care of at the dinner table. She loved shopping with her close friends and finding that bargain or sale item. Her smile and warm heart will be missed by all. God blessed our mom in many ways prior to her passing. On that glorious day in September our loving mother, one of Heavens rare jewels, was taken by an angel to the ever lasting Land of Glory. We miss you Mom!!

## Marvin Breeding

Marvin Breeding was born on April 5, 1926 and died on June 14, 2001 at the Whitesburg A.R.H., being 75 years of age at the time of his passing. At the age of 17, Marvin became a member of the United States Air Force on February 23, 1944. After leaving the Air Force, he worked in the mines at Leatherwood, KY as a electrician



for a while before deciding to go to college to get an education. Marvin taught electricity at the Letcher County Vocational School for 18 years before he had to retire on May 1, 1985 due to sickness. After retirement, he always enjoyed seeing and talking to his former students who always had a kind word for Marvin and thanked him for what he had taught them.

On the third Sunday in October, 1989, Marvin joined the Blair Branch Church and he was baptized on November 19, 1989, by Bro. I.D. Back and Bro. John Preece. He loved going to church and when sickness forced him to have to stay home it really bothered him. After being so sick and suffering so much, the Lord took Marvin home on June 16.

Surviving Marvin Breeding is his wife, Mildred, who loved him so very much, his mother, Lula Breeding, who is 99 years old, 2 sons, 1 stepson, 3 stepdaughters, 2 grand daughters, and 12 step-grand children.

*I know you have a happy home,  
I will be with you someday, love,  
I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you.*

*But tomorrow starts without me,  
Please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name,  
Took my hand and said my place in Heaven was ready.*



## John Brown

On October 11, 2000, we said farewell to our precious Dad. We are all so sad by his passing, but I would like to thank the good Lord, as Dad would always say, for letting us have Dad for all of these years, for saving his soul, and for sending down his beautiful angels to take Dad home to Heaven, a wonderful place where there is no more pain, no more sorrows, and no more heartaches. A place where he is at rest at the footstool of the LORD. Oh, what peace Dad has now. THANK YOU LORD.

John W. Brown was born on March 19, 1914 to James and Lottie (Adams) Brown. He worked hard all of his life farming and in the coal mines for more than 35 years. Everyone that knew Dad loved him because he was kind to everyone he met. Later in his life he met and married Cora McCall and to this marriage was born 17 children. Naomi Brown and Edwon Brown who have gone on before him. He is survived by the following children: Watson Brown, Shirley Sexton, Loretta Seagraves, Brenda Summers, Ralph Brown, Arthur Brown, Raymond Brown, Linda Grigsby, Vonda Cook, Johnny Brown, Donald Brown, Vera Adams, Debbie Tyree, Barbra Collins, and Sheila Cornett, 30 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and one sister.

He loved us all very much and don't ever doubt that. I know that it is hard to remember things right now because of all the pain that we are in, but I would like to remind you of a few things. Remember all of the times Dad would praise the Lord, and call upon his name "Oh, Lord Help Me" even when he was having his roughest days. Remember His voice when he would sing songs of Jesus with us. Remember when you would come to visit and he would tell you "You look so good to me". Dad trusted and believed in the Lord. Now he would want all his children to get prepared to come and be with him. We can be with him again if only we would get GOD in

our lives. Dad would say "I'm going to die" when you would leave him. So one day I said to him, "Dad, we are all going to die, but let's make each other a promise. Let's meet each other in Heaven." Dad, by the grace of my God, I will meet you there. We all love you and we will miss you. May God have mercy upon all of us.

Your loving daughter, Vera

### **Patricia Lee Sexton Brown**

Patricia Lee Sexton Brown, of Charlestown, Indiana, died on Saturday, September 23, 2000 at the Charlestown Medical Center, making her stay here on earth seventy-two years, ten months and six days at the time of her passing. She was born November 17, 1927 to Dewey and Ila Sexton of Thornton, Kentucky.



As a teenager, Pat became a Christian. She was accepted as a member and was baptized into the Mayking Old Regular Baptist Church at Mayking, Kentucky in 1966.

Pat married Lawrence Brown and later moved her membership to the Chester Hogg Memorial Old Regular Baptist Church in Charlestown, Indiana where she was a faithful member at the time of her death.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her loving husband, Lawrence Brown, along with two sons: Steven Long of Lake Worth, Florida and Larry Long of Springfield, Illinois; a daughter, MaDonna Blesette of Leitchfield, Kentucky and two stepdaughters, Rena Vae Lindsey of Clarksville, Indiana and Linda Mae Bledsoe of Charlestown, Indiana; her sister, Agnes Sexton Crawford of Frankfort, Kentucky and her brother, Owen Sexton of Norton, Virginia, as well as fourteen grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Patricia was a loving and faithful wife who dedicated herself to the Lord and her church. As a loving mother her daily prayers were

for her children that they might find peace on earth and one day be reunited as a family in Heaven. Her concern was also for her dedicated husband, Lawrence, who faithfully cared for her during her prolonged illness despite his own health problems.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ila and Dewey Sexton and two of her brothers, Bennett Sexton of Mayking, Kentucky and Buford Sexton of Orlanda, Florida.

Pat will be remembered as in the scripture: *2 Timothy 4:6-8: "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."*

Through her faith in Christ she lived victorious over sin. She fought through physical infirmity to let her light shine for her family and others. We can look forward to seeing her again when we enter our heavenly home.

Written by her sister, Agnes Crawford, and family



### **Roy Caudill**

With much grief I will try, with the help of God, to write this obituary of my dear Daddy. Roy Caudill, son of the late George and Julie Griffith Caudill, was born in Letcher County, Kentucky, June 10, 1926. He entered eternal life Thursday, January 18, 2001 at the Whitesburg Hospital, being 74 years old at the time of his death.

Dad was married to the late Ida Mae Eldridge Caudill. She entered eternal life August 15, 1982. During this time 7 children were born in their home, Billy Dean, Vergle, Morris Dale, and Norman Caudill; 3 daughters, Sarah Jane Caudill, Linda Holbrook, Brenda Cantrell; 2 brothers are remaining, Henry and Willie Caudill.



Also surviving to this union are 23 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. 1 son preceded him in death, Lonnie Edward Howard.

Realizing without our great Saviour our souls would be lost in the mid 70's I got to see my Daddy become a peculiar type person. Turning his life over to Jesus, he was baptized in the Blackey river by two of his dear brothers in the Lord, Bro. I.D. Back and Bro. Agnan Back. Knowing the love he had for those brothers and the love for Jesus makes my heart rejoice as they can worship Him forever now with no more pain or sorrow.

Dad never stood in church to preach, but I thank God I got to hear him at home praying, praising, singing, shouting and giving all the honor and glory to our dear blessed Saviour. In the morning, Dad, I got that same hope to come home and worship with you.

With so much love given to me by our lord and saviour, your son,  
Norm.

### Doshie Combs

Doshie Combs, daughter of Sam and Ellen Ritchie was born on September 30, 1911 and she passed away on October 12, 2000. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Everett Combs, and by a son, Charlie B. Combs.

Doshie is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Carl and Phyllis Combs of Indiana. Also surviving are; one daughter-in-law, Marie Hurt Combs; four daughters, Oleena Singleton, Lillian Combs, Zella Feltner and Darlene Martin, all of Knott County; eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Mom was a member of the Summertown Old Regular Baptist Church. That was, I guess, just about the happiest day of my life when me and Mom and Dad were baptized together.

Mom and Dad worked so hard to raise us six kids, times were hard back then, but they taught us all to work. They were always there when we needed them with love and understanding. They taught



us good values. I am so proud of both of them. I miss them so much, it seems like a part of me is gone since they passed away, but I plan on seeing them again. Jesus made a way, I hope to meet them in the air where we will live again forever more.

Thank-you Lord, Daughter, Zella



### James Combs

James Combs was born March 14, 1919 to Andrew and Polly Mullins Combs Eldridge in Letcher County, Kentucky. He passed from this life on September 11, 2000 at Homestead Nursing Home in Lexington, KY, making his stay on earth 81 years, 5 months and 27 days. His mother and father, 2 brothers and 5 sisters preceded James in death.

James and Betty, his wife, lived many years at Sassafras, Knott County KY. They had moved to Carlisle, KY at the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Betty Jo Young Combs, Carlisle, KY, and 2 daughters, Charlotte Haddix of Paris, KY, Laverna Green of Lexington, KY; 3 sons, James C. Combs of Ft. Wayne, IN, Darrell Combs of Paris, KY, and Merle Combs of Gas City, IN; 3 brothers, John Eldridge of Charlestown, IN, Paul Eldridge of Montgomery, AL, and George Eldridge of Xenia, OH; 5 sisters, Mildred Collins of Jeffersonville, IN, Olive Rose Tackett of Charlestown, IN, Maxie Mullins of Charlestown, IN, Kathleen Cornett of Livonia, MI, and Geneva Gentry of Lexington, KY; 11 grand children and 4 great-grandchildren. James was placed to rest at the Paris Cemetery at Paris, KY. James was blessed with a good loving wife and wonderful children and grandchildren. He loved his family very much.

James loved to go to church at the Little Dove Church in Knott County, KY. A few years ago James told his Brother John that he believed that the Lord had forgiven him of his many sins and he had a better home to go to when this life was over. Due to his health and

illness of cancer he never joined the church or got to be baptized. We were at his bedside when he took his last breath and closed his eyes. He went to sleep in the arms of angels and was carried into Heaven.

So sleep on brother for a little while, I hope to meet you in that morning in that glorious city over there.

Written by a natural brother and a brother in Christ, John

### **Kelly Combs**

As I sit here so lonesome thinking of my dear brother, Kelly Combs. He was such a good man. He loved everybody. I just can't tell every good thing about his life. I never heard him say anything bad or wrong about anyone. He called me Sis. He talked about Jesus. He loved the Regular Baptist Church.

He was good to the others, but the Regular Baptist was his home. When he was praying, he would come to my kitchen early in the morning. He knew God had forgiven me and I had been praying for him. He joined the New Home Church. That was where I had my fellowship.

Kelly was 91 years old when God called him home from his pain and sorrow. He was the son of Green Combs and Sissy Stamper Combs. He left four sons: French, Orville, Walter and Robert, three daughters; Shirley, Judy and Edith. He leaves one sister, Grace Mosley, as well.

Sleep on brother, I believe I'll meet you in a better world where we'll part no more.

Written by his sister, Grace Mosley



### **Cleo Cornett**

There is trouble at our house again. One by one they go away and it is never the same anymore. Oh, how happy we have been! What



fun we have had! The birds still sing, the sun still shines but we are so sad.

Cleo Cornett was born the 8th child in the home of the late Arch and Artie Back Cornett on April 18, 1927. He passed from this life at the VA Medical center on Monday, February 19, 2001, making his life on earth 73 years, 10 months and 1 day.

On October 18, 1948 Cleo married Josephine Halcomb. They had a special relationship. They worked hard. They accomplished much. They provided well. They stood by each other. Even

the sound of their names together had that special ring, Cleo and Jo.

To this union were born 2 sons: Jerry Wayne of Stamping Ground, Kentucky and Gary of Lexington, Kentucky, and 1 daughter: Anneta Jo Morrow of California.

Cleo was a man of deep convictions. He was just what he was. There was no "put on" about him.

He worked in the insurance business throughout his career. He worked for National Life and for Kentucky Central and retired several years ago. He was a graduate of the University of Kentucky. Wherever he worked or played he moved forward with new friends—friends for a lifetime.

For the last few years he has been deeply involved with several churches that he loved, respected and attended. He was an able singer and often started the songs.

He was dedicated to the old time way of worship in spirit and truth. He was greatly disturbed at efforts to modernize the way. He has spent endless hours painting and doing repairs, especially on the churches where Jo belonged.

Cleo loved his country and his freedom. He served his time in the U. S. Army and was a veteran of WWII.

He was a man of wisdom and caring. He could be very tender and intimate. Yet he had a special gift to make people laugh.

Cleo leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Josephine, his sons:

Jerry and wife, Sheryl and Gary and wife, Marilyn, and his daughter, Anneta and husband, Steve, and 3 grandsons: John Holsenbeck, Tyler Cornett, Travis Cornett, 2 sisters, Eunice and husband, Bill Bates of Blackey, Kentucky, Mildred and husband, Walter Strunk of Somerset, Kentucky, 5 brothers: Varge and wife, Carolyn Cornett of Huntsville, Alabama, Lilly Blaine and wife, Helen Cornett of Falmouth, Kentucky, Clell and wife, Jean Cornett of Louisville, Kentucky, Darrell Dean Cornett of Arab, Alabama, Elwood and wife, Kathy Cornett of Blackey, Kentucky, and many, many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by 1 sister; Avis Stewart, and 3 brothers: Vance Cornett, Emil Cornett and Verlon Cornett .

Cleo loved these mountains, their culture and traditions. He was born here and raised here. Now he has come back to rest in a beautiful spot that he selected several years ago. We feel that his involvement and love for God's plan of salvation was not in vain and that our loss is Heaven gained.

Cleo's favorite song demonstrates that hope and promise:

*Oh, what a beautiful morning*

*Oh, what a beautiful day*

*When I stand in the bright lights of Heaven*

*And I hear him call my name.*

*I'll walk by life's pure river*

*I'll hear my Savior say*

*Welcome, welcome, to Heaven*

*Rejoice for this is your day.*

*My soul rejoices in Heaven*

*My heart begins to sing*

*I heard someone in Heaven*

*Saying this is your day.*

*I'll walk by life's pure river*

*I'll hear my Savior say*

*Welcome, welcome to Heaven*

*Rejoice for this is your day.*

*Arise and come to Jesus  
And lay your burdens down  
The angels soon will join you  
And make his Heavenly band  
I'll walk by life's pure river  
I'll hear my savior say  
Welcome, welcome to Heaven  
Rejoice for this is your day.*

### **Varge Cornett**



The old homeplace is dark and cold and quiet. It once rang with voices and laughter and gladness. It is so lonely today. The fields are all grown up. The tools sit idle. Those that laughed and played and frolicked just a few short years ago have come to the evening tide already. Another one has come home to rest.

Varge Cornett passed from this life on Monday, May 7, 2001 in Huntsville, Alabama. He was born the first of 12 children to Arch and Artie Back Cornett on June 12, 1914 and lived 86 years, 10 months and 25 days.

As a young man Varge loved and married Coralie Duff on June 18, 1942. God blessed this union with a daughter, Linda Susan. She has been their pride and joy.

In addition to his wife and daughter, he is survived by two grandchildren: Artis Susan Cornett Selby and Bayard Roland Cornett Selby both of Boulder, Colorado. He is also survived by 2 sisters: Eunice Bates of Blackey, Kentucky and Mildred Strunk of Somerset, Kentucky and 4 brothers: Lilly Blaine of Falmouth, Kentucky, Clell of Louisville, Kentucky, Darrel Dean of Arab, Alabama, and Elwood of Blackey, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by 1 sister, Avis Stewart; and 4 brothers: Verlon, Emil, Vance, and Cleo.

Several years ago Varge joined and was baptized into the Westlawn Baptist Church of Huntsville, Alabama.

After high school and a few months work, he enrolled in Caney College. His picture was among a few that Alice Lloyd placed over her desk. She was so proud of him. She sent him to the University of Kentucky where he earned a degree in mechanical engineering.

Varge's career was rich and rewarding. During World War II he worked on the design and testing of military aircraft engines. He worked in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on nuclear weapons development. He worked in Idaho on nuclear aircraft propulsion. He worked in Huntsville, Alabama for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the Saturn Five moon rocket.

Varge set a standard for his family for getting an education and achieving one's potential.

Varge watched and enjoyed his family's follies but he always maintained the role of an oldest brother and father. He was a pilot and nothing pleased him more than taking family, friends and strangers for a ride in his Cesna airplane.

He was a sportsman, a counselor and a neighbor.

He loved his people and his homeland.

Linda, Artis and Bayard gave him great joy. He proudly told of their accomplishments and activities.

He loved "Ki" and Carolyn, as many called his wife, truly took her marriage vows to heart. She loved and cherished and held him until parted by death.

God has again dressed these mountains in living green of every shade, but our hope is in a land where flowers bloom forever. The Rose of Sharon is there. The Lilly of the Valley is there. And now another flower from this large generation has been transplanted to a land of wondrous beauty. There it will flourish around the Alter of God, beneath the smiling face of Jesus our King.

*O, weep not for me, I am anxious to go  
To that haven of rest where tears never flow.*

## Melvin Creech



Melvin Creech was born January 4, 1928 at Tina, Kentucky. He was the fourth of six children born to John M. and Matilda Roberts Creech.

Melvin left the mountains to serve in the Army during the fifties. He was stationed in Germany. Some time after returning home he married Jean Napier. They were married October 5, 1957. Together, they had four children: Darrell Anthony, Dwight, Matilda, and James. They also had six grandchildren.

During the sixties, jobs become scarce and Melvin had to move his family north. They moved to Wolcottville, Indiana and Melvin worked in a foundry.

On July 4, 1975, Melvin, Jean, and their half-grown children moved back home to Bearville, Kentucky. While the family was still in Indiana, Melvin had joined the New Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church and now he would be able to worship in the same church his mother had worshipped in. He later became the church clerk and a deacon.

Most of Melvin's life revolved around his church and his family. We miss hearing him sing "Beulah Land" and talking about what was preached on in church. He set a good example for his children to follow. He was a gentle, loving husband, father, and papaw. He liked to hold children on his lap and tell them stories. His niece, Linda, had a favorite: "The Old Man and the Sea".

During the last several years of his life, Melvin was a very sick man. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and as the illness progressed, he became unable to eat without the aid of a feeding tube. Even when the most simple daily activities became difficult, he handled his suffering with patience.

On January 16, 2001, Melvin went on to be with Jesus. He left a wonderful testimony and we are certain that he is in a better place.



He is waiting there for us. We love you, Daddy. We always will.  
 Written by his daughter, with the help of her husband.

### Virgil Day

It is with great sadness that I write the obituary of my loving husband. Virgil Day was born October 3, 1920 in Blackey, Kentucky in Letcher County. Virgil departed this life on December 30, 2000 at Memorial Hospital in Seymour, Indiana, making his stay on earth 80 years, 2 months and 26 days.

Virgil married Josie Moore. Out of their union were born four children; Bob Day of E-town, KY, James Day of Wapakonetu, OH, Pauline Wright of Jacksonville, AL, and Harrold Day, deceased.

Virgil worked as a mechanic in the coal mines and in the steel factory. On December 12, 1987 he married Bonnie Miller Day. Virgil joined the church and was a faithful member of the Chester Hogg Church for as long as he was able to go.

Virgil was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister. Surviving him is his brother, Astor Day of El Paso, TX, and a sister, Mattie Cox of Stanford, KY. He also left to mourn two step daughters; Donna Hickman and Dana Imlay, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and ten step grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Written by his wife Bonnie Day



*2 Timothy 4:7-8: "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Hence forth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord and righteous Judge shall give me at that day and not to me only but unto all them also that loves his appearing."*



## Vanessa Estell Adams Davis

Vanessa Estell Adams Davis was born June 9, 1916 on Little Cowan near Whitesburg Ky. to Andrew Jackson Adams and Hannah Elizabeth Caudill Adams. She departed this life on November 1, 2000 at Oakwood, VA while visiting with her sister and family.

Vanessa was an avid reader, always wanting to learn. She managed to graduate from Whitesburg High School, but that did not come easy. She would walk the long distance from Little Cowan to Whitesburg and back again in order to achieve that. She often told how it would be cold and even a snow on the ground, but she never once thought of not going to school. When the weather was hot, she'd be walking home thinking of the supper that she hoped would be waiting on her when she reached home and hoping a familiar face would come along that would give her a ride to Cowan.

She loved to quilt and if there was a quilting going on somewhere, especially on Cowan, you'd see her in the crowd. She loved getting together with her cousins and friends.

She loved to travel and was frequently kidded that she always kept a suitcase packed just in case.

She was an active member of The Daughters Of The American Revolution and in 1988 was honored by them as one of the great granddaughters still living in Ky. of Revolutionary war soldier, James Caudill.

But most important of all, she was a good Christian woman who loved the Lord and rarely failed to fill her seat in church. She had been a member of the Thornton Regular Baptist Church, the church of most of her family before her, for many years. She attended most every Sunday with her brother Alfred and his girls. She loved her brothers and sisters of the Indian Bottom Association and they always showed her such love and made her feel so welcome.

As a young woman, Vanessa met and married A.G. Davis, who preceded her in death. They were blessed to raise 4 good children, Jamie, Terry, Kaye, and Johnny and later a granddaughter Bonnie.

They worked hard to provide for their family, first running the Fountain at Hemphill for Elkhorn Coal and later on in Dayton, Ohio, where they both worked until in the 70's. After raising their family, they decided to come back to KY where they had always called home.

Besides her husband, Vanessa was preceded in death by her parents, 2 grandchildren, 2 sisters: Mary and Bonnie, and 4 brothers: Boyd, Kirtley, Mose and Andrew Jr.

She is survived by her children and their spouses: James Alfred and Clella Davis of Levergne, TN, Terry Agee and Vickie Davis of Temecula, CA, Jennifer Kaye and Gary Marshall of Huber Heights, OH, Johnny Mitchell and Jennifer of Englewood, OH, 8 grandchildren, (one of whom passed away approximately a month after his grandmother), several great grandchildren, one sister and her husband, Martha Ellen and Tom Owens of Oakwood, VA, one brother Alfred V. Adams of Big Stone Gap, VA (who passed away only 6 months later), a special sister-in-law, Grace Adams of Richmond, IN, a host of nieces and nephews who thought there was no one like their Aunt Vanessa, and cousins and friends who miss her deeply.

Vanessa was truly a "special" person and they all loved her dearly. Life had not always been easy, but she saw a lot of happiness and she tried to live a life that would be pleasing unto the Lord.

This family was truly blessed to have had her with us for a short time and all the memories that we shall carry with us forever!

We feel certain she earned her home in Heaven.

A Niece, Flo Galloway

### **Sherman P. Deel**

It is with deep sorrow, many memories, and the help of God, I will write an obituary of our brother, Sherman P. Deel.

Sherman was born in Buchanan County, December 18, 1950, son of Marcus and Vernie Conn Deel. The Lord called him home on May 26, 1995. (He was 44 years old.)

Sherman had went to Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C. for a liver transplant. He was there about four weeks



when they called and said they had found a donor. We all were so happy thinking everything would be okay once he got his new liver, little did we know that wasn't God's plan. His plan was for a new body. It broke all our hearts to lose him and we have asked God why? God had a reason and I think God didn't want him to suffer long. We thank God he didn't have to suffer long.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Deel, four stepchildren, Arlene, Janie, Ralph and Darrell, three brothers, Lonnie, Ralph and Russell, and six sisters, Janice, Pauline, Maxine, Patsy, Mavis and Rose Marie.

Sherman was a good Christian man, he loved God and his family. He was a great inspiration to us all by the way he lived his life. It has been a comfort to us knowing he was ready when God called him home and gave him a new body. Sherman was a good son. He never gave dad and mom any trouble. He was always trying to help them out by doing little things for them and always checking to see if they were okay. His nieces and nephews loved him, they called him their Uncle Sherm-bo. He always found time to play with them and give them candy and money, they all have fond memories of him .

I know his prayer was for all his family to accept God as their savior and have the peace, joy and love in our hearts for God like he did. It has been a comfort knowing he is with Jesus and is spending time with mom and dad. We that have accepted Christ will see him again, the ones that haven't I pray you will, so you can spend eternity with Sherman.

Words cannot express how special Sherman was to his family, we still grieve for him, but we realize how blessed we were to have him for our brother. Thank you God for his life and the memories we have of him.

Written by: Pauline and Janice

### **Hettie Eldridge**

With a sad heart I will try and write the obituary of my Grandma Hettie Eldridge. Ma passed away Wednesday, August 8, 2001 at the Hazard Nursing Home. She was the daughter of the late Ben A. and Eliza Eldridge.

She was born on April 4, 1911 making her stay with us 90 years. Ma was the widow of the late Jessie Eldridge.

Surviving this union are 3 boys: Ray, John L., and Jessie Jr. Eldridge, 5 daughters: Cleda Profitt, Helen Eldridge, Dorothy Ray Caudill, Kay Shell, and Wanda Sneed, 2 sisters: Pearly Cornett and Ethel Gilbert, 42 grandchildren and 58 great grandchildren along, with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Ma was preceded in death by 4 children, 6 brothers and 2 son in laws.

She will be greatly missed by all that knew her. It was always a welcoming smile for anyone to come and visit with her. No matter how many times you could visit with her, she would always ask, "Why haven't you been here to see me?" A very special thanks to those that went to visit with her. She always loved for Bro. Virgil Combs to come and sing "Just One Rose Will Do." She also loved Bro. Jr. Whitaker and Bro. Eli Smith from the Acup Church. She loved each and everyone of you and may the good Lord bless all that came to be with us in this time of mourning.

Written by a grandson, Norman Caudill.



### **Carmella Lynn Endicott**

Sister Carmella came to this world, thirty-four years ago, in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She was born to Raymond Farley and Evelyn Marie Jones Endicott in 1966. Her and her family moved to Hurley, Virginia, while she was young and she graduated Hurley High School in 1984. As she grew older, she moved to Vale, North Carolina, where she worked as a spinner at the



### Vale Spinning Mill.

Not long before the Lord called Sister Carmella from this world, she was diagnosed with cancer. At a time when many in this world would seek after physical help of any kind, Sister Carmella began to seek the help of Jesus Christ. During her stay in Virginia, she had learned of the small band of Christians called the Old Regular Baptist. In February 2001, she felt like the Lord had forgave her of her sins and she called for the brothers of the Little David Old Regular Baptist Church to come and hear her story. She told the brothers of the great load which had been lifted from her and of the many witnesses she had concerning her salvation. She felt she was ready to meet her God. With this, she was baptized in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost as a member of the Little David Church by Elder Frank Newsome and Brother William McClanahan. Shortly after this, on March 16, 2001, while at home with her parents, God called her to her heavenly home.

She left to morn her loss on earth, her parents; two sisters, Teresa Ann Endicott and Judy Marie Donnan; three brothers, Eugene Wayne Endicott, Timothy Lee Endicott, and William Lee Endicott; her grandmother, Mabel Blankenship; and five uncles and three aunts.

It is sad that Sister Carmella did not get to enjoy the fruits of the Church while here on earth, but we believe with greatest sincerity that Sister Carmella enjoys the riches of a better land we all long to see. So to Sister Carmella, sleep in peace, until the day the Lord shall gather all his own.

Written by a Brother in Christ.



### **Samuel and Nettie Hughes Everage**

#### **Samuel Everage**

With the help of the Lord, we will try to write the obituary of Samuel Everage. Sam was born on July 26, 1920 to Tom and Nancy

Mullins Everage and died February 17, 1980, making his stay here on earth 59 years, 6 months, and 22 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Nancy Everage; 2 brothers, Burn and George; and 1 sister, Leona Everage. He leaves to mourn his passing 3 sisters, Myrtle Calton, Ollie Mullins, and Arizona Smith.

Sam met Nettie Hudson and a courtship soon began, before long they knew they were meant for each other and they were married on November 11, 1950.

To this union were born 8 children, three sons, Kenneth, Harvey, and Tommy, and 5 daughters, Wilma, Sheila, Christine, Treva, and Nancy. They all mourn his death.

Sam worked hard and provided for his family as best as he could for as long as he was able. He was a friend to everyone and everyone was his friend. Seemingly, with his family and friends all around him, something was missing. He knew he needed a Savior and he started praying and prayed until his burdens were lifted and hope filled his soul. He has told Bro. James Everage and Bro. Cecil Lucas of the good things that God had done for him. He could sit for hours and talk on the Bible. With this we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his Nephew, James Everage

Epilogue: Since Sam's death, his 3 sisters, Myrtle, Ollie, and Arizona all have gone on to be with him. He now has 5 beautiful grandchildren: Kenneth, Christopher, Tina, Brian, and Whitney. Papaw Sam ( as they affectionately call him) would be proud of the love these children have for him, even though they never got to see him.

On July 13, 2001, his beloved wife, Nettie, was called to take her place by his side and they are now together, smiling so happily as they sit by the Throne of God.

Written by his Children.

### **Nettie Hudson Everage**

With a saddened heart and by the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of our loving mother, Nettie Hudson Everage. Nettie was born on May 1, 1925 at Smithsboro, KY to I.V. and Melda Hudson and departed this life on July 13, 2001, making her stay here on earth

76 years, 2 months, and 12 days. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel, and her parents, I.V. and Melda Hudson. She was also preceded in death by 3 brothers, Lauza, Burley and Cornelius; 3 sisters, Corna, Ethel, and an unnamed infant. She is survived by 3 brothers, Bruce Hudson, Oscar Hudson, and R.B. Hudson, and 2 sisters, Allie Williams and Thelma Richardson.

On November 11, 1950 she married Samuel Everage and to this union were born eight children, Wilma, Sheila, Christine, Treva, Nancy, Harvey and Tommy all of Amburgey, Kentucky, and Kenneth of Mousie, Kentucky; five grandchildren, Kenneth Wayne, Christopher Brian, Tina Marie, Brian Dale, and Whitney Jade, all of Amburgey, Kentucky; 2 sons-in-law, Wayne Jones and Larry Dunn; and 2 daughters-in-law, Pamela Everage and Tammy Everage. Nettie welcomed everyone into her home and always had a table full of food for people to eat. She was never satisfied with 2 or 3 dishes, she always wanted a full course meal on the table. Trace Fork of Irishman is saddened with the loss of a dear and precious Mother and friend. She will be greatly missed by everyone. She done without so many things for herself so that she could give her children everything they needed. Although Mommy didn't belong to a church, the way she lived and talked during the last few days of her life about seeing angels and describing things she was seeing, we believe she is in the arms of Jesus. She is in the House of the Lord with Daddy smiling down on us. It is going to be so hard going on without Mommy, but by the help of the Lord we will meet again. Mommy would want us to draw closer together and help each other. Most of all she would want us to get Jesus into our lives. Mommy, we're going to miss you, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by the Family.



**Roger Lee  
Farmer and  
Shirley Jean  
Duty**



It is with a sad and aching heart that we try to write an obituary of our beloved brother and sister.

Shirley was born on March 29, 1939 and died on March 11, 2001 making her stay here 61 years, 11 months, and 14 days. Roger was born on October 27, 1942 and died on November 27, 1997 making his stay here 55 years and one month.

They both left many friends and loved ones here to mourn their leaving. We miss them both dearly, but God wanted them both and we feel that they are resting in peace and smiling down on us. We can feel their presence everywhere as though they were still with us. We know we'll meet them someday. Our family feels we have two sweet angels in Heaven.

Written by their mother Nona Ratliff, and sisters:  
Lorraine Stiltner, Ruby Epling, and Alene Blackburn

*How blessed is the tie that binds  
Our hearts in lasting love  
The Comradeship of Kindred minds  
is like to that above  
So when at last we have to part  
In Sorrow and Pain  
We known we still are joined in Heart  
Until we meet again.*

We love you little brother and sister.



### **Marian Adele Fechser**

With deep grief and a heart full of wonderful memories, I submit this obituary of Marian Adele Fechser, my cousin and best friend. Adele was born February 18, 1948 in Dayton, Ohio and passed away May 21, 2001 in Somerville, Ala-

bama. Her parents are Robert Homer Cook and the late Jeanette Cook. Adele is survived by her husband, Douglas of Alabama, a daughter, Amy Fechser and grandson, Michael of Michigan, and a son, Gene Michael Fechser also of Michigan. She is also survived by two brothers, Jonathan Keith Cook and Timothy Bryan Cook and their families, all of Alabama.

Adele suffered from the ravages of diabetes for many years but she always wore a smile and had a great sense of humor. She was happiest while crafting and teaching others how to create things. She spent some time, while her health allowed, making porcelain dolls and ornaments. Adele was also a wonderful cook and enjoyed gathering her friends and family together for good times and good food. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. A loving and giving friend is in God's hands now.

Submitted by Ella Mae Stokely

### **Bessie (Colleen) Fields**

On October 2, 2001, God took my mother home to rest. She had a better home waiting in Heaven and she was ready to go.

She was born in Knott County, Kentucky on June 16, 1928 to Creed Amburgey and Louzana Mullins Amburgey. She went home to God on October 21, 2000, making her stay here on earth 72 years, 3 months and 16 days. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 49 years, Sesco Fields, one daughter; Betty Jean Speck, one

brother; Virgil Amburgey and two sisters; Stella and Verna Mae. She leaves to mourn at her passing three sons; Randall Fields, Michael Fields and Billy Gordon Fields, three daughters; Patricia Berry, Kathy Fields, and Sandra Gibson, three brothers, Ivan J. Amburgey, Obrene Amburgey and Sidney Willis Amburgey, two sisters; Louise Hylton and Flossie Burgess, five adored grandchildren; Scott Fields, Jeffrey Fields, Tabitha Fields, Bradley Gibson and Lisa Danielle Gibson.



There is a void in our hearts that can't be filled, for we only get one mother. Although we miss her more than words can say, our loss is truly Heaven's gain.

I will always remember her sweetly singing Amazing Grace with me. Perhaps in Heaven we can sing it together again.

Sandra

Below is a poem my son Bradley wrote for her on the morning of her funeral:

*All earthly thing must come to pass,  
Not to be seen another day,  
But our souls are everlasting,  
Never to fade away.*

*You left behind memories,  
Which we shall always treasure,  
Memories of joy,  
Beyond human measure.*

*To my dear sweet Grandma,  
That I write today,  
You rest in God's care,  
Which is what matters anyway.*



## Edward Fields

It's with a heavy heart that I sit and try to write this tribute to my grandfather, Edward Fields. Edward Fields was born on July 1, 1917 in Knott County to Riley Fields and Allie Jent Fields. He left home when he was 23 and married Rachel Sizemore. To this marriage was born two sons, Otis Fields and Bruce Fields.

Edward was a coal miner and worked hard to provide for his family. He loved his family and friends and would do anything to help them in their time of need.

He was preceded in death by one son, Otis Fields; one grandson, John Fields; six brothers, Frank, Woodrow, Nando, Kay, Tom and Cullen; and one sister, Polly. His passing leaves to mourn, his wife of 61 years, Rachel; one son, Bruce; one daughter-in-law, Joyce Fields; three brothers, Vadis, Joe and Raymond; six sisters, Jewel, Marie, Goldie, Molly, Dolly, and Netha; ten grandchildren, Otis Fields Jr. and wife, Penny, Rachel Sue Parks and husband, Joey, Tammy Cornett and husband, Wayne, Bruce Fields and wife, Heather, Michael Fields and wife, Stephanie, Jason Fields and wife, Angie, Rachel Healaine Fields, Berlin Edward Fields, Angie Waugh and husband, Heath, and Cassandra Fields, fifteen great grandchildren and one special little buddy, Alex Thomas Fields.

Grandpa will be greatly missed but we know he's in Heaven.

Written by his granddaughter, Rachel H. Fields

### **Lona Boggs Fields**

Lona Boggs Fields, 90, of Winnabow, died Saturday, December 30, 2000, at Brunswick Cove Nursing Center. Mrs. Fields was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Fields; her parents, Cora Lee and Henry Boggs; two daughters; five sisters; one brother; and three granddaughters.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Charlie and Faye Fields of Winnabow and Wallace and Rose Fields of Palacisa, Texas; one daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Jake Willis of Anton, TN; one sister, Kathleen Hammonds of Eolia, KY; eleven grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren. She was a member of the New Hope Old Regular Baptist Church.

Submitted by her children.



### **Bertha Halcomb**

Bertha (Ma) Halcomb of Little Leatherwood, passed away on Monday, October 16 2000 at her residence. She was born October 4, 1912, being 88 years and 12 days at her passing. She was the daughter of Irvine and Vina Morgan. Ma was preceded in death by her first husband, Flow Ingram, her second husband, Arch Halcomb and sons, Irvin Ingram and Dale Halcomb, daughter, Vina Shepherd, brother, Jesse, and two sisters, Settla and Reda. Surviving are three sons: Frank Ingram, Gilbert Ingram and Mike Halcomb, three daughters: Sandra Halcomb, Sherry Combs and Ann Halcomb Jones, one brother, Henry Morgan, and one sister, Reva Ison, thirteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist but she



also loved the Big Leatherwood Old Regular Baptist Church and one of the many songs she loved was "Ninety and Nine." We do not need a special day to bring you to our minds. The days we do not think of you are very hard to find, each morning when we awake we know that you are gone and no one knows the heartache. As we try to carry on our hearts still ache with sadness and secret tears still flows. What it meant to lose you no one will ever know, our thoughts are always with you, your place no one can fill. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. There will always be a heartache and often a silent tear but always a precious memory of the days when you were here. If tears would make a staircase and heartaches make a road, we'd walk the path to Heaven and bring you home again. We hold you close within our hearts. There you will remain to walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again. Our family chain is broken now and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us home, one by one, the chain will link again. We miss you very much, Ma.

Written by Helen Halcomb.

### **Dicy I. Halcomb**



Dicy Jane Ison was born into the home of William Ison and Sarah Dixon Ison on July 24, 1899, and departed this life at Lexington, KY on May 14, 2001, at about 7:00 in the evening. She was the oldest of eight children, three of whom still survive; Bertha Harding of Detroit, Mich., Vina Caudill of Whitesburg, KY, and Lovel Creech of Linefork, KY.

Early in life she met and married Henry Halcomb of Linefork. To this union was born twelve children, eight of whom are still living; Virgil Halcomb of Tampa, Florida, Eunice Raichel of Whitesburg, KY, Mary Creech of Frankfort, KY, Joe Halcomb of Hamilton, Ohio, Musette Cornett of Hueysville, KY, Bill Halcomb of Hamilton, Ohio, Ford Halcomb of Lexington, KY and Carolyn (Babe) Lawson of Lex-

ington, KY.

Preceding Dicy in death was her husband of sixty plus years, Henry, and the following children; Kirby Colon Halcomb, the twin of Carolyn Edgar Allen Halcomb, Sarah Lou Ison, and Eula Mae Cornett.

Mother was blessed to live on the farm after Dad's death. She maintained the home and garden for all of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to enjoy. Mother loved visits from her brothers and sisters of the Cedar Grove Church. She was a faithful member of the Cedar Grove Church for over fifty years.

For the past three years, "Ma Dicy" has been living with her children or was cared for in her home by her children. The last eighteen months she has been cared for by her grandson, Bruce Halcomb and his wife, Janet, who loved Dicy dearly, along with their lovely children, Sarah and Darien. The last few weeks of mother's life she was bedfast, but her strong will to live and be with her children was evident to the very end. The evening she died, as Janet was holding her hand, she said "I have to go, can you all get along without me, take care of my babies, I'm going to my new home."

### **Erma Glee Hall**

With the help of the good Lord I will try to write the obituary of Erma Glee Hall. She was born March 19, 1940, the daughter of Delza and Polly Mosley Stone. She departed from this life on May 25, 2000, making her stay on earth 60 years. Erma was married to Leroy Hall on May 23, 1959. Unto them were born two sons, Jeffery and Gregory. In January, 1972, while coming home from work, Leroy was killed by a train at Lackey, Kentucky. Erma never seemed happy anymore. She was always sad and lonesome. She liked to go to church and talk about the Lord. She liked to sing old songs of Zion to her



grandson. Erma was a good person and seemed to love everybody. She was sick for years, but didn't know she had cancer until 2 months before she passed away. When she got out of the hospital she wanted to come and stay with me. I thank God for giving her a mind to come and stay with me. Erma leaves behind 2 sons, Jeffery Dwayne Hall and Gregory Lee Hall, 1 grandson, Joseph Hall, daughter-in-law, Denise Hall, 2 sisters, Ila Hall and Mattie Johnson, 1 brother, Arthur Slone, and a host of nieces and nephews who loved her very much. Erma was preceded in death by her parents, Delza and Polly Slone, her husband, Leroy Hall, 3 brothers, Arnold, Vertis and Marcus. Erma told Elder Milburn Slone the night before she passed away she had made it right with the Lord and was ready to go. I believe the Lord came around 7:15 a.m. the next morning and got her and took her home. She is happy now with Jesus. So sleep on little sister. I believe we will be together again and never to part any more.

Written by a Heartbroken Sister, Mattie Johnson.



### **Kathy Casebolt Hall**

I'll try to write a little about my granddaughter, Kathy. She was like my child. Kathy was the daughter of Alger Casebolt and Anna Lee Mosley Casebolt. She was born on April 23, 1960. We loved Kathy so much. She was our pick because she was sick all of the time.

It was a stormy night when God called her home. She told us she was going to die. She laid her head back on the chair and died. Now Mom, Kathy is gone where we can't see her smile here on earth but I believe she is happy with Jesus. Everyone she met, she had a smile and kind words for.

She loved to go to church. She would call me to see if I had a way to go to church and if I didn't, she would take me.



Cheer up Mom, you'll see her again. She came to your bedside and told you that she couldn't stay, she had to be back to be with Jesus in her bright home. I feel it will be a few weary days until we will meet Kathy again.

Kathy left behind her husband, Carl Hall; her mom and dad, Alger and Anna Casebolt; one brother Ricky Casebolt; two sisters, Sandra Johnson and Tonia Slone; one brother-in-law, Ray Slone; one sister-in-law, Larissa Casebolt; two nephews; three nieces; her mammaw, Grace Mosley and a host of aunts and uncles, cousins and friends.

I love you Kathy, always thinking of you,

Written by her Mammaw, Grace Mosley.

### Clark Hays

Clark Hays, well-known and loved by many in Eastern Kentucky as a minister in the Old Regular Baptist Church, died July 17, 2001, in Lexington, Ky. He was 86.

Hays, a resident of Red Fox, was a retired employee of Kentucky Power Company.

He loved his church, and was devoted to the ministry he felt God called him to do.

Hays served in the ministry for a total of 49 years. He made the Happy Home Church his own home in March 1973 and became assistant moderator there.

Hays was born September 30, 1914, the son of Nelson and Lucinda B. Smith Hays.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Lettie Vance Hays; three sons, Rudean, Shelby and Larry; four daughters, Navon Singleton, Mildred Sue Childers, Verie Gibson and Pat Gentry; two brothers, Astor and Lawrence Hays; one sister, Alma Banks; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Clark Hays were held Friday, July 20, 2001, with Elwood Cornett and Don Pratt officiating. He was buried in the Carr Fork Memorial Cemetery at Litt Carr.



*Tribute to Brother Clark*

*His face is weathered like leather  
His hands are so big and so strong  
In his eyes you see the wisdom  
That has come as the years have gone*

*In his voice you hear the laughter  
And the caring that comes from the heart  
A lot of men have walked this valley  
But none quite like Brother Clark.*

*He was a young boy full of mischief  
But he met a girl who saw the good  
And through her love and understanding  
He turned to the Lord like he knew he should*

*For over 60 years he has loved her  
He thinks of the children she gave  
When he looks at her he sees all seven  
And at night for each one he will pray*

*Oh, Lord, please watch over my children  
Oh, Lord, please show them the way  
Oh, Lord, please guide them to you  
Like you did for me that joyous day*

*When Clark has gone up to Heaven  
He will have Lettie walking by his side  
He will look down upon this valley  
He'll hear his children say with pride*

*Oh, Daddy, thank you for loving  
Oh, Daddy, thank you for your prayers  
Daddy, we have all found Jesus  
So rest, sweet Daddy, way up there.*

*—Rhett Gibson*

## Dana Hensley

*"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies."*



Thoughts of talking, laughing, sharing, remembering the "old" days, Sunday dinners with a table full of good food, playing with the little kids, and lots of love shared by everyone- all fond memories of days gone by. These precious memories are gifts of joy and sunshine given by God as he helps us to ride out our storm of sorrow and grief. Dana was loved by everyone and she returned this love with abundance. She brought joy to our hearts. Dana enjoyed talking, cooking, kids, caring for others, and going to church. Talking to others was a special joy and talent of Dana's. Blessed with a good memory, she seemed to know something about everyone and was always willing to express her own opinion. Spending a night with her meant sharing homemade cookies or fudge and talking most of the night about the "old" days, relatives and the many friends she had met over the years.

Dana was born on Doty Creek on Monday, August 30, 1920 to James and Polly Caudill. She passed from this life on Thursday, January 11, 2001, having lived 80 years, 4 months, and 12 days. After moving to Big Smith Branch as a teenager, she married Willie Hensley on April 28, 1939. They made their home on Big Smith Branch and to this union were born one daughter, Polly Eldridge and three sons, Carl, Clayton and Rayburn. In 1974 Willie and Dana moved to Louisville where Willie passed away in September of 1981. She then filled her life with caring for her family and her sister, Dicy, who died in 1998.

Dana was preceded in death by her husband, Willie, one son, Carl, and a granddaughter, Carla Sue. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild, one sister, Doshie Everage, and a host of loving nieces and nephews.

After expressing a hope in the Lord for many years, Dana joined the Big Creek Old Regular Baptist Church in April, 1987. She later

moved her membership to the Chester Hogg Memorial Old Regular Baptist Church. Dana was a light unto the Lord and a faithful member of her church. Her brothers and sisters greatly miss her but realize that her empty seat only reminds them that she faithfully answered the call of her Lord. Our hearts are heavy, but all Heaven rejoiced as she entered into her eternal reward. Her hope and faith in God became a reality.

Dana, a sister-in-the-lord, mother, aunt, grandmother, and friend was blessed to live a good, full life until the very end. Her smile, hugs, kindness and love of talking will be missed by all. Yet the parting is only temporary. Let's fill our empty days with memories and hope for a reunion in Heaven.

*She was many things to many people,  
but special she was to all  
leaving behind a river of tears,  
when she answered our fathers call.*

*But she's gone on to be with loved ones,  
for whom her heart has yearned for years  
It's time for us to share her now  
for to them she was also dear*



### **Larry Ray Howard**

Larry was born to Ola and Gold Howard on September 1, 1952 in Floyd County at Salt Lick. He passed away on November 14, 2000 at his home on Rock Fork, making his stay here on earth 48 years, 2 months and 14 days.

Larry was married to Diana Shepherd Howard and unto this union 2 daughters were born, Christina Howard and Melissa Howard. Christina has 1 son, Cody, who was the love of his life, always talking about him and things he was doing. Cody

would cry after Larry every time he left unless he slipped off or waited to go out when he was asleep.

Also, leaving to mourn his death is his mother, Ola Howard of Eastern, KY, 2 brothers, Ronald Howard and Donald Howard, both of Garrett, KY and 1 sister, Kathy Cornett of Georgia.

Larry loved to hunt. He had a special friend to hunt with him, Jasper Hicks. The day before he passed away he was deer hunting and planned to hunt again the morning Diana found out that he had passed away in the night.

Larry was such a good friend and neighbor. He always stopped to check on his neighbors and would help them anytime he could.

Larry's funeral was held at the Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church and the friends and neighbors showed their friendship and deepest sympathy to his family by helping them any way they could.

Larry, we all miss you.

Written by family & friends.

### Harlen Jenkins

By the help of God I will try to write the obituary of my husband, Harlen. He was born in Jenkins, Kentucky on January 12, 1921 to Hamilton and Virgie Blanton Jenkins. Harlen met Maltie Caudill when he was 18 years of age. They were married April 10, 1939 and to this union was born one child, Naomi Jenkins Phipps. Harlen had 5 brothers that preceded him in death, Earnest, Townsel, Melvin, Noah, Ham Jr. and his mother and father. Left to mourn is his wife, Malti, daughter, Naomi, son-in-law, Layton Phipps, six grandchildren, Roger (Rosie) Phipps, Theresa (Larry) Byrd, Regina Phipps, James (Barbara) Phipps, Rebecca Phipps, and Elizabeth (Wally) Smith. Eight great-grandchildren, Brian Roger Phipps, Roger Dale Phipps, Jennifer Nichole Lynch, Timothy Layton Byrd, Jimmy Dale Phipps, Cora Elizabeth Phipps, Matthew Kevin Byrd and Jaime Ellen Phipps. Harlen has one living brother, Henry Jenkins. Harlen was a good husband, and at 52 years of age, he developed heart trouble and



had open heart surgery. At that time he wasn't a Christian but a few days after his surgery he turned his life over to the Lord. He joined the United Baptist Church and lived a faithful life and soldier for the Lord. We moved to Pleasant Plain, Ohio in 1974 and started going to the Northern New Home Old Regular Baptist Church in Goshen, Ohio. On May 11, 1986 we were baptized. He loved his brothers and sisters in the church and they all called him (Paw) Jenkins. His son-in-law, Layton started building a church in 1999 in Beaver, Ohio and finished it in July, 2000. He named it Rose of Sharon. Harlen and I went with the arm from Northern New Home to establish the church on October 7, 2000 . Harlen loved to put out a garden and his gardens always were bountiful. He would always pray over his gardens and the Lord would always bless them. He also loved animals, any kind but especially horses, and they loved him too. But to him his church always came first, whether he felt like going or not, he was there.

We all miss him very much and there is an empty seat down here, but he won't have to suffer with illness anymore.

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you and whispered "come to me."

A precious heart stopped beating, hard working hands took rest, God broke our hearts to show us he only takes the best.

Every day we miss you, no more our lives to share, but in our hearts your memory will be forever there.

His loving wife, Maltie Jenkins and Daughter Naomi Phipps



### **David Michael Jones**

It is with a sad and heavy heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my dear friend, David Micheal Jones. He was born on October 11,1947 to William Paul Jones and Bonnie [Combs] Jones at Smithboro, KY and

passed from this life on July 1, 2001 after a long illness, making his stay on this earth 53 years, 8 months and 20 days.

His mother, Bonnie Jones, preceded David in death.

David was a loving and devoted husband and father who loved his family and friends.

David Jones was wed to Juanita Fugate on April 1, 1967 and to this union was born one son, Micheal Drew Jones. His pride and joy was his granddaughter, Amanda Nicole Jones.

David's love for children was shown when he was the Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 103 of Carr Creek, Ky. No child would miss being able to become a scout, miss a camping trip or outing because of their lack of funds or their income, and camping trips or outings were never cancelled.

David Jones was a devoted friend that was there when called upon, asking nothing in return.

David Jones leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Juanita [Fugate] Jones, one son, Micheal Drew Jones, his daughter-in-law, Deseriee [Francis] Jones, one granddaughter, Amanda Nicole Jones, his father, William Paul Jones, one sister, Judy Hall and a host of family and friends.

Written by Denver Ritchie

### **Rena Vae Logan**

It is with sorrow for her physical loss, but also with pride for having known her that I write the obituary of my best friend, my Mom, Rena Vae Logan.

She was born Rena Vae Amburgey on October 17, 1936 to Simeon and Mary Amburgey of Bath, Kentucky. On September 19, 1954 she married Francis M. Logan, Jr. of Letcher County, Kentucky and from this union came two children: Randy of Yulee, Florida and Kathy Benvie of West Chester, Ohio. She and Frank lived in Cincinnati, Ohio for many years and



during this time she became a member of Northern New Home Church in Goshen, Ohio. Rena thoroughly enjoyed her life as a wife, a mother, and a grandmother. She was also a homemaker and a dear friend to many. She touched many lives and made eternally lasting impressions as she went through life in her own unique way. Giving was what Mom did best. She gave her time, kindness, humor, and most of all her love and dedication freely and without expectations. I watched her help several of her friends and her family members through their own personal bouts with fatal illness and disease with 100% devotion. I'm sure this helped to prepare Mom for her own battle with cancer, because she never complained and was able to make her own decisions about her care, while always just being her self, strong, yet humble.

At home on November 1, 2000, with her family at her side, Mom left this life making her stay here 64 years and 15 days. She leaves many to mourn her passing from earth and to celebrate her arrival in Heaven. These include: her husband, Frank Logan; her son, Randy Logan; her daughter, Kathy Benvie; her granddaughters, Jessica Logan and Brandy Logan, her brothers, Alvery Amburgey, Edgar Amburgey, Ivola Amburgey, Donald Amburgey and Hiram Amburgey, her sisters, Pansey Combs, Hazel Gibson and Lenora Dyer; a host of nieces and nephews and numerous other friends and relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 sisters, Beatrice Sturgill and Agnes Richardson; and 1 brother, Burchel Amburgey.

I thank God everyday that I had such a wonderful Mom! Our relationship was so special and we were very close. That's something I'll always treasure. She loved us all dearly and was ready to show it anytime. I'm happy that she got to move back "down home" to Kentucky and be around so many people that loved her. Although now farther away, I was blessed to be able to make frequent trips to spend quality time with her and to help care for her as she fought so hard to live. We had such fun celebrating her 64th birthday, just 15 days before her death. She was so happy and almost childlike anticipating her next visitor or phone call. She was always so much fun to be around!

We were all very glad Mom didn't have to endure lengthy suffer-



ing and was able to maintain a decent quality of life almost until the end. Two days before she passed, Mom lay in her bed at home, clapped her hands together weakly, and said, "Thank you Jesus, Thank you Lord." These were some of her last words that she spoke, and I know that she was ready to go and would live eternally in a much better place!

Slowly happy memories are beginning to replace sad tears, but the void in our lives will continue to be felt daily. We cherish every moment we were given with her and trust that these times will sustain us until we reunite someday. Until then, we wish that all those who knew Mom would remember not only that she died, but that she lived!

Written by her daughter, Kathy  
I miss you Mom, and I love you so good!!!

### **Marie Hall Martin**

There is a great and beloved Christmas movie starring Jimmy Stewart titled "It's a Wonderful Life." This movie celebrates life. It asks an interesting question: "What if the main character, named George Bailey, had never been born?"

That is the same question I would like to ask you, but instead of a fictional character, I'd like to use the life of my grandmother who died, on my birthday, at the age of 88.

Let us ask, what would I have missed in my life, and what would the world have missed, if there had been no person named Marie Hall Martin. Here are just a few things:

She was born on May 27, 1912 to Jethro and Rosa Meade Hall of Puncheon, Kentucky. Marie was one of nine children and is survived by two remaining siblings: Annie Hampton and Goshen Hall and a host of nieces and nephews.

Marie married Ibra Martin on July 12, 1928 and to this union was



born six children, Miami, Maywood, Amom, Anon, Rose, affectionately known as Bud and Dolly, and Namon. Ibra preceded Marie in death on October 5, 1941 and Miami in 1943.

Marie watched as her children blossom into adults and the family circle grew as Mae married Ivan Amburgey, Amom married Elvie Holbook, Anon married Velma Leigh and Rose married Drushell Fugate and later Tom Wiwi was welcomed into their family circle.

It is amazing that this simple woman, raised in a hollow, schooled in an one room school house and armed with only her common sense and an uncommon love and total devotion to her children... who grew up without a father figure in their formative years and with limited means... could become such an excellent parent. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren are Marie's legacy here on earth. Grandma is survived by nine grandchildren: Brenda, Shirley, Theresa, Diane, Susan, Sharon, Nathan, Leesa and Jamie. Marie is also survived by thirteen great-grandchildren: Jason, Austin, Darren, Stephanie, Autumn, Jacqueline, Lindsey, Matthew, Brandon, Steven, Talmadge, Laura and Caleb. Marie was preceded in death by one great grandson: Ryan.

Marie is also survived by her family at the Little Rebecca Church of the Old Regular Baptist. She was baptized on October 10, 1964 and was a member there for over 36 years.

I have always loved History, in fact I majored in it at college and Grandma was a wonderful source for it. One of my favorite history lessons from her was when I asked if she could recall seeing her first airplane. Granny explained that her siblings and her were outside working and they heard a noise unlike anything that they had ever heard before. When they saw this strange object flying over their heads, just knowing that the world was ending, they all ran into the chicken coop. I mention this story to one of Grandma's sisters and Annie added that "the chickens ran too!"

Visiting Grandma, when I was little, meant a yard filled with unlimited butterflies and hummingbirds, making mud pies at the end of her driveway, a feather bed that you needed help to get out of, a walk to the old school house and washing your hair in rain water that had been caught in those big silver tubs.

Yes, Marie made some outstanding contributions during her life, but it is in the area of relationships where the world would be so much poorer, had she never been born. Her priorities were solid: Her children, her family and her friends.

Marie was a loving mother and little granny. She was dedicated to her Christian beliefs, the color pink and strawberry ice cream.

Marie's love for flowers was undying as was her stubbornness.

Grandma was a mean cook when it came to vegetable soup and chocolate pie.

However, you could count on never having her fix you a cheese-burger.

She had the knack of keeping secrets... just ask her children.

And she longed for the day all of her children were together in the same room. At her funeral, she got her wish.

We are all fortunate and blessed that Marie had 88 years, 10 months and 24 days on this earth.

The true measure of a person is the lasting impression that they have made on people. For those of us that Marie has touched in our lives, we will never forget her smile, her loving arms, and her kind words.

At the close of the movie "It's a Wonderful Life," George Bailey returns to his family with new self-knowledge and a deeper appreciation of life. He learns that no person is poor who has friends.

Her family is now in that role. We have the wonderful knowledge, appreciation and love of the life of our friend, mother, grandmother and little granny Marie. She will be missed very much and forever.

Thank you, Grandma for a wonderful life.

Written by her Granddaughter, Susan Amburgey-Hicks.

### **Edna Matney**

With loving memories, we will try to write the obituary of our loving, sweet and precious mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, a dear sister in the Lord. Mom left us to be with her Lord and



Savior on January 4, 2000 and was born July 7, 1915, making her stay here 84 years, 5 months and 28 days.

She was the daughter of Paris and Lydia Stacy Justus and a loving wife to the late Robert Matney. They were married June 17, 1931, making them married for 52 years and one month. They were blessed with eleven children, six boys (Ira, Herman, Ray, Carter, Jerry and Richard Matney) and five girls (Shirley and Christine Stacy, Gearaldine Wilmer, Wilma Blankenship and Lorraine Keene, who is deceased). Deceased also are two infants, Haven and Myrtle Matney. She had sixteen grandchildren, four of whom are deceased (Carol Compton, Merridith Gail, Susan Matney and Michael A. Matney). Mom also had two sisters and eight brothers. Five of the brothers are now deceased.

Mom was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for several years and was faithful as long as her health would allow her. Mom loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I know Mom has a better home. She won't have to suffer anymore. Mom suffered over two years with her lungs. It was so hard for her to breathe even on her oxygen, but thanks to God she won't have to suffer anymore.

God blessed us with such wonderful parents. They never complained when we were little and they had to get up with us at night. Mom always had food on the table for us. It was a struggle sometimes with so many to feed, but by the grace of God, Mom and Dad got us raised and we are so thankful for them. After we were grown, Mom still worried over us and tried to take care of us but it was our turn to take care of her. We did the best we could for her. I think we did pretty well. Mom was a special Mother. She and Dad had it hard all their lives, but thank God they have a better home now.

Mom, we all appreciated you and Dad so much. We couldn't have

asked for better parents. You both were loved so much. Mom, we miss you so much and love you and Dad both from the bottom of our hearts. We'll try and make it the best we can, so sleep on. We'll see you in Heaven.

We love you, Mom and Dad.

Children and grandchildren.

### **Donald Estis McClanahan**

With a sad and broken heart we will try to write the obituary of our loving father, whom God called home to be another angel one Monday night, making his stay on earth 63 years, 9 months and 16 days, when finally he laid his burdens to rest. Born in Buchanan County, he was the son of the late Elder Troy and Nomie Elswick McClanahan. He was married to Merildean O'Quinn McClanahan and together they raised 5 children, 3 sons; William, Mark, and Steve, 2 daughters; Lantha and Pam, 7 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren, and 1 step-great grandchild.



He is also survived by 4 brothers; Freddie, Paul, Junior, and Clifford, and 4 sisters; Ella Mae, Ruth, Peggy, and Bertha.

Dad was a retired coal truck driver and when he came home in the evening you knew he was tired but he always met you with a smile. Dad was a kind man who always spoke what was on his mind. He never had any earthly treasures stored here on earth, but he gave us so much more than words can describe. Dad took death better than anyone I have ever known. There were plenty of times when we would reach for his hand during his sickness, and on that Monday night we reached for it, but God picked you up and hugged you and welcomed you home. The last words Dad would say to each and every one of us was "I Love You and I Know God Loves You."

*Dad was a shining light, that shined so bright. It broke our hearts to lose you, but we know you are all right because God showed me*

*one night, and if you were here you would say, "I 'm not so far away, we're really not that far apart." So sleep on Dad, for a little while until we meet again, for there is never a day that goes by that you are not in our thoughts. We cherish the memories we have of you and we will always have you close to your hearts.*

Written by your daughters, Lantha and Pam.



### **Rocky Richard Mitchell**

Rocky Richard Mitchell was born September 22, 1966 and departed this life on December 3, 2000, making his stay on God's footstool 34 years, 2 months and 11 days. He was the youngest son of Elsie Cline Mitchell and George Mitchell of Haysi, Virginia.

His father, George, preceded him in death. He is survived by his mother Elsie; two brothers, Larry of Atlanta, Georgia and David of Haysi, Virginia; three sisters, Brenda Tiller of Carbo, Virginia, Linda Yates and Pam Mullins both of Haysi, Virginia. Also surviving are eight nieces and nephews - Keila, Cheyenne, Lyndsey, Lauren, Billy, Renee, Amber and Aaron.

Rocky will be remembered as one who always made others laugh. He had a generous and caring heart, especially toward his mother and nieces and nephews. He never met a stranger and he will be greatly missed by all that knew him. Until his health began to fail, Rocky always enjoyed being outdoors in God's nature where he could play sports, hunt, fish and work with his hands. Eventually he had to give up those pleasures and had to constantly deal with the medical problems associated with his declining health.

Rocky was member of the Haysi Community Baptist Church where he found rest from the world. We, the family, have a hope of seeing him again on the Heavenly side of this life where we can enjoy his smile once again.

Submitted by the Family.

## Delmer Moore

Delmer Moore was born at Mallie, Kentucky on December 17, 1920 to Can Moore and Polly Howard Moore.

He passed from this life at the Samaritan Hospital at Lexington, Kentucky on February 3, 2001, making his stay here on earth 80 years, 1 month and 16 days. He was preceded in death by 1 son, Oscar Lee Moore; 1 daughter, Evelyn Moore; and 8 brothers and sisters.



He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Virda Pigman Moore; 2 sons, Clarence Frank Reynolds and Paul Moore; 1 daughter, Olive Mae Mullins; 2 daughters-in-law, Bonnie Reynolds and Sharon Moore; 1 son-in-law, Harold Mullins; 1 sister Myrtle Moore; 4 grandchildren, Eddie Ray Reynolds, Linda Gayle Amburgey, Melissa Ann Williams and Rachel Lee Thomas; 6 great-grandchildren, Abani, Corey, Caitlin, Dustin, Aaron and Ethan; 1 step-granddaughter, Tiffany Marie Hamilton; 1 step-great-granddaughter, Victoria; and special friends - T.J. Reynolds, Marvis Lee Short and Paul Watson.

We know that Delmer will be greatly missed here on earth but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

In 1941 Delmer Moore entered the U.S Army, after training he was shipped to Panama to fight for his country in World War II.

On October 21st, 1946 Delmar Moore met and married Virda Pigman. A few years later Delmar got in trouble over his sins, and he seen that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was the only one that could deliver him out of sin, so he prayed from the heart and Jesus heard his prayers and saved his soul. Bro. Delmer Moore joined the Reynolds Fork Old Regular Baptist Church where he worked hard for the build up of God's Kingdom. He was an Ordained Deacon and he and his wife, Sister Virda, worked hard as Deacons for Reynolds Fork Church. I have known Bro. Delmer since I was a small boy, he was a good man and a dedicated husband and father. Many times I would take Bro. Delmer to church with me. He and I talked a lot,

mostly about our church, the Lord and how we prayed that all our children will repent and be born again and we can all go to heaven where we will never part anymore. To you children, if you want to meet daddy or papa again, you must repent and be born again. Bro. Delmer will be greatly missed in the community and the Reynolds Fork Church, but most of all by the absence from his family. So sleep on Bro. Delmer just for a little while and when we awake in that morning of all mornings we will go to Heaven together, shouting and praising the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus. So to all, come go with me to the Glory Land.

Written by Elder Paul Watson.



### **Gail B. Mullins**

Gail B. Mullins was born November 22, 1925, at Amburgey, Kentucky, in Knott County. He was the only child of the late Thomas J. Mullins and Nealie Ashley Mullins. He died at his residence at Isom, Kentucky, on April 8, 2000.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Oline Madden Mullins, two sons, Nyle Mullins and his wife, Franka of Frankfort, Kentucky, and David Mullins and his wife, Denise of Isom, Kentucky and one grandson, Richard Mullins and his wife, Angela of Isom, Kentucky.

Gail served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked as an Engineer for the Kentucky Department of Highways for 30 years, serving as Chief District Engineer in both the Pikeville and Covington District offices. He had also served as an Assistant Director in Frankfort before his retirement in 1981. He worked part-time for the Federal Emergency Management Agency after his retirement from the State Department of Highways. He also spent a lot of time fishing in Tennessee on Cherokee Lake, a place he dearly loved.

He suffered a stroke in October of 1995 that left him partially paralyzed and unable to speak. He had also fought cancer since 1995



of which finally caused his death. The spirit with which he met each struggle was truly an inspiration to all that knew and loved him.

Brother Ellis Adams and Gail's brother-in-law, Gillis Reedy, came to visit Gail regularly to pray with him and talk about the Lord. He was never able to join the church and be baptized but he had professed a hope in God before his death. He is greatly missed by his family and all his friends who dearly loved him.

### Henry Mullins

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of my father-in-law, Henry Mullins. Henry Mullins was born October 11, 1915 to Harrison and Cora Pridemore Mullins, at Red Star in Letcher County. He passed from this life May 21, 2001, making his stay here on earth 85 years, 7 months and 10 days. He was preceded in death by his dad, Harrison, his mother, Cora, 2 brothers, Bill and Sherd, and 1 sister, Lona. Henry left to mourn his passing, his wife, Hattie of 54 years, 3 sons, Albert and wife, Paula of Indianapolis, IN, Harrison and wife, Sharon of Viper, Paul and wife, Peggy of Hazard, 5 daughters, Cora and husband, Rayford Slone of Viper, Ella Faye and husband, Hershel Lawson of Viper, Elizabeth and her husband, Roger Gibson of Viper, Donna and her husband, Tommy Halcomb of Viper, and Sandra and her husband, Matthew Ritchie of Viper, sister, Sally Maggard of Jeff, KY, 24 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.



Henry was a veteran of World War II, where he served in the Philippines, and received many metals and awards for service. After serving his term in the service, Henry returned home to work in the coal mines until he retired.

Henry loved to play jokes on everyone, and tell stories. He would tell about his days in the service, and his days as a coal miner. Even though we had heard those stories before, we listened like they were

told for the first time.

Just a few days before his death, Henry made it known that he had made things right with the Lord, saying he had a better place to go.

We miss him here with broken hearts and an empty space in our lives, but, by the grace of the Lord, we will meet again.

Written by his son-in-law, Elder Roger Gibson



### Everett Owens

I will try to write the obituary of my precious, loving Daddy. On December 13, 2000, the Lord sent his best angel for my Daddy. Although, earth's loss is Heaven's gain, it left all of us with a sad and broken heart. He left to mourn his wife, Judy Mullins Owens and his six children: Virginia Ritchie, Donna Fugate, Vicky Owens, Darrell Owens, Joey Owens and Amy Owens, and he also left to mourn two sons-in-law, William Ritchie and Nathan Fugate and one daughter-in-law, Jackie Owens. Daddy and Mommy also had 10 precious grandchildren. Daddy was born and raised on Clear Creek in Knott County. He was preceded in death by his father and mother and baby sister, Shelby Jean. His father was Aaron Owens, the son of Joseph and Dallie Owens. His mother was Amy Ritchie Owens, the daughter of Frank and Darcus Ritchie. Daddy loved to go to church and loved being with his sisters and brothers in the church. He was an ordained preacher of the Old Regular Baptist Church and a dedicated member of the New Bethlehem Church. He would always preach to people to get ready to meet the Lord and what you had to do to get to Heaven.

I know that that one day I hope to see my Daddy again in Heaven. Daddy will always be in our hearts and his memories will live on forever. Daddy was loved here on earth more than he would have

ever known. The one thing that everyone can say that they remember about our Daddy is that ever time you seen him he was always joking and laughing. As I said, it was time for the Lord to pick his precious flowers from his garden and he chose my Daddy that day. In loving memory of our Daddy, Everett Owens.

Written by his daughters, Virginia and Amy.

### **Maxine Fletcher Ritchie**

Maxine Fletcher Ritchie was born February 9, 1932 in Perry County, Kentucky to Arthur Fletcher and Maultie Sizemore Fletcher. At an early age in life, she met and married Carl Ritchie. The young married couple moved to Montgomery in Knott County where they were still residing at her death on January 23, 2001.



During her life she felt the need for a savior, thus she turned to Jesus. She became a member of the New Bethlehem Church of Old Regular Baptist at Talcum, Kentucky. Her husband, Carl, later followed her to the same savior and same church. They were later ordained as Deacons and served the church in this capacity well until her death.

To mourn her passing she left a son, Arthur Lee Ritchie, a husband, Carl Ritchie, and a host of relatives and friends. I will always remember Sister Maxine as a happy person always having a kind word, a hug and a kiss for all her brothers and sisters in the church where she attended so faithfully even during her illness. Her loss here on earth is surely Heavens gain.

Written by Carl Slone, a friend and a Brother in Christ.



## **Lula Mae Amburgey Sexton**

Sister Lula Mae was born on January 31, 1954 at Shingle Branch, KY into the family of Thelen and Eunice Amburgey. Sister Lula was called to her Heavenly home on Tuesday, June 12, 2001, making her stay on earth 47 years, 4 months, and 12 days. She leaves to mourn her passing her loving mother, Eunice Amburgey and stepfather, Randall Fields and her 3 beautiful children: Shawn Edward Sexton, Jessica Mae Sexton, and Robbie Dean Sexton. She also leaves to mourn one daughter-in-law, Luna Sexton, one grandson whom she loved dearly, Tyler Sexton, and one granddaughter, Stephanie Sexton. Sister Lula leaves behind three sisters: Debbie Sexton, Darlene Ritchie, and Kimberly Jacobs and two brothers-in-law: Lonnie Sexton and Manuel Ritchie. She has 6 nieces and nephews: Tonya, Tina, Tara, Jeremy, Angie, and Dustin, and 4 great nieces and nephews: Kyle, Christina, Joseph, and Amanda Kay. She is preceded in death by her loving daddy, Thelen, and a niece whom she loved dearly, Mandy Jo Amburgey.

Sister Lula didn't have a lot of earthy treasures. But about 10 years ago, when she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior, she became one of the richest women in the world.

Sister Lula was sick most of her life. The past 5 years, she was confined to a wheel chair. Her dear mother saw to all her needs. There wasn't a day that went by that Lula didn't call her mother to say good morning and I love you or good night and I love you.

Even though confined to a wheel chair, she still cooked meals for her family. When she found out her sister, Darlene, was diagnosed with M.S., she called her and said, "I can't do much but I fixed you a dinner." This was Lula's way of showing her love for her sister. She also called her sisters three weeks before her death and said, "I just want to call my sisters every night to say I love you."

Lula loved pretty flowers, so her daughter, Jessie, and her sister,

Darlene, planted her some pretty flowers she could see from her window. She said, "Now I have something pretty to look at." But what beautiful flowers she is looking at now.

Lula enjoyed watching her grandson, Tyler, get off the school bus and running to give the pictures he had made at school.

Jessie, her daughter, lived with her and seen that Lula wasn't left alone.

Lula loved to see Shawn walk through her door. He could always put a smile on his mother's face.

Robbie would set up at night with Lula and talk to his mother and confide in her and ask her advice on different situations. Lula was her children's best friend.

Luna, her daughter-in-law, would wait on her hand and foot, cook the meals when she wasn't able to. Luna would change her bedclothes and do the laundry. Thank you, Luna for all the things you did for our sister.

Many nights she would call on Brother Lonnie and Sister Deb to ask for singing and prayer. She believed in prayer for healing.

The cookouts and family gatherings meant so much to Lula, she loved having her family to gather in. So much joy was given to her on Mother's Day when she had her cookout for her children.

At the hospital, she loved to be rolled out in the fresh air and sunshine, even though she had the pain. One day, Danny Amburgey came by and Lula said, "I'm not ashamed of my Lord." With many people standing by, Danny held prayer and Lula praised her Lord.

Her sister, Debbie, would spend the days and nights with her at the hospital. They had special moments in laughter and pain.

Her mother, Eunice, came and stayed all that she could, comforting and loving her. Lula said, "I love Mommy's little hands. She could always soothe the pain with her hands on my head."

Tuesday, June 12, 2001 was her last day on earth. During her pain, she raised her little hands up and looked toward Jesus with tears in her eyes, saying, "Jesus, you know I've suffered so much. Please take this pain away." Sweet Jesus took over then and there was no more pain, no more smothering. Lula received sweet release. Jesus is always right on time. She never knew she was dying.

Eunice held her and said, "Lula, I love you and try to hold on." With her eyes half opened, she said, "I love you too, Mommy." Deb said, "I love you, Sissy", and Lula said, "I love you, too." The Lord took her home. He answered her prayer and she is not in the wheel chair anymore. "Thank you, Sweet Jesus, for being so merciful."

To the family that doesn't know the Lord, please turn to Him so we all can be in Heaven together and never to part again.

We want to thank Randall, our stepfather, for all the trips to Lexington, for helping Lula fix her house more comfortable. You have shown your love to all of us. Make ready to go with us to meet her again.

"Mommy Can't You See"

*Mommy, can't you see,  
that angel band?  
Mommy, who's that man, taking me  
by the hand.  
His hair is like wool,  
as white as snow.  
Why, Mommy it's Jesus  
and I have to go.  
His eyes are as a flame of fire,  
Mommy, you ought to see him,  
in his full attire.  
There's a golden girdle,  
upon his breast.  
Oh Mommy, it's going to be  
such a peaceful rest.  
Mommy, he's clothed in a  
long white robe,  
His feet are as brass, as if in a  
furnace they glowed.  
His voice as many waters,  
yet so sweet,  
His countenance, as the Sun, as I  
kneel at his feet.  
He's saying, child,  
I've come to take you home,*

*Mommy, you ought to see the  
cloud, I'm getting on.  
In my view is Heaven's shore,  
Now Mommy, I'm alive,  
and alive for evermore.  
The gates of pearl are open wide,  
I see the streets of Gold,  
as I step inside.  
Mommy, tell my children  
and my sisters too,  
That I'm waiting in heaven,  
for them and for you.  
Mommy, can't you see  
that angel band?  
Mommy, who's this man,  
Taking me by the hand?  
His hair is like wool,  
as white as snow,  
Why Mommy, it's Jesus,  
and I'm ready to go.*

*Written by, Bordis Slone*

### **Golder Franklin Sheets**

Although my heart is sad, I will do my best to write this obituary of our Dad. Words cannot describe the loss we feel. Dad was born on September 12, 1919 to David and Elizabeth Sheets in West Jefferson, NC and left this world on October 19, 2000, making his stay here 81 years, one month and seven days. Although, he was raised in North Carolina, and Tennessee, he made his home in Buchanan County, Virginia for all of his adult life where he worked as a coal miner until he was made to retire due to black lung and heart disease. He served in the United States Army during World War II and



received several ribbons and rewards He was a member of the Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church since October 10, 1996. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, three brothers, four sisters, and one grandson. His last brother passed away in January 2001, leaving only one sister behind. Left behind also to mourn his passing is one son, Walter "Buddy" Sheets; five daughters; Mrs. James (Sara) Stump, Mrs. Tex (Elizabeth) Lane, Mrs. Leon (Ruby) Elswick, Mrs. Roy (Gail) Humbert, and Mrs. Larry (Wanda) Lane, 10 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, 1 step-grandchild, and 3-step great-grandchildren.

Because of the love he gave us and the memories we have, Dad will always remain in our hearts. Each of us will remember him in different ways at different times. It may be in a song we hear, it may be in something we remember him saying, or it may be in a smile on one of our children or grandchildren that we say that is just like your grandfather. During my Dad's life, he worked hard until the doctors said no more work for you.

At the end, when he got so sick, he would say I wish I could just close my eyes and the Lord would take me home, and God did that on Thursday, October 19, 2000, when he said come home my child there is no more work in the vineyard for you, it is time for you to go rest high on that mountain. So you see he didn't lose, he died in the Lord and that makes my heart glad because I know he only went away with a friend and I believe that he will receive an award one day that will outshine all the rewards the military had to offer. So I will say to his children, grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, friends, and family, Dad loved you and if you will repent and serve the Lord one glad day we will be able to go to where he is and there we will never have to say goodbye to loved ones again. I want my sister Sara (Tudy) and brother-in-law, James Stump, to know how thankful I am that they were willing to care for him so unselfishly since he came to live with them in 1994 and my prayer is that God will send them a special blessing.

Written by daughter, Gail Humbert.



*At night when I am restless, I often watch the skies  
 And fancy that stars I see are watchful angel eyes.  
 I seem to draw such comfort from their presence in the night  
 They make me feel less alone with their twinkling light.  
 So when the world becomes too much, cast your eyes up  
 Towards the stars and feel their magic touch.*

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*I said, "God, I hurt,"  
 And God said, "I know."  
 I said, "God, I cry a lot,"  
 And God said, "That is why I gave you tears."  
 I said, "God, I am so depressed,"  
 And God said, "That is why I gave you sunshine."  
 I said, "God, life is so hard,"  
 And God said, "That is why I gave you loved ones."  
 I said, "God, It hurts,"  
 And God said, "I know."  
 I said, "God, my loved one died."  
 And God said, "So did mine."  
 I said, "God, it is such a loss,"  
 And God said, "I saw mine nailed to a cross."  
 I said, "God, but your loved one lives,"  
 And God said, "So does yours."  
 I said, "God, where are they now?"  
 And God said, "Mine is on my right and yours in the light..."*

### **Bervige Slone**

Bervige has been gone for many years, leaving this world being just 21 years and 11 months. He was the son of Pierce and Tenia Owens Slone. He left behind his brothers, Benton and Ruhfus, along with sisters, Lassie, Artis, Violet, Fonnies, and Fredia. He had been preceded in death by a sister, Cimolene.

Bervige was a quiet man, loved by all who knew him. He was a hard worker and enjoyed making things with his hands. He could

just about make anything he set his mind to make. I have never heard anyone say a hard word against him. From talking with those who knew him, I believe he was a good man, a humble spirit, a good heart, and was such a jolly man. He loved to hunt and worked hard to provide for his young family, which he was so proud of.

Here was a vibrant, healthy, young man who seemed to have everything going for him. But God chose to send his angels to take Bervige home in what seemed to be the prime of his life. We don't understand why God chooses to take our loved ones, which is the case of Bervige. But God had a purpose, He needed him more. So one day while he was working along side his brother, Benton, and his father-in-law, Sylvester Triplett, a huge rock crashed down upon him. He was taken almost instantly. Benton fervently removed this huge rock off Bervige, but later it took several men to move it.

This loss left his son to grow up never knowing his dad, except what he was told by others. And over the years, the yearning within Jeff's heart grew to almost unbearable measures. He so desperately wanted to see his dad, and know where he was. So when Jeff came under the conviction of the Lord, God granted him the desire of his heart to let him see Bervige. God showed him his dad- he was surrounded in a brilliant, and most beautiful, brightest cloud. He had the biggest smile on his face. This left Jeff with a peace in his heart like he had never known before and had the assurance that his dad was in a better place.

Although Bervige had never joined the church, he was a God-fearing man. And after the vision Jeff had, he carries the hope in his heart that one of these days a father and son will meet again. They will have a glorious reunion no words can begin to describe. Best of all, when they meet on that heavenly shore, they will walk the streets of pure gold together, they will rejoice together in the sweet love and joy of our most gracious heavenly Father, never to be separated again. And until that glorious day arrives, we believe Bervige is resting at the foot of the Lord's throne, waiting for his son to join him in our beloved Saviour's arms! Bervige may be gone, but he is not forgotten. I never got to meet my father-in-law, but I have tried to write a fitting and loving tribute for my husband, Jeff, who joined the

Friendship Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized last July. I look forward to the time I will get to see this father and son together, and rejoice with them in our blessed Saviour's love.

Written in love by Brenda Slone.

### **Elder Eulis Slone**

Eulis Slone was born into this world on November 7, 1922 and departed this world on May 25, 2001.

Eulis often said God had blessed him in life above anything he could possibly deserve. As the youngest son of Monroe Slone and Josephine Gibson Slone, he grew up under the watchful and loving eyes of his brothers, Julius Stone, Eunice Slone Akers, and Verbel Slone Gardner, all deceased, and Gracie Slone Waddles, who deeply mourns his passing.



He served in the United States Army during World War II and returned home to work in auto body repair and later in the coal mines.

Eulis married Wanda Lee Hall Slone, now deceased, and they were blessed with three children, Darrell Slone, Charlotte Slone Harris and Darlene Slone Gibson. Eulis and Wanda gave their life to God and joined the church in 1974, shortly before Wanda's death. They enjoyed the last part of their marriage with a love that only God could give. It took only a few minutes of talking to Eulis about family to see how much he loved his children unconditionally.

Eulis later married his second wife, Anna Slone Gibson Slone, and was blessed with a Christian wife. He had one stepson, Phillip Gibson, three stepdaughters, Brenda Gibson Cox, Geraldine Gibson Stamper, and Clementine Gibson McDaniels. Eulis thought the world of his stepchildren, and I'm sure they know he loved them.

Eulis leaves behind to mourn his loss five grandchildren, three great grandchildren, seven step grandchildren, and three step great grandchildren. They all had a special place in Eulis's heart, and he would talk to them to try to keep them from making the mistakes he

had made when he was young. He also leaves behind 1 brother-in-law, Tom Waddles, 2 sisters-in-law, Irene Martin Slone and Norma Jean Hall.

Eulis is in God's hands, but the family has suffered a double loss. We have lost someone who truly loved us, and we have lost someone to love.

The Rock Fork Old Regular Baptist Church was in need of a father in the church and God sent Brother Eulis to us. He was gifted to lead and guide the church in the direction it needed to go. Even with his oxygen on him, he was blessed to preach the word to us. We love him and miss him and our church will miss him.

Friendship is a treasure and he found that in his special friend, Hillis Slone.



### **Gladys Johnson Slone**

Today is June 2, 2001, it makes two months now since you have passed away. With a sad and broken heart I will try to write the obituary of my mommy. Gladys Johnson Slone was born on May 10, 1935. She passed away on April 2, 2001 in Lexington KY. Her parents were Jay Johnson and Rebecca Short Johnson. Left to mourn is her husband, Arthur Slone, and their

four daughters: Verla (Delynn) Mullins, Racine (Steven) Hall, Gloria (Gary) Slone, and Jessica (Michael) Ritchie. They also had five grandchildren: David (Robin) Gooslin, Michael (Melissa) Mullins, Travis (Cassie) Sizemore, Karla Jacobs, and Gary Brent Slone. In addition to having grandchildren they had two very special great-granddaughters: Mercedes Gooslin, and Madelynn Mullins. She is also survived by one brother: Kenneth Johnson, four sisters: Anna Lee Smith, Oudia

Slone, Pauline Slone, and Edna Gibson. Mommy was a very religious person, she gave her life to the Lord and prayed everyday. Her and daddy joined New Bethlehem Church at Talcum KY a long time ago. She went every month up until she was not able to go even then she would find the strength to go. It still hurts so badly as the day you were called home by Jesus. I really do miss you more than you will ever know. I told you everything no matter how bad or good it was. Sometimes I could not wait to get home to call you so I would call from work or on my cell phone. Like the day Karla got her permit, I wanted to let her call you on my cell phone and she did, before Gary and I dropped her off at school. She was so excited she said let's call mama and tell her I passed my permit test. I remember how I could call you and you would always know how Verla, Racine and Jessie were doing. You were like a fountain of information. I don't know how you made time to call your children, grandchildren, and all your sisters. You really done a big job but none of us knew that until now. You were a person I could only dream about being like. I remember all the times you would tell me that Jessie would call you and let you know she was home no matter if it was 1:00 in the morning. You never said anything to her but you would say that she could have waited until morning to call. I never knew how much you worried about all of us until now. Because all I do now is sit and worry. Daddy told us that you died just exactly the way you wanted to. I would truly not trade the time we all spent with you down in Lexington for nothing in the world. We are trying our best to stay close as a family like you would have wanted us to. I go over to Daddy's when I can and cook for him and of course Jessie is there to get in on the meal. We are taking care of Jessie like you would have wanted us to since she is the baby. Daddy misses you so much and our home feels so empty but we are trying to go over there as much as we can. David misses you so much. You were just like a mommy to him, and poor little Mercedes don't know what to do she misses playing old maid with you. Travis wanted so much for you to see his first born child but you will. We all will tell it about its Mama Pete. Verla talks about how much she would miss you not having time with Michael's baby, Madelynn. Racine misses you too just like we all do. You were a

great person to all those who knew you and a very sweet and loving mommy. There is not a day goes by that each of us don't think of you. We know that you are in a better place and hopefully someday we all can be united again in Heaven and walk down the streets of gold together. Until then, Mommy, you will always be in our hearts as long as we live.

Written by: Gloria Slone & Jessica Ritchie.

### **My Angel**

*As I look the Heavens  
Piercing through a cloud  
Sometimes I think I see you  
Laughing there out loud*

*I know it's a dream  
But it helps to get me through  
Nothing seems the same  
Since I said goodbye to you*

*I know that you are happy  
And watching over me  
From the pain and sadness  
You have been set free*

*In my heart I have an album  
especially of you  
With pictures and memories  
And times shared by two*

*You've always been my angel  
Now you have your wings  
Walking through the heavens  
Where the choir of Angels sing*

*As I walk along the road*

*That life brings each day  
I know that you are with me  
In each and every way*

*With all that you have taught me  
Stored within my heart  
You're so in my memories  
We'll never be apart*

*You've always been my angel  
Now you have your wings  
Walking through heavens  
Where the choir Angels sing*

Written by: Jessica Ritchie

### **Travis Joel Slone**

Travis Joel Slone, 21 years of age, was born on February 2, 1980 in Pikeville, KY. He was the son of J.C. and Etta Mae Slone Holland and Burton Slone.

He departed from this life on February 23, 2001 at U.K. hospital in Lexington KY.

He was preceded in death by grandparents; Elder James Albert Slone, Kennel Slone, and Myrtle Handshoe, Flem Holland and Louli Holland.

Left to mourn for Travis are 4 sisters, Lea Etta Weimann, Teresa Forrest, Jenny Gibson, Teresa Gibson, one brother, Burnes Wayne Holland, grandparent, Cynthia D. Slone, and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. To everyone he was a friend.

Travis was the light and joy of our family. He was special to us in several ways. I feel that God spared us Travis after his accident. The prayers and the mercy of God let us keep our shining light. He was a light to anyone he was around. He truly loved little children and they



loved him.

Travis enjoyed singing and going to church. Although he would move from seat to seat during church he would say afterwards, " We sure did have a good meeting." When Travis wasn't at church he would have family members sing songs for him. Oh, how he loved to help them sing. His favorite song was "I'm Going To Die On The Battlefield."

Sing on Travis, you're with that Great Angel Band. Travis, we'll all miss you, but I'll never forget your morning flight home. Although you passed away at U.K. hospital on February 23, 2001, you were in the arms of Jesus. I know our loss is Heaven's gain. Now our little light is gone, but memories will always be with us.

We love you Travis, and you will always be in our hearts. Sleep on baby, for you're resting in the arms of Jesus. Where you'll never suffer any more. We Love You Trav!

Written by your loving cousin and friend, Wanda Smallwood.

Travis we all have great memories and things that we would like to say, but Mother had a poem that she wrote just for you.

### **"My Precious Grandson"**

*Travis, you have always been my precious child.*

*You have been my life; you have been my joy and pride.*

*It's been hard to say good-bye.*

*But God has taken you above to be with Pa, the one you love.*

*I will always hold you in my heart.*

*Precious memories I will never let go.*

*Because I love you so.*

*You have become my bright morning star.*

*I hope how soon the day will come;*

*I can be with you and Pa up there.*

*Grandmother, Cynthia Stone*

### **In Loving Memories of Travis Slone**

Travis, I miss and love you so much. But I know God needed you so much more. So I have to say good- bye for now. But one day with



God's help we will meet again. So until that time, this is my way to say good-bye to you. The Lord saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered come with me, with tearful eyes I watched you suffer and fade away. All though I loved you dearly, I could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating. A beautiful smile at rest. God broke my heart to prove He only takes the best. It is lonesome here without you. I miss you so each day, since you went away. When days are sad and lonely, and everything goes wrong, I seem to hear you whisper, "Cheer up and carry on." Each time I see your picture you seem to smile and say, "Don't cry Sis, I'm in God's care." We will meet again someday.

Written by your loving sister and friend  
Lea Etta (Slone) Wiemann

### **Amos Smith**

With great loss and mourning we, the family of Amos Smith, wish to write this obituary as we express our love and respect for a very wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend.

Amos Smith was born October 13, 1917 at Softshell, Kentucky to James and Maggie Jane Bolen Smith.

He joined God's children in Heaven on July 28, 2001, making his stay here on earth 83 years, 9 months and 15 days.

Dad had been a member of the Mount Olive Old Regular Baptist Church at Garner, Kentucky since June 3, 1990. He was a faithful member and dearly loved the Lord. He loved everyone and loved to share his testimony.

He was preceded in death by both parents; two infant children, two brothers: Edgar and Raymond Smith; and three sisters: Luna Jones, Audrey Smith and Marjorie Gose.

He is survived by his wife, Roxie Collins Smith; two sons, Bobby



Smith and wife, Geraldine of Hindman, Kentucky and Ancel Smith and fiancée, Retha of Leburn, Kentucky; two daughters, Betty Watts and husband, Sidney of Hindman, Kentucky and Bonnie Hall and husband, Danny of Hindman, Kentucky, four grandchildren: David Lowell Watts, Bobby Wayne Smith and wife, Stephanie, Amber Lea Cody and Matthew Ryan Slone; and one step grandchild, Jason Lee Hall; and one great granddaughter, Steshia Elizabeth Smith. Also surviving are a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Dad can be remembered as a hard worker. Although he had little education, he had great work ethics and was always willing to go the extra mile to do a job right. He always had to work hard but enjoyed it. During his illness he often talked about wanting to go to work.

He was a coal miner, worked in the oil fields, steel factories, log woods and saw mills. He had great knowledge about wood and was an expert gardener and farmer.

Dad and Mom were married 60 years on December 10, 2000. Dad had a great love for his family and he had a very special love for all children. His grandchildren were the high light of his life. He had a special bonding with his only great granddaughter. From birth, he went daily to see her until his illness. During his illness, he always got the strength to show love for her until the day he died. Dad had a wonderful life and he was a most wonderful, gracious father, grandfather, great grandfather, and husband. He was deeply loved and will be missed greatly by the family, friends and neighbors.

Before Dad died, he appeared to be seeing great visions. We feel that his outstretched arms reaching up were reaching for Heaven.

Dad, we live with the hope in our hearts that we'll see you again in Heaven. We love and miss you.

The Family

### **Fonnie Slone Smith**

In loving memory of Sister Fonnie Slone Smith. She was born on Monday Dec. 24, 1928 on a lovely Christmas Eve and passed from this life on Tuesday Feb. 27, 2001 at St Joseph Hospital in Lexington, KY. Her stay on this earth was 72 years, 2 months and 3 days.

Sister Fannie leaves to mourn, 1-brother, Rufus Slone, 4-sisters, Lassie Slone, Artis Slone, Violet Francis, and Freida Schmelzela, and a host of very, very special nieces and nephews and many, many friends that loved her dearly.

We can't say we're writing this obituary with a sad heart, but with a mind full of sweet memories of a dear aunt and sister in the Lord. On a Christmas Eve in 1924, a little bundle of joy was born to Pierce Slone



and Tenie Owens Slone. What a Christmas gift God had given them. She was a precious angel. Everyone who knew Sister Fannie loved her. She never had any children of her own, but she sure loved all children, especially her nieces and nephews. Sister Fannie had a hard life in this world.

She had much sorrow. She gave up three husbands in death- Wilburn Slone, Jerry Campbell and Dan Smith. She also had to give up two brothers- Benton Slone and Bervige Slone. Through all her pain and sorrow, she always turned to the Lord. She never lost faith and the Lord never let her down. He was always there to comfort her.

Sister Fannie found the need for a Savior many, many years ago. She became a member, of the Little Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church and seemed really happy. The ones who knew her, will always remember those little hands raised toward Heaven, shouting, and praising the name of her Jesus. I don't think I ever heard her say a dozen words without mentioning Jesus. She would talk of how she could not sleep at night. She would lay in bed praying for her family friends and neighbors. She always seemed happy and was praising the Lord.

Sister Fannie lived many lonely years of her life in and out of nursing homes. But, the last few years of her life, the Lord blessed her to live in a small house in a great neighborhood in the Trace Fork of Caney, KY. It seemed like the whole neighborhood loved her so much. It was so amazing how they all watched over her and gave her special attention, even the young children. I think we could write for days just remembering our sweet Fannie. I guess this is enough to let you know of her love, kindness and most of all her faith and relation-

ship with her Savior Jesus Christ. Sister Fannie's family and friends will always miss her. We are happy in our hearts knowing her pain and sorrow is all over and she's at peace forever in the arms of Jesus.

Written By: her nephew and his wife,  
Bro. Marion and Sister Dee Slone



### **Hassie Smith**

Hassie Smith of Isom, Ky. passed away on Saturday, April 14, 2001 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center. She was born on June 1, 1927, being 73 years, 10 months and 13 days of age at the time of her passing. Hassie was the daughter of the late Nelson and Juda Ison Caudill.

Hassie was married to the late James Richmond Smith. She is survived by two sons; Colman Lane Smith and his wife, Brenda of Isom and Earnest Wayne Smith and his wife, Joann, of Isom. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Melissa, Tena, Andrea and James and three great grandchildren, Josh, Sarah and Garrett. A brother, Blain Caudill, along with a host of nieces, nephews and friends also mourn her passing. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Richmond, and by one sister, Essie Adams, and one brother, Jonah Caudill.

Hassie was blind for many years but handled her handicap well. Even though she was blind at an early age, she was an excellent housekeeper, wife and mother. She made sure that there were clean clothes, food to eat and a whole lot of love for everyone. One of her great joys in life was her grandchildren and great grandchildren and being able to do things for them.

During her sickness when she was confined to her home, she found great joy and happiness from visits with family and friends. She loved beautiful singing, especially when her good friend, Gillis Reedy, came to sing for her. She loved the Blair Branch Regular Baptist Church and professed a hope in Christ for years. Her mother, Juda, was a member of the Blair Branch Church for many years. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written with love by her daughter-in-law, Joann Smith.

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

### **William Douglas Smith**

William Douglas Smith of Jeremiah, KY, passed away on Friday, June 8, 2001. He was the son of the late Dee and Ethel Smith. Surviving are three sisters; Lilly Moss Hale of Jeremiah, Mary Jo Blair of Jeremiah, and Anna Lou Blair of Lexington, two brothers; Roy Kenon Smith of Ohio and Tommy Harris Smith of Jeremiah. He was preceded in death by two brothers; James Richmond Smith, who died in a mining accident, and by John Welch Smith, who had passed away on May 3, 2001.



William Douglas was born on November 11, 1930, being 70 years of age at the time of his passing. He will always live through the memory of his family, including his wife of 49 years, Martha Jane; his two sons, William Douglas Smith Jr. and wife, Dina, of Barstow, California and Benjamin Dee Smith and wife, Danna, of Jeremiah, two daughters; Cheryl Ann Banks and husband, Edward, of Letcher, and Pamela Jane Ison and husband, Kevin, of Letcher. Also surviving are nine grandchildren, Penny Smith, India Smith, Benjamin Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Travis Smith, Dallas Banks, Desiree Banks, Jacqueline Banks and Kristin Ison, plus one great grandson, Hunter Lee Douglas. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Penny Carol, who died in a car accident on July 20, 1987.

William Douglas and Jane lived and raised their children in Michigan until 1975 when they decided to move back to Jeremiah, near where William was raised. Like his father before him, William Douglas enjoyed working the land, be it bush hogging weeds, getting the ground ready to plant or discing up garden plots. His father, Dee, worked with a team of horses in his lifetime, but William Douglas enjoyed his red tractor and often could be seen on it helping out neighbors and friends. We are proud to have known such a good Christian man who had a great love for his family, nation, community and most of all, a love for God. He touched so many lives with his friendly, loving manner and has been missed not only by his family but by all who knew and loved him. William Douglas was an Elder of the Doerman Memorial Presbyterian Church at Blackey, Ky. He was a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels and the Royal Arch Masons-Shores Chapter No. 69. He served on the board of directors of the Stuart Robinson's alumni. William was a veteran of the U.S. Army and received a bronze star during the Korean War. The Smith family has lost three precious members in the year 2001, Hassie Smith, the widow of James Richmond, John Welch and William Douglas.

*“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 at that day: and not to me only,  
but unto all them also that love his appearing.”*

### **John Welch Smith**

John Welch Smith of Warren, Michigan passed away on May 3, 2001 at his home after a long bout with cancer. He was born on April 17, 1929.

John Welch was the son of the late Dee and Ethel Smith. He is survived by his wife, Rose and three daughters, Karen, Carol and Cathy, all of Michigan. Also surviving are three brothers; Roy Kenon

there for us kids and grand kids as well with a warm hug, kind words, good advice and most importantly a heart full of love. To those she leaves behind I think Mom would want us to be forgiving of each other, to be there for each other and to carry her love in our hearts. Mom's pain and suffering is over and she is now resting under the altar of God where she will have no more pain or suffering. The emptiness we feel in our hearts is great, but we truly know that our loss is Heaven's gain. We are sad that our Mommy is no longer with us but at the same time we thank God for the time we had with her.

Written by Randall Watts, son.

### Goldie Watts

Goldie Watts was born into the home of William and Lucinda Watts on June 29, 1917. Later in life she met, loved and married Squire Watts, Jr. To this union was born six children, two sons and four daughters. Alleen Watts Eldridge, Lullie Watts Ford, Clarence, Rural, Georgie and Faye Watts. Her husband, Squire, passed away in October, 1970, and her daughter, Lullie, passed away in October, 1984.



She was a member of the Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church from July, 1958 until the time of her passing. She had a great love for her church and always filled her seat there as long as she was able to go. Her love and faith in God helped her through many hard times. The life she led was a light and lesson for us all. She worked hard and enjoyed her work until her health failed her. She spent the last four and one-half years of her life in a coma after suffering a brain hemorrhage and stroke. She never opened her eyes nor spoke again, but her presence was felt and made known by all the little noises and sounds she made.

On January 25, 2001, in the Whitesburg Hospital, the Lord saw she had suffered enough and quietly called her home. He couldn't have picked a more lovely rose for his beautiful flower garden. She

can walk, talk and smile her sweet smile there in Heaven with all the other family and dear friends that went on before her. We miss her so much! Our home is so lonely without her.

Other than her children, she is sadly missed by six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren and one brother, Spencer Watts. Our hope is to join her and all our loved ones with Jesus someday when our lives on earth is ended.

Written by her Daughter, Faye.

### **George Whitaker**

It is hard to believe that we can no longer see your smiling face, hear your laugh, or hear you tell a funny story.

George Whitaker passed sway on March 1, 2000 at the Veterans Hospital in Lexington after a long illness. George was a proud veteran of World War II. During his distinguished service he served with the 345th Ordnance Depot Company. He was awarded the following medals: American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific W/1 Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation W/1 Bronze Star, Good Conduct and Victory Star.

George was the son of the late Johnny Whitaker and the late Louisa Cornett. He was the stepson of the late Jont "Pa" Cornett. Also preceding him in death were three sisters; Ella Mae Mitchell, Ida Whitaker and Nora Whitaker, and one brother; Filmore Cornett.

George is survived by his wife; Devenee Whitaker, three sons; Wayne, Waylan and Willie along with their wives, Sue and Lisa, four grandchildren; Shonna Bolen, Madonna Whitaker, DeWayne Whitaker and Kevin Whitaker. Since his passing he now has one great granddaughter, Autumn Bolen.

George was saved during the twelve hour. It is hard to walk to walk into the house and not see you sitting in your chair. There is not a day that we do not think about you—always know that we love you.

Your loving granddaughter, Shonna Whitaker-Bolen.



Smith of Wheelersburg, Ohio, Tommy Harris Smith and William Douglas Smith, both of Jeremiah, three sisters; Lillie Moss Hale and Mary Jo Blair, both of Jeremiah, and Anna Lou Blair of Lexington, Ky. He is also survived by six grandchildren. After John Welch died on May 3, his brother, William Douglas died on June 8, 2001. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, James Richmond Smith.



John Welch was a member of the Faith Missionary Baptist Church for many years. During his yearly visits to Florida, John was faithful to attend the Star of Bethlehem Church, where his aunt, Dixie Smith, and his late uncle, Dock Smith, belonged.

He is sadly missed by his family.

Written by his sister, May Jo Blair.

### **Clyde Taylor**

Clyde Taylor, son of the late Frank and Julia Collins Taylor was born in Letcher County, Kentucky, January 31, 1919. He entered eternal life on Saturday, August 4, 2001 at his residence at Isom, Kentucky, being 82 years, 6 months and 3 days of age at the time of his passing.



Clyde was married to Faye Polly Taylor July 12, 1947. He was a member of the Millstone Missionary Baptist Church at Millstone, Kentucky; a veteran of World War II serving in the United States Army and was a member of the Whitesburg V.F.W. Post 5829 and

Whitesburg American Legion, Douglas Day Post 152.

He is survived by his wife, Faye Taylor of Isom, Kentucky; one son: Terry Taylor of Isom, Kentucky; two daughters: Wanda Crown of Isom, Kentucky and Toshia Fields of Linefork, Kentucky; five grandchildren: Sherry, Pam, Corey, Katlyn and Tammy; one great grandchild, Carrie, and a foster son, Rodney Breeding of Isom, Kentucky.

Also surviving are a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing .

Clyde was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.



### **Helen Watts**

It is with a very sad and broken heart that I will try to write an obituary for my mother, Helen Watts. Mom was born on March 29, 1934 at Alum Cave Branch of Watts Fork in Knott County. She spent all of her life on Watts Fork at Garner. She died in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 22, 2000, making her stay on earth 66 years, 6 months, and 23 days. Mom was the wife of Leon Watts and the daughter of Lee Johnson and Tishie Hall Johnson. Her father preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Leon, mother, Tishie Johnson, one daughter, Mara Lynn Hall, three sons, Marvin, Tim and Randall, one grandson, Shane, three granddaughters, Kristi, Amber and Janey Lynn, four brothers, Curtis, Charles, Afton and Rooney, and a host of relatives and friends.

Mom was a member of the New Home Old Regular Baptist Church. Christian values and morals were part of everyday living with Mom. To Mom the greatest treasure she had on this earth was her family. She dearly loved each and every member of her family and spent her life showing us. Mom was a faithful and loving wife to our dad for over fifty years. She was always there for dad during bad times as well as the good times, in sickness and in health. Mom was

## Irene Whitaker

Irene Blair Whitaker of Letcher, KY passed away on November 29, 2000 at the Whitesburg Hospital. She was born on October 9, 1918, being 82 years, 1 month and 29 days of age at the time of her passing. She was the daughter of the late Alamander and Martha Jane Jent Blair.



Irene was a retired dietician for the LKLP Head Start program. Her hobbies included quilt making, cooking and studying the Bible. Irene joined the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church in October, 1990 and was baptized on the third Sunday in October by Bro. I.D. Back and Bro Toby Breeding.

Surviving Irene are her husband; Woodrow Whitaker, four daughters; Barbara Back, Jane Whitaker, Bonita Ruth Mullis and Nina Barnett, four sisters; Beulah Hampton, Dixie Helphinstine, Arla Sheets and Bobbie Jean Edwards, five grandchildren; Bonita Harbeson, Sandy Mullis, Jamie Branscume, Sara Griss and Alice Combs, two great grandchildren; Michael Harbeson and Jasmine Combs. She was preceded in death by a son, Woodrow Whitaker Jr.

Woodrow has lost a wonderful wife, the children and grandchildren have lost a beloved mother and grandmother, and the community in between the bridges has lost a fine neighbor, but the Lord has gained a beautiful rose for his garden.

*“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints”*

## Articles of Faith

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and notwithstanding 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 the 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 no wise 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.

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# 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, restored, dismissed by letter, 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, 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.



## 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 Indian Bottom Association, when convened, assembled and in session at our Association building, Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, being hosted by our dear sister, the \_\_\_\_\_ Church, to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in September, \_\_\_\_\_ and the two following days.

Dear Brethren:

We are glad that we can correspond with you, and we have chosen these, our beloved Brethren, to bear this, our letter, to you, to wit:

### DELEGATES

### ALTERNATES

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Brethren, receive our letter and these Brethren to sit with you in all your advisory 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

Address

Phone Number

Eld. \_\_\_\_\_

Eld. \_\_\_\_\_

Eld. \_\_\_\_\_

Eld. \_\_\_\_\_

Eld. \_\_\_\_\_

Eld. \_\_\_\_\_

**LIBERATED BRETHREN**

Name

Address

Phone Number

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: Experience and Baptism \_\_\_\_\_, Letter \_\_\_\_\_,  
Restored \_\_\_\_\_, Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_, Dismissed by  
Letter \_\_\_\_\_; Died \_\_\_\_\_; Excluded \_\_\_\_\_; Membership  
\_\_\_\_\_; Meeting Time \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday and Sunday of each  
month; \_\_\_\_\_ Money sent.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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*The Indian Bottom Association Building  
Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky*

**Directions to the Indian Bottom Association:**

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

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