Obituaries

Nellie Asher

Nellie B. Asher, 72, of Highway 3245 Crab Orchard, died Sunday, January 14, 2001 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. She was born December 25, 1928 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of James and Elizabeth Singleton Bishop. She was retired from the Parker Seal Company and was a member of the Crossroads Assembly of God Church.

Survivors are her husband, Raymond Asher of Crab Orchard; two sons, Raymond Asher, Jr. and wife, Patty of Brodhead and Anthony Asher and wife, Julie of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Rita Genton and husband, Jerry of Ottenheim; seven brothers, Marion Bishop and wife, Laura of Belleville, Michigan, Delray Bishop and wife, Janet of Blanchester, Ohio, Alvin Bishop and wife, Lois, Bobby Bishop and wife, Margie, Doug Bishop and wife, Janet, David Bishop and wife, Barbara, all of Brodhead and Ernie Bishop of Mt. Vernon; three sisters, Wanda Barnett and husband, Bob of Lockland, Ohio, Jean Burns and husband, Gary and Genelia Asher, both of Brodhead; five grandchildren, Michael Genton, Amanda Asher-Dudley, Brent Asher, Carly Asher and Callie Asher. She was preceded in death by one brother, Verdray Bishop and a sister, Laveda Rice.

Services were Wednesday, January 17 at Crossroads Assembly of God Church with Bros. Charles Carr and Nathaniel Fugate officiating. Burial was in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Michael Genton, Brent Asher, Jerry Denney, Jeff Dudley, Shannon Bishop, Steve Ramsey and Toby Asher.

Rev. Craig Holman

Rev. William Craig Holman, 87, of Brodhead, widower of Rose Evelyn Holman died Friday, January 12, 2001 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born on June 23, 1913, in Renfro Valley, the son of the late Thomas Jefferson and Lina Coffey Holman. He was a graduate of Clear Creek Bible College and was a long time Baptist Minister. He was a member of the Brodhead Baptist Church and Brodhead Masonic Lodge.

Survivors are two daughters, Maxine Johnson and husband, Ron of Nashville, Tennessee and Clara Faye Hawkins and husband, Delbert, Jr. of Crab Orchard; one brother, Thomas Holman of Lebanon Junction; one sister, Sue Beth Cox of Brodhead; five grandchildren, Mark E. Johnson, Steve Craig Johnson, Jonathan N. Johnson, Cari Elizabeth Calico and Michael David Hawkins; one great granddaughter, Sage Anna Rose Harrington Johnson. Besides his parents and wife, Rose Evelyn Baker Holman, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Carol, John and Harrison Holman and three sisters, Elizabeth Holman, Ruth Holman and Lauviece Monk.

Services were conducted January 15, at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead with Bros. Dan Gutenspn and Jack Bruce officiating. Burial was in the Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead.

Casketbearers were Mark, Steven and Jonathan Johnson, Michael Hawkins, John Holman and Paul Cox.

Honorary casketbearers were Bros. Don Jones and Owens Edwards, Dr. D.M. Aldrige, Delbert Hawkins and John Wilcop.

Lena Toler

Lena Jane Bryant Toler, 83, of Bryant Ridge Road, Brodhead, widow of Greenberry "Pappy" Toler, died Wednesday, December 27, 2000, at the Sowder Nursing Home. She was born on October 8, 1917 in Whitley County, the daughter of the late Rev. John Wesley and Alice Martin Bryant. She was a homemaker and mother, and a member of the Philadelphia United Baptist Church.

Survivors are one daughter, Sara Rose and husband, Greg of Bryant Ridge Road, Brodhead; five brothers, Andy Bryant of Greenville, Ohio, Ernest Bryant and James Bryant of Brodhead, Louis Bryant of Louisville and Ancil Bryant of Whitley City; one sister, Lola Hopkins of Crab Orchard and two grandchildren, Tucker Rose and Elijah Rose. Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two children, Eugene Flynn and George Randolph Bryant; two brothers, Henry and Clarence Bryant; four infant brothers, Carl, Herman, Thurman and Charley Bryant and one sister, Clara Bryant.

Services were Friday, December 29, at the Philadelphia United Baptist Church in Brodhead with Bro. James Bryant officiating. Burial was in the Philadelphia United Baptist Church Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Jerry Denny, Lester Bryant, Doug Hopkins, Garry Elder, Barry Bryant and Louie Bryant.

Arrangements were made by Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead.

Emily McVicker

Emily Mae McVicker, 11, of Elizabethtown, died Wednesday, January 10, 2001 at Hardin Memorial Hospital. She was a native of Hardin County, a member of Brooks Baptist Church and was a fifth grade student at New Highland Elementary School.

Survivors are her parents, William and Cynthia Herrin McVicker of Elizabethtown a brother, Willy McVicker of Elizabethtown; her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Raford Herrin of Elizabethtown and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. "Mac" McVicker of Perryville. She was preceded in death by a brother, Andy McVicker on December 19, 1986.

Services were Saturday, January 13, at Brown Funeral Home in Elizabethtown with Dr. Raford Herrin officiating. Burial was in the Vine Grove Cemetery.

Margaret Flynn

Margaret Flynn, 87, of Peoria, Illinois, died Thursday, January 11, 2001 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. She was born in Deep River, Iowa and had lived in Mt. Vernon for the past two months. She was a relation and special friend of Clarence and Lillian Vote.

Survivors are two sons, Gary Johnston of Germany and Bob Johnston of Peoria; one daughter, Vicki Dzurak of Peoria; five grandsons and one great grandson.

Services were Friday, January 12, in Peoria. Burial was in the Montezuma, Iowa.

She will be sadly missed by all her Kentucky families.

"Jim" Hatcher

James E. "Jim" Hatcher, 61, of Buffalo Hollow Road, Berea, died Sunday, January 13, 2001. He was born February 1, 1939 in Cynthiana, the son of the late George Bryan and Mary Sue Marsh Hatcher. After spending four years in the Marine Corps, he became a narcotics detective for the Lexington Police Department. Later, he moved to the Berea area and served as the Head Director of Safety and Security for Berea College where he was affectionately known as "Berea's Columbo." He also was known for his excellent skills as a private investigator.

Survivors are one son, James B. Hatcher and wife, Reva of Cynthiana; two daughters, Sharon June Walker and husband, Gregory Scott and Suzanne Powell and husband, Ray, all of Berea; one sister, Evelyn Stakelyn of Cynthiana; five grandchildren, Bryan Douglas Hatcher, Brandon Gene Hatcher, Matthew Ryan Powell, Zachary Lee Morris and Megan Brooke Morris. Other than his parents he was preceded in death by one son, "Baby Hatcher" one sister, Elizabeth King.

Services were Wednesday, January 17, at Williams Funeral Home with Bro. Kenny Davis officiating. Burial was in the Hatcher Family Cemetery in Berea.

Casketbearers were Wade Meadows, Bob Giles, Andy Beichler, Doug Hatcher, Matthew Powell, Zachary Morris, Al Stakelyn and Scott Walker.

Elmer Saylor

Elmer Saylor, 76, of Dailey St., Mt. Vernon, died Monday, January 15, 2001 at Berea Hospital. He was born May 22, 1942 in Bell County, the son of the late Sie and Laura Brock Saylor. He worked as the superintendent of streets for the town of St. Louis, Missouri and was the husband of Mildred D. Pigg Saylor. He was a World War II Navy veteran and a retired minister of the pentecostal holiness faith.

Survivors are one daughter, Virginia Day and husband, Charles, Jr. of Berea; two brothers, Alvin Saylor of Hammons Lick and Clentie Saylor of Crab Orchard; two sisters, Geneva Ledford of Harmons Lick and Lucy Helton of Berea; two adopted brothers, Don Saylor and Bobby Saylor; two grandchildren, Dale Barnett of Brodhead and Sarah Day of Berea. Other than his parents he was preceded in death by his first wife, Gladys Milton Saylor; one brother, Silas Saylor; three sisters, Edna Saylor, Mossie Howard and Rosie Saylor.

Services were Friday, January 19, at Harmons Lick Free Pentecostal Holiness Church. Burial was in the Ramsey Cemetery in Garrard County.

Williams Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements.

Lucy Helton of Berea; two grandchildren, Dale Barnett of Brodhead and Sarah Day of Berea. Other than his parents he was preceded in death by his first wife, Gladys Milton Saylor; one brother, Silas Saylor; three sisters, Edna Saylor, Mossie Howard and Rosie Saylor.

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Victoria Smith

Victoria Smith, 86, of Hwy. 1016, Berea, died Sunday, January 14, 2001 at Berea Hospital. She was born in Blackey, to the late Finley and Polly Adams Sumner. She was a resident of the Berea area since 1967 and was a homemaker and wife of the late Seldon Smith. She enjoyed attending the Berea Senior Citizens Center and was a member of the Church of Christ on Holly St. since the early 1970's.

Survivors are two sons, Roy Lee Smith and wife, Louise and Ronnie Smith and wife, Lois, all of Dayton, Ohio; one daughter, Mabel Towles and husband, George of Lexington; one brother, Jim Sumner of Melbourne, Florida; one sister, Janie Phillips of Cincinnati, Ohio; one daughter-in-law, Ann Smith of Dayton, Ohio; one son-in-law, George Smith of Paint Lick and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Other than her parents she was preceded in death by one son, Rodney Smith and one daughter, Dorothy Smith.

Services were Thursday, January 18, at Williams Funeral Home with Bro. Jack Hall officiating. Burial was in the Berea Cemetery.

Raymond Crook

Raymond Arthur Cook, 71, of Mt. Vernon Road, Berea, died Monday, January 8, 2001 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County, the son of the late J.W. Crook and Cassie Lawson Crook Spurlock. He was retired from Keyes Fiber in Hammond, Indiana, was a member of the Paper Workers Union and an avid fisherman.

Survivors are his four daughters, Rhonda Bishop of Florida, Sandra Wilecki, Beverly Banajura and Gloria Crook, all of Hammond, Indiana; 10 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday, January 16, at the Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Maurice Dula officiating.

Taylor Jasper-Rawlins

Taylor Dawn Jasper-Rawlins, infant daughter of Terry Rawlins and Bobbie Jo Jasper, died Friday, January 12, 2001 at Pattie A. Clay Hospital.

Survivors other than her parents are one sister, Destiny Paige Jasper; papaw, William Lee Jasper; mamaw, Glenda Gail Jasper; nana, Linda Morris; uncle, Cobey and special aunts, Casey, Tonietta and Carla. She was preceded in death by Grandma Jasper and Mamaw Durham.

Graveside services were Wednesday, January 17, at Madison County Memorial Gardens in Richmond.

Combs, Parsons and Collins Funeral Home in Madison County was in charge of arrangements.

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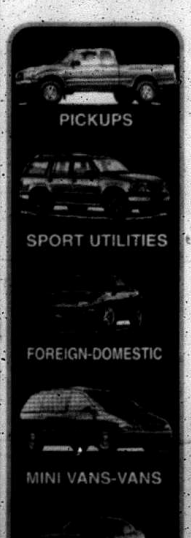

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