

Obituaries



Roger Sowder

Roger Dale Sowder, 47, of Rt. 5 Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, July 12, 2001 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born on November 8, 1953 in Berea, the son of Mrs. Pauline Owens Sowder of Rt. 5 Mt. Vernon and the late Charles E. Sowder. He was a Bridge and Road Construction worker, a member of the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Survivors besides his mother are: his wife, Mrs. Carman Culp Sowder of Rt. 5 Mt. Vernon; one son, Charles Robert Sowder of East Bernstadt, Ky.; four daughters, Amy Daile Sowder of East Bernstadt, Jessica Layne Sowder and Pauli Ann Sowder, both of London and Sabrina Marie Sowder of Mt. Vernon; one sister, Mrs. Theresa Gayle Thacker and husband, Donald of Mt. Vernon; his grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Owens of Rt. 5 Mt. Vernon; one niece, Hollyann Colson of Mt. Vernon and one nephew, Darrell Richardson of Richmond. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Amos Owens and by his paternal grandparents, Bill "Slick" and Ollie Sowder.

Services were held Sunday, July 15th at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bros. Ova Baker and Dale McNew officiating. Burial followed in the Lovell Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Mike Lovell, Ronnie Owens, Chris McHargue, Mick McClure, Dusty McClure, Darrell Richardson and Brandon Falin.

Honorary pallbearers were Bobby Robinson, Barry McClure, John Mink and Clyde Ronnie Owens.

Audrey Cope

Audrey Marie Cope, 77, of Bold Bidder Dr., Lexington, former resident of Willis Manor in Richmond, died Monday, July 9, 2001 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Mrs. Cope was born March 18, 1924 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Edith Marie Thomas Huff. She was a homemaker and a member of the Fairview Baptist Church in Rockcastle.

Survivors are: three sons, Freddie (Doxie) Cope and Jackie (Thelma "Pete") Cope, all of Morrill and Donald Ray Cope of Cleveland, Ohio; four daughters, Phyllis Ann Blair of Wyoming, Illinois, Betty Cope and Judy Cope, both of Kewanee, Illinois, and Lorelei (Ronald) Snapp of Lexington, Kentucky and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Services were held July 12, 2001 at Williams Funeral Home in Berea with Pastor Greg Waltemire officiating. Burial following in the Scafold Cane Cemetery.

Guy Roberts

Guy M. Roberts, 77, of Erlanger and formerly of Broadhead, died Sunday, July 8, 2001 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center South in Edgewood. He was a detective with L&N Railroad and a founding member of Northern Kentucky Church of Christ, Florence.

Survivors include: his wife, Mary Smith Roberts; a son, Jeffrey Roberts of Fort Wright; daughters, Karen Cusentino and Susan Koester, both of Edgewood; brothers, George Roberts of Erlanger, John Roberts of West Carrollton, Ohio, Bill Roberts of Ashland, Ohio; a sister, Jean Owens of Eubank; four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Services were held July 11, 2001 at Stith Funeral Home, Florence with burial in Highland Cemetery, Fort Mitchell.

This obituary courtesy of Watson Funeral Home.

Kenneth "Kitch" Thacker

Kenneth "Kitch" Thacker, 87, of 117 Meadowlark Drive, Berea, died Friday, July 13, 2001 at the Richmond Health and Rehab Center following an illness. He was a Rockcastle County native born June 20, 1914, the son of the late George and Melissa Seals Thacker. He was a resident of Rockcastle and Madison Counties all his life, former farmer, widely known auto mechanic, avid story teller, accomplished musician in his early years, and member of Fairview Baptist Church.

Survivors include: nine children, Virginia (Conley) Saylor of Berea, George (Mary) Thacker of Union City, Ohio, Margie Gadd of Berea, Laverne (John) Powell of Berea, Kenneth (Alice Faye) Thacker of Greenville, Ohio, Lowell Wayne (Jean) Thacker of Richmond, Michael (Carolyn) Thacker of Richmond, Elaine Grant of Berea and Deborah (Dennis) Thompson of Berea; two brothers, Tote Thacker and Gus Thacker, both of Dayton, Ohio; 28 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, one great great grandchild, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Edith Baker Thacker, one son, Rabon Thacker, one grandchild, one great grandchild, three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were held July 16, 2001 at Scafold Cane Baptist Church with Rev. Levi Lainhart officiating. Burial followed in the Scafold Cane Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Kenny Wayne Thacker, Marvin Thacker, Tommy Saylor, Bartley Grant, Tim Gadd, Mark Thacker, James Saylor, James Powell. Grandchildren and great grandchildren served as honorary pallbearers.

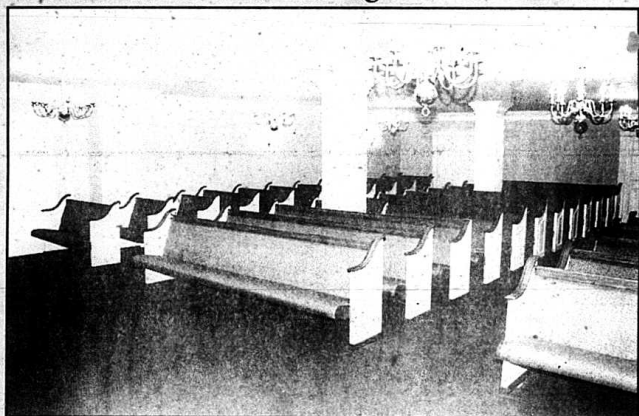
Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Hospice Care Plus, 208 Kidd Drive, Berea, KY 40403.

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