

Obituaries

Essie Napier

Essie, Mae Napier, 92, of Broadhead, died December 26, 2001, at her residence. She was born on October 13, 1909 in Broadhead, the daughter of the late Willie and Ollie Desney Creek. She had been a homemaker, devoted mother and grand-mother. She found great pleasure in her children and enjoyed cooking. She was a member of the New Hope Church of God.

On March 27, 1923, she was united in holy matrimony to Alex Napier and from that union came 11 children.

Survivors are four sons, Paul Napier and wife, Helen of Broadhead, Bill Napier and wife, Virginia of Broadhead, Sonny Napier and wife, Mary of Crab Orchard and Charles Napier and wife, Carolyn of Broadhead; five daughters, Goldie Murphy of Cincinnati, Rebecca Mice of Cincinnati, Amanda Bray of Cincinnati, Eva Napier Mice of Cincinnati and Jean Ranshaw of Houston, Texas; a sister, Myrtle Fox of Woodbine; 28 grandchildren; 39 great grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren. Besides her husband, Alex Napier and her four sons, she was preceded in death by two sons, Clellie and Carl Douglas Napier; six brothers and two sisters.

Services were December 30th at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Shelby Reynolds officiating. Burial was in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Larry, Robert, Mark, Alan, Ryan Napier and David Cramer.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Piney Grove Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.



Stella Hopkins

Stella T. Hopkins, 60, wife of Virgil Hopkins, Jr., of Copper Creek, died Friday, December 21, 2001, at the Rockcastle County Hospital after a long illness. She was born February 23, 1941 in Broadhead, the daughter of the late Frank and Sarah Jane Hampton Taylor. She had been a homemaker, a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She found great pleasure in watching her grandchildren participate in sports; she likewise enjoyed craft work. She was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. On October 16, 1962 she was joined in holy matrimony to Virgil Hopkins, Jr. and from that union came one child, a daughter, Holly.

Survivors are her husband of 39 years, Virgil Hopkins, Jr., a daughter, Holly Chisholm and husband, Steve of Copper Creek; two grandchildren, Cory and Tanner Children of Copper Creek; three brothers, Lawrence Taylor of Dryden, Tennessee, MacArthur Hampton of Eubank and Buddy Hampton of Stanford; a sister, Corde Powers of Stanford; as well as her constant companion "Fluffy" the poodle. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Services were Monday, December 24 at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Don Slayton officiating. Burial was in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Chris and Brandon Bishop, Donnie Ray Mobley, Shannon Mize, Scott and Michael Hopkins, Josh and Eric Smith.



Rufus Wheat

Rufus Wheat, 80, died Thursday, December 20, 2001 at the Berea Hospital. He was born on March 10, 1921 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late W.L. and Fannie DeVault Wheat. He was a retired farmer, a Veteran of WWII, a D.A.V. member, enjoyed raising horses, fishing, hunting and was a member of the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ.

Survivors are his wife, Mattie Ruth, Russell Wheat of Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon; five sons, Paul Wheat and wife, Debbie of Berea, James Wheat and wife, Gail, also of Berea, Marvin Wheat of Mt. Vernon, Bert Wheat and wife, Doris of Waco, and Timothy Wheat and wife, Jeanette of Mt. Vernon; four daughters, Barbara Report of Berea, Lavania McNew and husband, Dale of Berea, Brenda Harrison of Berea and Connie Bullen and husband, Junior of Mt. Vernon; three sisters, Louise Shrewsbury of Ridgecrest, California, Edith Anderson of Gainesville, Florida and Ruth Nelson of Columbus, Ohio and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Browie, Lester, Hubert and Byron Wheat.

Services were Sunday, December 23, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Ova Baker officiating. Burial was in the Cresthaven Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Chris Schill, Randall Himes, Todd Caddell, Jr. Bullen, Dale McNew and Hagdill Hamilton.

Honorary pallbearers were his grandsons, James, Benjamin, William and Sam Wheat.



Raymond Bullock

Raymond Bullock, 76, of Rt. 3, Broadhead, died Sunday, December 30, 2001 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born on September 23, 1925 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late William E. and Maude Langford Bullock. He was a retired bulldozer operator, enjoyed fishing and was a member of the Flat Rock Baptist Church.

Survivors are two daughters, Pearl Adams and husband, Tom of Pleasant Plain, Ohio and Joyce Stewart and husband, Corey of Broadhead; a brother, Anthony Wayne Bullock of Stanford; two step brothers, Ronald Raider of Orlando and Donald Raider of Stanford; three sisters, Dessie Robinson and Louise Kirby, both of Mt. Vernon and Vivian Griffin of Stanford; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Argie May Hayes Bullock; seven brothers and three sisters.

Services were Wednesday, January 2, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Billy Joe Cameron officiating. Burial was in the Bullock Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Eric Adams, Terry Adams, Mike Adams, Darren Cole, Gary Cole and Brandon Cole.

Jeffery Waddle

Stephen Jerome Waddle, 57, of Livingston, died Monday, December 31, 2001 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 28, 1944 the son of Robert and Joyce Mahaffey Waddle. He retired from the US Air Force after having served in Vietnam.

Survivors are his wife, Marilyn of Lexington; a daughter, Elizabeth Waddle of Livingston; a sister, Janice Joyce Waddle of Memphis, Tennessee; and a grandchild, Cameron Waddle.

Graveside services were Wednesday, January 2, at the Bates Cemetery. There was no visitation.

Doreen Waddle and Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Monette Bullock

Monette Bullock, 82, of Orlando, died Sunday, December 30, 2001 at the Sowder Nursing Home in Broadhead. She was born on December 1, 1919 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Henry and Phrynia Brown Duncan. She was a homemaker, enjoyed sewing and gardening and a member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors are two sons, Glyn Bullock and wife, Pat of Orlando and Donald Bullock and wife, Deanna, also of Orlando; two daughters, Shirley Ann Robbins and husband, Carl, and Patricia Allen and husband, Charles-also of Orlando; a brother, Fritz Duncan of Madison, Tennessee; 13 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, four step great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Shirley Bullock; two daughters, Barbara Jean Bullock and Linda and her husband, Delbert Cameron; a sister, Vera McGuire; four brothers, Henry "Lull", Garvan, Douglas and Haz Duncan; five grandchildren, Donnie Bullock, Julia Ann Allen, Mildred Ann Bullock, Roger Bell and Marshall Cameron and one great grandson, Joshua Michael Miller.

Services will be Thursday, January 3, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Tim Hampton and Bro. Keith Carr officiating. Burial will be in the Bullock-Bryant Cemetery.



Russell Norton

Russell Boyd Norton, 93, of Batavia, Ohio and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Monday, December 31, 2001 at the Sunrise Manor Convalescent Center in Amelia, Ohio. He was born on February 13, 1908 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Buddy and Julia Ann Major Norton. He was a retired Railroad Carpenter for the L&N Railroad, a WWII Veteran and was a member of the Lockland Church of Christ.

Survivors are a daughter, Lillian Chadwell of Batavia, Ohio, a brother, Charles Norton and the late of Phoenix, Arizona; a sister-in-law, Susie Norton of Somerset; two grandchildren, David Boyd Chadwell and wife, Johnna, Diana Lynn Reichardt and husband, Tommy and three great grandchildren, John Chadwell, Daniel Chadwell and Nicholas Reichardt.

Services will be Friday, January 4, 2002 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Curtis Herrington officiating. Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery.

"Speck" DeBord

Ottis "Speck" DeBord, 86, husband of Verna DeBord, of Willalla, died Sunday, December 30, 2001 at his residence. He was born on February 6, 1915 in Crab Orchard, the son of the late Charley David and Fronia Brummet DeBord. He was a retired farmer, an Army WWII Veteran, enjoyed farming and fishing and was a member and a Pastor of the Woodstock Baptist Church. On April 29, 1948, he was united in holy matrimony to Verna Hampton and from that union came two children, Tommy and Sheila.

Survivors are his wife of 53 years, Verna Hampton DeBord of Willalla; a son, Tommy DeBord and his wife, Gayle of Broadhead; a daughter, Sheila Joné and husband, Brent of Somerset; a brother, Lee DeBord of

Florida; a sister, Christine Brown of Mt. Sterling; two sisters-in-law, Clara DeBord of Louisville and Angela DeBord of Hamilton, Ohio and four grandchildren, Susan and Angela DeBord of Broadhead, Travis Jones of Richmond and Andrea Jones of Somerset. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by an infant grandchild and three brothers, Clarence Ed "Windy" and Cealus Henry DeBord.

Services were Wednesday, January 2, at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. C.E. Hansford officiating. Burial was in the Woodstock Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Travis and Brent Jones, Larry Taylor, Albert, Cecil and Pearl Hampton, Jr.



Trucker.

Survivors are his wife, Helen Vanwinkle Bowlin of Berea; a son, Marvin Bowlin and wife, Lane of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Sharon Turner and husband, Rick of Waco, Charlotte Bowlin and husband, Charles of Mt. Vernon; five brothers, Ballard Bowlin of Lexington, Walter Bowlin, John Bowlin, Charlie Bowlin, all of Berea and Bill Bowlin of Middletown, Ohio; four sisters, Betty Corbin of Lexington, Margaret Deatherage of Richmond, Lucy Poe of Louisville and Jeannette Rose of Richmond; six grandchildren, Kristina Johnson, Teresa Wynn, Crystal Parks, Linda Howard, Brittany Bowlin and Brooke Bowlin; one step grandchild, Sabrina Bowlin and two great grandchildren, Shayna Johnson and Brandon Wynn. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Bowlin; three sisters and one brother.

Services were Monday, December 31, at Reppert Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Joe Vanwinkle officiating. Burial was in the Wallacetown Chapel Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Lemont Cornelison, Shane Johnson, Charles Bowles, Rick Turner, Jay Parks and Sam Howard.

Rev. Loraine Wilson

Rev. Loraine Wilson, 93, husband of Ola Wilson of Crab Orchard, died January 1, 2002 at Marymount Hospital in London.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 5, 2002 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Providence Church of Christ in Broadhead.

Funeral services will follow Saturday, January 5, 2002 at 2 p.m. at the Providence Church of Christ with Dan McKibben officiating. Burial will follow in the Providence Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Broadhead.

Owen Sower

Owen J. Sower, 69, of Jeffersonville, Indiana and formerly of Broadhead, died Tuesday, December 25, 2001 at the Elmhurst Hospital in Jeffersonville. He was born in Broadhead on October 9, 1932 the son of Earl and Edna Murrell Sower. He was a retired unit manager for GE, was a member of the Jeffersonville Masonic Lodge #340 and was a Veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors are his wife, Pauline Loving-Sower of Jeffersonville; two sons, Larry Sower of Frankfort and Gary Sower of New Albany, Indiana; three brothers, Roy Sower of Georgetown, Indiana and David Sower and Bennie Sower, both of Versailles; two sisters, Inez Seebert of Millville, Ky., and Kathy Seebert of Versailles and four grandsons, Kyle Sower and Chris Sower, both of Sellersburg, Indiana and Ryan Mull and Aaron Mull, both of New Albany, Indiana.

Services were Friday, December 28, at the Scott Funeral Home in Jeffersonville. Entombment was in the Walnut Ridge Cemetery in Jeffersonville.

This obituary courtesy of Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Elizabeth York

Elizabeth Frances York, 78, of Kenway Dr., Berea, died Thursday, December 20, 2001 at the Berea Hospital. She was the daughter of Shelby and Lyndal Gentry Cummins and a member of the Grethamene Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and wife of Ernest York of Berea.

Survivors are her children, Barbara Gail Warburton and husband, Tom of Lexington, Henry Francis York, Jr. and wife, Karen of Berea, Judy Bush and husband, Dave of Mt. Vernon, Lucy Jane Decker and husband, Bill of Flemingsburg and Brenda Sue Erickson and husband, Harold of Berea; one brother, Clyde Cummins of Broadhead; 10 grandchildren, Erik Johnson of Charlotte, North Carolina, Jacquelyn Kay Erickson of Berea, Harold James Erickson, Jr. of Berea, Alan York of Columbus, York, Ky., III, Berea, Jessica Dawn Carter of Danville, Lyndal Catherine Bush of Berea, Natalie Jane Burrows of Charlotte, North Carolina, Leah Michelle Newton of Pittsburgh, Tennessee, Nichole Marie Erickson of Lexington; five great grandchildren, Christopher Isaiah Newton, Michael Elijah Newton, Elizabeth Dawn Carter, Charles Matthew Carter, and Vandy Francis York, IV. Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Larry Douglas York and two sisters, Opal Chandler and Mildred Reynolds.

Services were Saturday, December 22, at the Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Bro. Tom Slayton officiating. Burial was in the Saylor Cemetery in Rockcastle County.

Casketbearers were Alan York, Henry York, III, Dean Reynolds, JR. and Shelby Reynolds and David Reynolds.

Jerry Artle

Jerry Wayne Artle, 51, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, December 31, 2001 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on April 11, 1950, the son of Dick and Gladys Hensley Artle. He was employed at Precision Tubing in Richmond and was a member of the Brush Creek Holiness Church.

In addition to his parents, Dick Artle of Orlando and Gladys Sams of Berea, survivors are his wife of 31 years, Patricia Robinson Artle of Mt. Vernon; three sons, Kenneth Artle of Phoenix, Arizona, Brian Artle of Berea and Frank Artle of Mt. Vernon; a daughter, Angela McGuire and husband, Bill of Broadhead; a brother, Charles Artle of Orlando; four sisters, Henrietta Carpenter, Jessica Artle and Lana Artle, all of Orlando and Regina Mink of Lexington and two grandchildren, John Wayne Artle and Jesse James Artle. He was preceded in death by a sister, Jamie Artle.

Services will be Thursday, January 3, at the Brush Creek Holiness Church with Bro. Olen McGuire officiating. Burial will follow in the Briarfield Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home (www.dowellmartin.com) was in charge of arrangements.



Bert Alcorn

Bert Alcorn, 66, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, December 27, 2001 at Rockcastle Hospital. He was born March 3, 1925 in Rockcastle County, the son of Albert and Martha Hurley Alcorn. He attended the holiness church and was a retired farmer.

Survivors are a son, Robert Alcorn of Mt. Vernon and two daughters, Bernice Miller and husband, Robert and Cora Dowell; both of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Gene Alcorn of Mt. Vernon; three sisters, Marie Brewet and Faye Bevis, both of Mt. Vernon and Doris Winkler of Broadhead; a grandchild, Sherry Harness and a grandchild, Susan Harness. He was preceded in death by his wife, Minnie Alcorn and two sisters, Hazel Barnett and Betty Mullins.

Services were Saturday, December 29 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home (www.dowellmartin.com) with Bro. Elzie Doud officiating. Burial was in the Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Virgil Alcorn, Billy Ray Ballinger, Phillip Helton, Clinton Hensley, Jack Hensley and Jerry Montjoy.

Mount Bowlin

Jr. "Mount" Bowlin, 73, of Berea, died Friday, December 28, 2001 at the Richmond Health and Rehab Center in Richmond following an illness. He was a lifelong resident of Madison County, born-April 5, 1928, the son of the late Hiram and Pearl Rogers Bowlin, and a self-employed