Obituaries

Opp Bussell, Jr.

Opp M. Bussell, Jr., 79, of 110 Teyis St., Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, February 13, 2002 at the Hospice Care Center in Lexington. He was born on July 5, 1922 in Mt. Vernon, the son of the late Opp and Mazy McClure Bussell. He was a retired educator and Historian, an instructor at Millersburg Military Institute for five years, a teacher in Rockcastle County Schools for five years, Principal of Williamstown Independent Schools for two years, Principal of Falmouth Independent Schools for one year, Supervisor of Education for Anderson County Schools for seventeen years, held a B.S. and M.A. degrees from EKU, past M.A. degree at EKU and UK, a member of the Retired Teachers Association, serious collector of Kentuckiana History, wrote two Monographs, *"Colonel James Marer"* and *"Berr Mullins,"* a Veteran of WWII, and was a member of the First Christian Church.

During his education years, he was associated with several societies and clubs. To name a few, he was a member of 32 Mason, Phi Delta Kappa, The Rotary Club, Kentucky Historical Society and the Kentucky Civil War Round Table. While in the educational profession he received several honors and awards. He was named "Kentucky's Outstanding Teaching Award" in 1964 and "Kentucky's Safety Award" in 1962.

In 1987, Governor Collins appointed him "Kentucky Ambassador of Goodwill." He was commissioned a "Kentucky Colonel" by Governor Chandler in 1959. He is also a "Kentucky Admiral", "Kentucky Commodore", "Ambassador of Kentucky Parks", "Honorary Colonel in the Kentucky State Police", "Honorary Society of Kentucky Mountain Men and a "Duke of Paducah."

Survivors are two sisters, Evelyn Mullins of Lexington and Sue Gail Pike of Jeffersonville, Indiana; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Christine Graessle.

Services were Saturday, February 16, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. David Campbell officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were Joe Henderson, Bill Adams, Gordon Graham, Lewis Perciful, Roy Martin and Billy Dowell.

Active pallbearers were Jim Earl Hammons, Gary Cromer, Bill Gregory, Leo Hopkins, Robert Figg and William T. Noe.

Aaron Pheanis

Aaron Francis Pheanis, 75, of Rt. 2, Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, February 13, 2002 at the Marymount Medical Center in London. He was born in Camden, Ohio on February 23, 1926, the son of Arthur Earl and Dothea Adele Young Pheanis. He retired as a factory worker from General Motors after 30 years of service and was a member of the Red Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Helen Smith Pheanis; two sons, Jim Pheanis and wife, Virginia of Livingston, and Steve Pheanis and wife, Melissa of Mt. Vernon; a daughter, Victoria Murphy and husband, Bob of Cookesville, Tennessee; a sister, Mary C. Clevenger and husband, Robert of Middletown, Ohio; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services were Saturday, February 16, at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home (www.dowellmartin.com) with Bro. Jack Martin officiating.

Burial was in the Smith Family Cemetery at Red Hill.

Pallbearers were Eric Pheanis, Harry Savage, Rick Pelfrey, Gene Pheanis, John L. Horn and Jimmy Pheanis.

Elizabeth Stokes

Elizabeth Ann Stokes, 84, of 125 High St., Mt. Vernon, died Friday, February 15, 2002 at the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. She was born on February 16, 1917 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Bill and Ella Frederick Owens. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors are her husband, Floyd Stokes of Mt. Vernon; two sons, Ronald and Jerry Stokes of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Linda Newby of Richmond and Roseann Hunt of Shopville; two sisters, Ada Bonner and Lucy Jones, both of Hamilton, Ohio; eight grandchildren and several great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Stokes.

Services were Monday, February 18, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Wendell Romans officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Brian Stokes, David Stokes, Eric Stokes, Andrew Hunt, Charles Newby and Anthony Hunt.

Elizabeth Mahaffey

Elizabeth Mahaffey, 74, of Livingston, died Friday, February 15, 2002 at her home. She was born in Rockcastle County, on August 26, 1927, the daughter of Hobert and Lula Burdine Eversole. She was a homemaker.

Survivors are her husband, Everett Mahaffey; a son, Larry Mahaffey and wife, Gerilyn of Livingston; two daughters, Sherry Shackleford and husband, Bill and Christina Marie Mahaffey, all of Livingston; three brothers, William Eversole of Pennbroke, James Eversole of Livingston and Randall Eversole of East Bernstadt; 16 grandchildren and 14 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Everett James Mahaffey and Bruce Wayne Mahaffey and a brother, Boyd Eversole.

Services were Sunday, February 17, at her home with Bro. Billy Medley officiating. Burial was in the Mahaffey Family Cemetery.

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

Yolanda Ramsey

Yolanda Nell Ramsey, 70, widow of Billy Lee Ramsey, of Pinellas Park, Florida and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Monday, February 11, 2002 at her residence. She was born on October 6, 1931 in Brodhead, a daughter of the late William Burdette Atkinson and Jessie Chandler Atkinson. She was a member of the Rockcastle Senior Citizens and Homemakers Club; had been a homemaker, enjoyed quilting, crafts and reading. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. On September 7, 1946 she was united in marriage to Billy Lee Ramsey and from that union came three children, Lee Gaines, Gary Wayne and Carla Darlene.

Survivors are a son, Gary Wayne Ramsey and wife, Gerri Lane Ramsey of Berea; a daughter, Carla Darlene Perry and husband, Dale of Pinellas Park, Florida; a brother, Billy Lee Atkinson of Brodhead; five grandchildren, Brian and Ryan Ramsey, Christopher and David Perry and Jessica Hendrickson. Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Lee Gaines Ramsey.

Services were Saturday, February 16 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead with Bro. Shelby Reynolds officiating. Burial was in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

James Mink

James Lewis Mink, 56, of Rt. 5, Mt. Vernon, died Friday, February 15, 2002 at his residence. He was born January 14, 1946 in Rockcastle County, the son of Albert and Minnie Renper Mink. He was a retired self employed truck driver and a member of the Central Baptist Church.

Survivors are a son, Shawn Mink of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Amanda Smith and husband, Darrell of Orlando and Jerilynn Mink of Pine Hill; a brother, William Mink of Mt. Vernon; a sister, Lorene Ponder of Richmond and a granddaughter, Katlin Smith. He was preceded in death by a brother, Eddie H. Mink and a sister, Mary Ann Mink.

Services were Monday, February 18 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home (www.dowellmartin.com) with Bro. Allen Hensley officiating. Burial was in the Pine Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Glen Brown, Billy Cash, Tim Gilliam, Tim Mink, Kevin Ponder and Roger Wolfe.

Honorary pallbearers were Ted Durham, Jack McCormack, Benton Miller and Billy Renner.

Raymond Wynn

Raymond Wynn, 55, of Sand Springs, died Sunday, February 17, 2002 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born in Harlan County on October 19, 1946, the son of Gilbert and Lavina Blevins Wynn. He was a farmer.

Survivors are his wife, Opha Cox Wynn, a brother, William Henry Wynn of London and three sisters, Gladys Chesnut of Mt. Vernon, Janice Helton of Crab Orchard and Norma Jean McGuire of Brodhead. He was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Wynn and a sister, Alice Carpenter.

Services were Wednesday, February 20, at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel (www.dowellmartin.com) with Bro. Lester Carpenter officiating. Burial was in the Marler Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Gilbert Chesnut, Robert Chesnut, Estil Cox, Roger Graves, Dennis Marler and Lonnie McGuire.

Edna Gadd

Edna Mae Vanwinkle Gadd, 71, of Berea, died Monday, February 18, 2002 at Berea Hospital. She was born September 8, 1930 in Madison County, to the late Jim and Minnie Vanwinkle. She was a homemaker and a member of the holiness faith.

Survivors are a son, Larry Vanwinkle and wife, Dorothy of Berea; three daughters, Shirley Eversole and her husband, Joe of Cartersville, Margie Vanwinkle of Berea and Marilyn Cope of Richmond; two sisters, Bessie Vanwinkle of Morrill and Helen Murray of Berea; 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Other than her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Gadd; a son, Fotch Vanwinkle; a daughter, Janice Gadd and a brother, Willie Vanwinkle.

Services were Wednesday, February 20 at Williams Funeral Home in Berea with Bro. Larry Gray officiating. Burial was in the Morrill Cemetery in Morrill.

Casketbearers were Larry Vanwinkle, Scott Vanwinkle, Jeffery Cope, Troy Vanwinkle, Mark Vanwinkle and Jerry Eversole.

Billy Ray Jones

Billy Ray Jones, 54, of Cupps Chapel Road, died Wednesday, February 13, 2002 at the home of his sister. He was born July 8, 1947 in Livingston.

Survivors are his wife Eleanora Jones; his mother, Irene Morris Jones of Cincinnati; two sisters, Joyce Edith Renner and husband, James of Cincinnati and Mary Ann Chasteen of Copper Creek and a granddaughter, Kenesha Wilson. He was preceded in death by his father, Benny Jones; a daughter, Leslie Karen Jones Wilson and a brother, Virgis Jones.

Services were Saturday, February 16 at the Vorhis Funeral Home in Springdale, Ohio with Bro. John Bruce officiating. Burial was in the Rosehill Cemetery in Hamilton, Ohio.

Pallbearers were Russell Poynter, Duane Fuller, Mike Fuller, Robert Bridges, Kevin Bridges and Fred Suttles.

(He will be sadly missed by his great nieces and nephews, Amanda, Justin, Marie, Duane, Kyle, Joey, Katrina, Jon Boy, Benny, Patty, Maleah, Jennifer, David, Elizabeth, Keith, Lindsay, Jordan, DJ, Raven and Jaime.)

Arles Dodson

Arles B. Dodson, 90, of Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, February 16, 2002 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born in Bardstown on April 24, 1911, the son of Alvin and Lucy Smith Dodson. He was a retired factory worker for the Nivison-Weiskoff Company.

Survivors are a son, Phillip Gadd and wife, Janet of Cincinnati, Ohio; four daughters, Martha Chaney and husband, Bill of West Chester, Ohio, Judy Greer and husband, Ralph of Clarksville, Ohio, Bonnie Williams and husband, Mike of Monroe, Ohio and Betty Osborne of Knoxville, Tennessee; 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah.

Services were Tuesday, February 19, at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home (www.dowellmartin.com) with Bro. John Dodson officiating. Burial was in the Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

Mae Taylor

Mae Cummins Lawrence Taylor, 91, of Indianapolis, Indiana, died February 10, 2002. She was born July 10, 1910 in Rockcastle County. She was a member of Bridgeport Baptist Church.

Survivors are her children, Robert Lawrence, Pauline Mills and Elizabeth Dorris; eight grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia Bonham; her first husband, E.B. Lawrence and her second husband, Austin Taylor.

William Frith

William G. Frith, 89, of Hamilton, Ohio, and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Monday, February 18, 2002 at the Sunrise Nursing Home in Hamilton after an illness of several weeks. He was born on January 27, 1913 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Maurice and Lillie Haggard Frith. He was a retired crane operator for the Gray Iron Foundry and a member of the Union Chapel Pentecostal Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mattie McDaniel Frith of Hamilton, Ohio; two sons, Bill Frith of Millbrook, Alabama and Jim Frith of Hamilton, Ohio; two daughters, Wilma Jean Hensley of Knoxville, Tennessee and Joyce Darlene Frith of Oak Ridge, Tennessee; two brothers, Curt Frith of Brodhead and Terrell Frith of Martinsville, Indiana; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Tom and Ott Frith and four sisters, Mattie Lear, Anna Moore, Opal McCullah and Ruby Hampton.

Services were Wednesday, February 20, at the Union Chapel Pentecostal Church with Bro. Ralph Reynolds officiating. Burial was in the Methodist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bob Frith, Larry M. Hampton, Oral Frith, Garry Frith, Chad Hampton and Larry Frith.

Arrangements were made by Watson Funeral Home.

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