

Obituaries



Ruth Parsons

Ruth Brannan Parsons, 88, of Wildie, died Thursday, June 27, 2002 at the Berea Hospital. She was born on March 5, 1918, in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late W.S. and Bessie Fish Brannan. She was a homemaker and enjoyed quilting, sewing, crocheting and gardening and was a member of the Wildie Christian Church.

Survivors are three sons, Ballard and Dominic Parsons, both of Wildie and Bill Parsons of Rt. 6, Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Libby Smith of Wildie and Gail Coulter of Bloomfield; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Shirley Parsons and three brothers, James, John and William Henry Brannan.

Services were Saturday, June 29, at Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Kenton Parker, Bro. Kevin Coulter and Christopher Coulter officiating. Burial was in the Brannan Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were Kenneth Stewart, Billy and Jackie Hatt, Tommy, John, Lynn, Mark, Jimmy and Dale Parsons, Gailiff Craig and Bill Frank Stewart.

Active pallbearers were David Parsons, Roger Parsons, Donnie Parsons, II, Blake Parsons, Jimmy Brannan, Gary Deaton and Trevor Hemley.



Thurnie Bradley

Thurnie Alton Bradley, 85, of Broadhead, widow of Beulah Bradley, died Saturday, June 29, 2002 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Broadhead. He was born January 13, 1917 in Pulaski County, a son of the late Benjamin Franklin and Altie Tye Bradley. He was a member of the Ottawa Baptist Church, a Seaman 1st Class Navy World War II Veteran, retired truck driver for the Blue Grass Army Depot for 32 years, a local auto and marine mechanic in Broadhead and a member of F&AM #566 Masonic Lodge

of Broadhead.

On July 21, 1940 he was joined in holy matrimony to Beulah Virginia Brummett and from that union came five children: Frank, Jerry, Doug, Jeff and Debra.

Survivors are four sons, Frank Bradley and wife, Katherine of Broadhead, Jeff Bradley and wife, Cherry Ell of Broadhead, Jerry Bradley of Lexington and Doug Bradley and wife, Gail of Lexington; a daughter, Debra Smith and husband, Larry of Versailles; a brother, Everett Bradley and wife, Nancy of Broadhead; a sister, Hazel Thompson of Roundstone; 16 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Besides her parents and wife, Beulah Bradley, he was preceded in death by a brother, Curtis Bradley and two sisters, Goldie Shivel and Gladys Hunt Mullins.

Services were Tuesday, July 2, at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Mark Whicker officiating. Burial was in the Piney Grove Cemetery.



Clara Fields

Clara Ann Fields, 63, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, June 29, 2002 at her residence. She was born August 24, 1938 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Mabel Cummins Fields and the late Clarence Fields. She was a member of the Mt. Vernon First Baptist Church and was a retired waitress for Carcass House in London.

Survivors are her mother, Mabel Kelly of Mt. Vernon; a daughter, Tonda Fields of Mt. Vernon; three brothers, Robert Fields of Mt. Vernon, John Kelly of Fairfield, Ohio and Dwayne Kelly of Hamilton, Ohio and two sisters, Verna Houston of Mason, Ohio and Brenda Saylor of Mt. Vernon.

Services were Monday, July 1 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Dr. Maynard Head officiating. Burial was in the Cresthaven Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Seth Saylor, John Kelly, Jr., Gary Nickle, Jeff Arington and Barry Houston.

Vernon McCreary

Vernon McCreary, 72, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, June 27, 2002 at his home. He was born October 9, 1929 in Manchester, the son of Lloyd and Ollie Swafford McCreary. He was an Army Veteran of the Korean War, a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Baptist Church and a retired truck driver who once drove for Bauer Trucking Company.

Survivors are three sons, Jerry McCreary and wife, Tara of Liberty, Indiana, Mac W. McCreary of

Connersville, Indiana and Bev E. McCreary of Brookville, Indiana; one sister, Virgie Bruce of Gray; step sister, Evelyn Jones and three grandchildren, Jennifer, Mark and Carletta McCreary.

Services were Sunday, June 30 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Chad Burdette officiating.



Oscar Reynolds, Jr.

Oscar Reynolds, Jr., 56, of Hwy. 39, Eubank, husband of Janice Reynolds, died Saturday, June 29, 2002 at the Lake Cumberland Medical Center in Somerset. He was born May 21, 1946, the son of the late Mildred Catherine Reynolds and Oscar B. Reynolds, Sr. He was a member of the Poplar Grove Baptist Church at Willhams, was an employee of Trane Manufacturing Company for 18 years, enjoyed horseback riding and his beagle dogs.

On September 6, 1969, he was united in holy matrimony to Janice Sue Thompson and from that union came two daughters, Jackie and Jodie.

Survivors are his wife, Janice Thompson of Eubank; two daughters, Jackie Whitia and husband, Doug, of Science Hill and Jody Taylor and husband, Rick, of Somerset; three brothers, Orville Dean Reynolds and wife, Phyllis of Eubank, Shelby Reynolds and wife, Kathy of Mt. Vernon and David Reynolds and wife, Barbara of Somerset; four sisters, Nina Brown and husband, Ernest of Barnesburg, Margie Hutchens of Eubank, Linda Price and husband, Bobby of Somerset and Kathy Nantz of Union; a grandchild, Amber Whitia; nieces, nephews, friends, neighbors and special friends and farm buddies, Jo Jo and John. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Bobby Reynolds and Danny Reynolds and a sister, Faye Ridner.

Services were Wednesday, July 3, at the Poplar Grove Baptist Church with Bro. Rick Reynolds officiating. Burial was in the Ottawa Cemetery.



Arthur Rowe

Arthur Rowe, 82, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, June 26, 2002 at Rockcastle Hospital. He was born June 27, 1919 in Rockcastle County, the son of Robert and Winnie Price Rowe, a daughter, Rose Thacker and a World War II Army Veteran.

Survivors are his wife, Etta Cromer Rowe of Mt. Vernon; a son, Douglas Rowe and wife, Betty of Mt. Vernon; a daughter, Rose Thacker and husband, George, Jr., of Richmond; four brothers, Lewis Rowe, of Mt. Vernon, Stewart Rowe of Stanford, Donald Rowe and Leon Rowe, both of Mt. Vernon; a sister, Shirley Rowe of Mt. Vernon; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Rowe; two brothers, James and Floyd Rowe and two sisters, Elsie Rowe and Lorene McNeill.

Services were Saturday, June 29 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Walter Bowling officiating. Burial was in the Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dr. Kevin Rowe, Tony Barnes, Mike Thacker, Doug Rowe, Jr., Billy Dishon and Billy Payne.

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Maude Johns

Maude Hatton Johns, 97, of Hillcrest Drive, died at Royal Manor Nursing Home on Monday, July 1, 2002, after an extended illness. She was born in Eastli County, the daughter of the late Millard and Alice Richardson Hatton and was the widow of Wesley Johns, who died in 1967. She was a graduate of Nicholasville High School and a retired employee of the Head Start & Green Thumb programs in Jessamine County. She attended the Worldwide Church of God.

Survivors are a son, Earl H. Johns and wife, Marcellene of Mt. Vernon; a daughter, Betty Patterson and husband, Kenneth of Nicholasville; a brother, Stanley Hatton of Louisville; two sisters-in-law, Lizzie Burton and Margaret Clay, both of Nicholasville; three grandchildren, Karen Jean Patterson and husband, Richard, Donna Lynn Turner and husband, Roger and Angela Patterson; four great grandchildren, Beth Thomas and husband, Michael, Jason Fleisher, Mandy Turner and Neal Patterson and three great great grandchildren, Savannah, Madelyn and Alana Thomas. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Joe Gardner, Cecil, Carl and Eldon Hatton and two sisters, Edith Aines and Grace Smithers.

Services were Wednesday, July 3 at Hillcrest & Candell Funeral Home with Rev. Craig Ryan officiating. Burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

Leonard Alexander, Jr.

Leonard A. Alexander, Jr., 64, of Mt. Vernon Road, Berea, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002 at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. He was born in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Leonard A. Alexander, Sr. and Georgia Riddle Alexander. He retired from the Bluegrass Army Depot in Richmond and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are his wife, Pauline Croucher Alexander; two daughters, Delilah Blair and husband, Jeff of Mt. Vernon and Faye Kucker and husband, Roger of Lambert Road; three sons, Mike Alexander and wife, Angie of Berea, Tim Alexander of Mt. Vernon Road and Bro. Alexander and wife, Ann of Broadhead; a sister, Dorcie Croucher and husband, Ed of Fairview and 18 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three sisters, Minerva White, Frances Ray and Corinne Dunn.

Services were Friday, June 28, at the Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Denton Sears and Rev. Steve McKinney officiating. Burial was in the Chastain Cemetery.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Saben Blair, Jamie Linnville, Jeffrey Linnville, Robert Lee Alexander, Chris Alexander, Kevin McClure, Jeffery Owens and Aaron Ponder. Officiating pastors were Rev. Lawrence Witt, Dwight Brown, Kenneth Minick, Richard Dean, Stone Cooper, Johnny Guthrie and Jeremy Brock.

Cards of Thanks



Debra Singleton

The family of Debra Lynn Johnson Singleton wish to express their deepest appreciation for the kindness everyone has shown during this time of sorrow. Thanks to everyone who sent flowers and food. A very special thanks to Rev. Gary Parker and Bro. Doug Clifford for their words of comfort and kindness. Also special thanks to Iris Parker and family for their beautiful singing. Debra will be sadly missed by her family, parents, Burgess and Thelma Johnson, her brother, Billy Johnson, husband, Denver Singleton, children, Melissa Robinson and Denver Singleton, Jr. and her grandchildren, Cody and Emily. God gave us an angel and he called her back to be with him.

Juanita Sloan

Juanita Harper Sloan, who passed away June 30, in Hamilton, Ohio, services were held at Cox Funeral Home and burial was in Elmwood Cemetery. Thank you to all who have donated or attended the services and to everyone for your support. Anyone who was unable to attend who would like to donate on her behalf, please send to Larry Sloan c/o Citizens Bank.

T.K. Chism

Dr. James Chism and family would like to express their deep gratitude for the outpouring of sympathy in the death of his father, Mr. T.K. Chism. The many calls, cards and flowers were much appreciated.

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Many people worry about what to say to the family or closest friend of a person who has died. They often feel the need to say something positive and uplifting, to find a reason for the death. This is unnecessary and, on occasion, inappropriate -- as with the death of a child or young person. Sometimes death simply cannot be rationalized. It is fine to want to console the family, but not if the sentiments expressed are awkward and artificial. In many cases the best consolation is to simply hold the person's hand and share your own honest feelings and emotions. Perhaps the best support you can lend is to stay close to the bereaved family. If you continue to visit with them, and stay in touch after all the relatives and friends have gone, you can convey your genuine sympathy and concern. It can also be a help to them in getting through this period of grief.

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