

Obituaries



"Zi" Graves

"Zi" Graves, 88, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, July 24, 2002 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born on September 27, 1913, in Ohio Hill, the daughter of the late Henry and Rena Eldridge Tackett. She was a homemaker, enjoyed crocheting, reading, writing and had written the *Sweet & Sour* column for the *Mt. Vernon Signal* for several years and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors are a son, Rodney Graves and wife, Helen of Sinks Grove, West Virginia, two daughters, Judy Kennedy and husband, Geoff of Flint, Michigan and Polly Abney and husband, Chuck of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Herbert Tackett of Amelia, Virginia; four grandchildren, Deno Prokops and wife, Christina, Ann Prokops, Chad Abney and wife, Angie, Birch Graves and fiancée Gretchen. She was preceded in death by her husband, Matt Graves; four brothers and four sisters.

Services were Saturday, July 27 at Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Eddie Noland officiating. Burial was in the Skaggs Creek Cemetery. Pallbearers were Deno Prokops, Ann Prokops, Chad Abney, Birch Graves, Clinton Graves and Tim Renner.

Willard Croucher

Willard Croucher, 69, of Pinnacle Street, Berea, died Tuesday, July 23, 2002 at his home after a lengthy illness. He was born in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Robert and Mollie Chasteen Croucher. He retired from Berea College as a plumber and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are his wife of 27 years, Bertha Satterfield Croucher; five brothers, Charles Edward Croucher of Rockcastle, Bert Croucher of Berea, Robert Croucher, Jr., of Norwood, Ohio, Roy Lee Croucher of Rockcastle and James Bartley "J.B." Croucher of Rockcastle; a sister, Pauline Alexander of Rockcastle. He was preceded in death by his parents, his foster parents, Gus and Mary Liza Chasteen Croucher; two brothers, Bobby Earl and Fred D. Croucher and a sister, Norma Jean Croucher. Services were Friday, July 26, at the Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Steve McKinney officiating. Burial was in the Pilot Knob Cemetery. Pallbearers were his nephews.



Gladys Sams

Gladys Mae Sams, 73, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, July 26, 2002 at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. She was born March 29, 1929 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of John and Ella Lambert Hensley. She had been a housewife and was a member of the Brush Creek Holiness Church.

Survivors are a brother, Owen Hensley of Orlando; a sister, Flossie Durham of Orlando; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Arley of Orlando; four grandchildren, two great grandchildren and two step great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Sams; a son, Jerry Arley; a brother, Joe Hensley and three sisters, Bertha Smith, Martha Durham and Ida Durham.

Services were Monday, July 29, at Brush Creek Holiness Church with Bro. Olen McGuire officiating. Burial was in the Briarfield Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home (www.dowellmartin.com) was in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Billy McGuire, Ken Arley, Brian Arley, Frank Arley, Derrick Hensley and Larry Hensley.

James Kirby

James E. Kirby, 78, of Norwood Drive, Richmond, died Thursday, July 25, 2002 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. He was born on April 28, 1924 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Eddie and Martha Cromer Kirby. He was a munitions handler at the Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond, a Veteran's Affairs employee and a member of the Church of Christ. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting and building birdhouses.

Survivors are his former wife, Roxie Sowder Kirby; three sons, Larry Kirby of Clarksville, Tennessee, Wayne Kirby and Linda of Berea and Russell Kirby of Lexington; six daughters, Eleanor Sanchez and husband, Francisco of Washington, Indiana, Dinah Williams and husband, John of Nicholasville, Peggy Underwood and husband, Frank of Richmond, Linda Underwood and husband, David of Berea, Patsy Kirby of Richmond and Dale Carder and husband, Gary, also of Richmond; three sisters, Jean Mink of Brodhead, Dillie Elliott of Mt. Vernon and Christine Penzol of Richmond and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Bonnie

Renner; a grandson, Timothy Kirby and an infant son.

Services were Sunday, July 28, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Zade McClure and Bro. Don Kirby officiating. Burial was in the Phelps Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Mink, Keith Mink, Jeff Renner, Ben Underwood, Brian Williams and David Johnson.



Everett Cantrell

Everett Dairl Cantrell, 63, of West Palm Beach, Florida, died Tuesday, July 23, 2002. Survivors are his wife, Jackie Watson Cantrell; daughters, Bonita Marie Greer of Richmond, Angela Michelle, Kidwell of West Palm Beach and Brenda K. Howard of Brodhead; a son, Dairl "Junior" Cantrell of Crabtree, Tennessee; his mother, Angeline Fulle Cantrell; his sister, Victoria Blackman of Pittsburg; a brother, Larry Cantrell of Lake Worth, Florida; 12 grandchildren and one great granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his father, Ellis Ray Cantrell.

Services were Saturday, July 27 at Emmaus Baptist Church. Burial was in the Chatham Memorial Park. Arrangements were by Griffin Funeral Service and Cremation in Pittsburg.

Steven Burdine

Steven Ray Burdine, 51, of Berry, died Saturday, July 27, 2002 at the Hospice Care Center in Lexington. He was born on October 3, 1950 in Madison County, the son of the late Cy R. Burdine and Daisy Bullock Burdine. He was the owner and operator of Burdine's Body Shop in Berry and was a Marine Corps veteran.

Survivors are a daughter, Chris Morgan of Harrison County; five sisters, Lori Flightmaster of Harrison County, Jo Ann James of Scott County, Julie Doolin, Becky Martinez and Susan Crump, all of Harrison County and a very special girlfriend, Sue Guy of Harrison County.

Services were Monday, July 29, at the Ware Funeral Home in Cynthia with Bro. Irvin Kopp officiating. Burial was in the Mullins Cemetery in Rockcastle County. This obituary courtesy of Cox Funeral Home.

Laura Justice

Laura Blankenship Justice, 65, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, July 26, 2002 at her residence. She was born May 18, 1937 in Stop Over, she was the daughter of Clell and Minnie Blankenship.

Survivors are her husband, Tom Justice of Mt. Vernon; a stepson, John Franklin Justice of Mt. Vernon; three brothers, Marvin Blankenship of Tennessee, Orval Blankenship and Tracy Blankenship, both of Camp Creek; and two sisters, Edna Blankenship and Gladys Lane, both of Camp Creek.

Services were Sunday, July 28 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home (www.dowellmartin.com). Burial was in the Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

Janet Crowder

Janet Crowder, 60, of Cincinnati, Ohio and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Wednesday, July 24, 2002 in Cincinnati. She was the daughter of the late Green H. and Maggie Baldwin Brummett.

Survivors are her husband, Fred Crowder; three sons, Glen Delk, James Brummett and Shawn Brummett; a brother, Ed Brummett; a sister, Emma Armstrong and a grandson, Kyle Delk. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jimmy Brummett.

Services were Wednesday, July 31, at the Watson Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Watson Funeral Home in Brodhead.

Cards of Thanks

Zi Graves

The family of Zi Graves would like to thank each and everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, flowers and food during Mom's illness and death. Mom truly appreciated each card, phone call, bouquet of flowers, and especially the visits she received while she was ill. She relished over the attention and thoughtfulness she was shown. She was truly blessed by all the caring people in her life.

We want to also thank all the doctors, nurses and attendants that cared for her while she was in the hospital, rehabilitation center, and at home. Mom received excellent care from one and all. Special thanks go to Dr. McElwain, Hospice, Tabitha, Mabel, Robert Eddie Nation, Cox Funeral Home, Pallbearers and First Baptist Church. Each and all of you have made this difficult time in our lives more bearable. Our lives have been touched by so many.

Thank you all,
The family of Zi Graves

Arthur Rowe

The family of Arthur Rowe would like to thank everyone for their kindness shown during the loss of our loved one. Thanks to Rockcastle Hospital and Rehabilitation Center at Brodhead and Dr. Karen Saylor for the care you gave. Thanks to Dowell and Martin for the excellent service. Everyone's kindness was appreciated for all the food, cards and flowers that was sent. Thanks to Bro. Walter Bowling for the lovely service and the beautiful songs you sang. A special thanks to good friends of Dad's, Mr. Jimmy Lambert, Mr. Caleb Lamb and Mr. Doug Griffin for your kind words. A deep appreciation to all pallbearers: Doug Rowe, Jr., Mike Thacker, Dr. Kevin Rowe, Billy Dishon, Billy Payne and Tony Barnes. Thank you all and God bless.

Loving wife, Etta Rowe;

daughter, Rose Thacker & family; son, Doug Rowe & family
Barnett Evans
The family of Barnett Evans would like to express our most heartfelt thanks to everyone. We would like to thank our family, friends, neighbors and loved ones for all that you did to

help and comfort us through our time of sickness, sorrow and loss. We thank God for you, and for the great comfort that he gives us through our words. For Christ his son and the life he gave for us, that we might have eternal life beyond the short lifetime that were given here. May God bless you.

All our love,
Evans family

Virginia Winstead
The family of Virginia Winstead would like to thank each of you for the food, flowers, cards and donations to First Baptist Building Fund, but most of all your love and support during the loss of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for each of you. Thank you again and may God bless you and your family. A special thanks to Dowell & Martin, Jamie Cornelius and Bro. Eddie Nation.

Thank You

Below are the names of the folks who had contributed to the Vet. Monument Fund at Red Hill Cemetery. Roy A. Martin, LLC, d/b/a Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, Sparks Flowers and More, Albert Hicks, Odella Boshears, Geraldine Allen, Christine Sowder, Clifton R. Bond, James and Opal Honaker "Trust Fund", Barb and Bill Fain, Travis Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. James W. McNew, Mrs. Sidney Lakes, Dasha Hall, Albert Hall, Myrtle Durham, Wilma Haire and Douglas Dell Ponder. Anyone wanting to donate to this fund send to either Dell E. Ponder, PO Box 238, Lexington, KY 40445 (606)453-4341 or Clifton Bond, PO Box 239, Lexington, KY 40445 (606)453-9508.

In Memory of
Willie "Shug" Todd,
who would have celebrated
her 90th birthday July 31st!

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