Obituaries

Merica Dillingham

Merica Dillingham, 85, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, August 23, 2002 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead after a long illness. She was born on November 15, 1916, in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Spencer and Etta Ogg Abney. She was a retired school teacher having taught in the Rockcastle County Schools for eight years and in the Frazier Michigan Elementary Schools for 28 years. She enjoyed quilting, had been very active in church work and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors are her husband, Owen G. Dillingham of Mt. Vernon; a sister, Martha Barnett of Mt. Vernon and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by four brothers, William, Daniel, Glydes and Monroe Abney and two sisters, Emily Susan Abney and Cola Grace Wilson.

Services were Sunday, August 25, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Eddie Nation officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Modie Dillingham, Monroe Barnett, Ben Dale Wilson, Russell Abney, Wayne Wilson, Curt Roberts, Bill Barnett and Doug Barnett.

Reeda Luster

Reeda Frances Luster, 82, of Livingston, died Monday, August 26, 2002 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born in Pulaski County on August 4, 1920, the daughter of Virgil and Mary Hall Baugh. She was a homemaker and a member of the Science Hill Nazarene Church.

Survivors are a daughter, Janice Wilson and husband, Bobby of Livingston; a sister, Marie Loveless of Eubank; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Luster; a brother and two sisters.

Graveside services will be Friday, August 30 at 11:00 a.m. in the Turner Cemetery at Livingston with Bro. Mike Phillips officiating.

Arrangements are by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home (www.dowellmartin.com) where friends may call after 6 p.m. Thursday.

Charles Lake

Charles William Lake, 44, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, August 27, 2002 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County on July 2, 1958, the son of George and Irene Rowe Lake. He was a factory worker and a member of the McNew Chapel Church.

Survivors are his wife, Gail Mink Lake; two daughters, Charlotte Nicole Lake and Ashley Brook Lake, both of Mt. Vernon; three brothers, Larry Lake of Reading, Ohio, John Lake of Mt. Vernon and Bill Lake of Richmond and two sisters, Anita Smith of Mt. Vernon and Mary Jane White of Shelbyville.

Services were Saturday, August 31 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel (www.dowellmartin.com) with Bro. Eugene Gentry officiating. Burial was in the Ottawa Cemetery in Brodhead.

Deward Whitaker

Deward E. Whitaker, 73, of Reading, Ohio and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, August 7, 2002 at his residence. He was the son of the late James B. and Mae Phelps Whitaker of Mt. Vernon. He retired from Fox Paper Co. of Lockland, Ohio.

Survivors are his wife, Lorene Stephens Whitaker; a son, Deward E. Whitaker, Jr. and wife, Cheryll of Reading, Ohio; five daughters, Rita McCown and husband, Clint of Mt. Vernon, Brenda Stewart and husband, Paul of Columbus, Mississippi, Wanda Hatter and husband, Len of Fort Meyers, Florida, Diana Sand and husband, Joe of Reading, Ohio and Vickie Brown and husband, Alan of Lockland, Ohio. He was preceded in death by two brothers and three grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, August 10 at Vorhee's Funeral Home. Burial was in the Reading Cemetery in Reading, Ohio.

Pallbearers were Clint McCown, Paul Stewart, Alan Brown, Len Hatter, Jason Brown and Eric Stewart.

Christina Toomey

Christina Allen Toomey, 48, of Preachersville, died Thursday evening, August 22, at the Ephraim McDowell Regional Hospital in Danville. She was the wife of Terry Toomey. She was born January 1, 1954 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the daughter of Norma Jean Cranfield and Edwin Allen. She was a member of the Watts Chapel Baptist Church. She was the former owner and operator of Paradise Video formerly of Crab Orchard.

Survivors are her husband, Terry Toomey of Preachersville; her mother, Norma Jean Cranfield of Cincinnati, Ohio; her father, Edwin Allen of Sunman, Indiana; two daughters, Roxanne Elder of Eubank and Barbara Sue Wilson of Stanford; one brother, Eddie Wayne Allen of Dillsboro, Indiana and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Roman Brummet.

Services were Sunday, August 25 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel in Crab Orchard with Bro. Dan Gutenson and Bro. Rick Naylor officiating. Burial was in Crab Orchard Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wayne Toomey, Jeff Hall, John Wilson, Bo Elder, Fairley Holt and Danny Wilburn.

Elsie Bray

Elsie Simpson Bray, 92, of Williamsburg, Ohio and formerly of Crab Orchard, died Sunday, August 25, 2002 in Ohio. She was the widow of Everett Ray Bray. She was born April 11, 1910 in Lincoln County, the daughter of the late Adrian and Mary Noe Simpson. She was a member of Watts Chapel Baptist Church and a homemaker.

Survivors are two half sisters, Sue Thompson of Williamsburg, Ohio and Daily Thompson of Cincinnati, Ohio and a niece, Betty Elam of Crab Orchard. She was preceded in death by a brother, Othmer Simpson.

Services were Thursday, August 29, at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel in Crab Orchard with Bro. Dan Gutenson officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Zion Church of Christ Cemetery.

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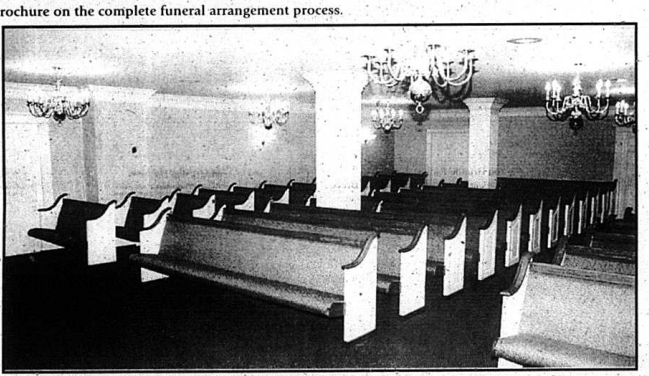

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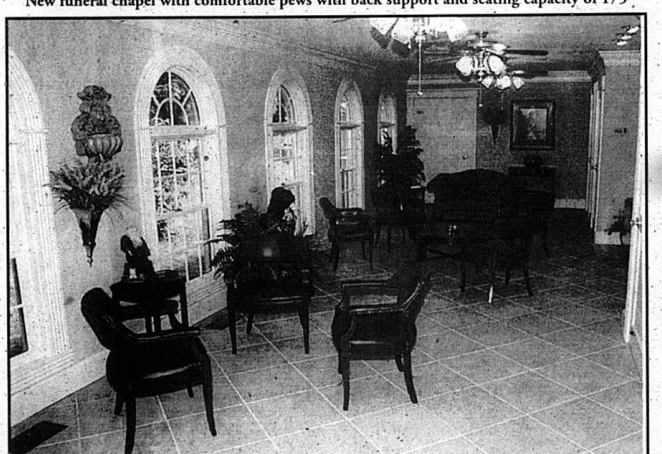

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