

Obituaries



Claris Denney

Claris B. Denney, 83, of Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, August 25, 2002 at her home after a long illness. She was born in Rockcastle County on February 27, 1919, the daughter of John A. and Ellen Brown McKinney. She was owner and operator of Denney's Grocery for 30 years and was an active member of the Freedom Baptist Church, where she served as secretary for several years, was a choir member, a Vacation Bible School worker and a member of the Women's Missionary Union.

Survivors are a brother, Raymond McKinney and wife, Lena of Mt. Vernon; three sisters, Julia McKinney and Alma Bullock, both of Mt. Vernon and Alma Norton of Cincinnati, Ohio; 20 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Irvin "Jr." Denney; three sisters and four brothers.

Services were Thursday, August 29, at 2 p.m. at the Freedom Baptist Church with Bro. Adam Dooley officiating. Burial was in the Freedom Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Palbearers were Troy Cramer, Dearl McKinney, Jerry McKinney, Ronnie McKinney, Ben McPherson and Nick McPherson.

Honorary pallbearers were Eddie Delaney, Preston Halcorn, Junior McKinney and Slade Moore.

Lora Todd

Lora Reynolds Todd, 94, of Crab Orchard, died Sunday, September 1, 2002 at the Fort Logan Extended Care Hospital in Stanford. She was the widow of Bernie Carl Todd, who preceded her on January 28, 1984. She was born in Lincoln County on January 29, 1908, the daughter of the late Manford and Bessie Griffin Reynolds. She was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church.

Survivors are five daughters, Hester Smith of Crab Orchard, Edith Powers of Kennesaw, Georgia, Gladys Lockard of Columbus, Indiana, Doris McQueen of Cumberland and Wanda Baker of Lockland, Ohio; five sons, Manford Todd of Columbus, Indiana, Milford Todd of Georgia, Raymond Todd of Crab Orchard, Bernie Todd, Jr., of Columbus, Indiana and Robert Todd of Hamilton, Ohio; two half sisters, Irie Irvin of Crab Orchard and Ruby Reynolds of Crab Orchard; 33 grandchildren and several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Besides her husband she was preceded in death by her parents, Manford and Bessie Griffin Reynolds; three children, Clyde Todd, Zelma Smith and Emmaline Todd; a sister, Ethel Irvin and half sister, Vernia Todd.

Services will be Tuesday, September 3, at Friendship Baptist Church in Broughtontown with Bro.

Cecil Roundtree and Bro. Gerald Carter officiating. Burial was in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery. Grandsons served as pallbearers.



Walter Shepherd

Walter L. Shepherd, 82, of Williams St., Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, August 28, 2002 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead after a long illness. He was born on October 28, 1919, in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Ramsey and Bertha Livesay Shepherd. He was a retired security guard at the Bluegrass Ordinance, former Mt. Vernon Chief of Police, a Veteran of WWII and State Highway Dept. Foreman. He enjoyed fox hunting, gardening, reading, being with his family and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Laura Cope Shepherd of Mt. Vernon; four daughters, Reva Shepherd, Phyllis Holbrook, Connie Woods and Julia Ham, all of Mt. Vernon; two special sons-in-law, Chet Woods and Jeff Ham; three "sisters" from Campbellsville, Andrea, Hannah and Sarah and 10 grandchildren, Jason Woods, Andy Woods and wife, Carrie, Neal Shepherd, Megan and Kane Holbrook, Courtney, Holly and Shelby Grace Ham and two honorary grandchildren, Deana and David Gabbard. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Cecil Shepherd; two sisters, Zula Mae Taylor and Sueella Shepherd and two grandchildren, Daniel and Jordan Ham.

Services were Saturday, August 31, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Eddie Nation officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Jason Woods, Andy Woods, Neal Shepherd, Kane Holbrook, Chet Woods and Jeff Ham.

Honorary pallbearers were Tracy Gabbard, Jerry Ham, Charles Shepherd, Roy Ponder, Matt Shepherd and Bobby Kendrick.

Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 639, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

"Denny" Purcell

Dennis N. "Denny" Purcell, 51, of Nashville, Tennessee, died Wednesday, August 21, 2002. He was co-owner of Georgetown Masters.

Survivors are his wife, Gail Monier Purcell; children, Abby Jane Purcell, Sarah Beth Purcell, Ivy Monier Purcell Arnold, Weston Walker and Rissie Suzanne Purcell; his mother, Rissie Sigmund Purcell; a sister, Billy Faye Brann; two brothers, Ronnie Purcell and Jerry Purcell and a nephew, William "Bill" Riddle

and wife, Carol of Brodhead. He was preceded in death by his father, William Walker Purcell.

A memorial service was held August 26 at Harpeth Hills Funeral Home in Nashville, Tennessee.

This obituary courtesy of the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead.



Julian Frederick

Julian Bruce Frederick, 52, of Rt. 5, Mt. Vernon, died Friday, August 30, 2002, at the Veterans Hospital in Lexington after a long illness. He was born on November 27, 1949, in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Saley and Julia Southard Frederick. For 27 years he was a comedian and musical entertainer with the stage name, J.B. Frederick, in Daytona Beach, Florida. He had been a farmer, a member of the American Legion, V.F.W., Eagles Lodge and was a member of the Watts Chapel Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Jacqueline Barrett Frederick of Mt. Vernon; a son, Christopher Legg of Tipton, Indiana; three stepsons, David Lawrence Ross and Thomas Daniel Jason Ross, both of Monroe, North Carolina and Gary Allen Ross of Temple, Texas; a brother, Jesse Frederick of London; a sister, Carol Hamm of Mt. Vernon; an aunt, Clea Southard of Mt. Vernon and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Phillip and David Frederick.

Services were Tuesday, September 3, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Dan Gutenson and Bro. Buford Parkerson officiating. Burial was in the Hansel/Frederick Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Gary Allen Ross, David Lawrence Ross, Chris Legg, Tony Frederick, Swany Cornette, Paul Barnett, Tony Stevens and Josh Frederick.

Honorary pallbearers were Mike Dehord, George Dooley, Doug Proctor, David Owens, Ellis Kirby, Jeff Noe, Jimmy, Glenn and Curtis Frederick, Babe Hamm, Phil Morris and Paul Nicely.



Georgia Robinson

Georgia Dooley Robinson, 76, of West Palm Beach, Florida and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Friday, August 30, 2002 at the HCR Manor Care Nursing Home in West Palm Beach. She was born in Rockcastle County on December 19, 1926, the daughter of Hobart Dooley and Eula Jones Dooley. She attended Berea College, was a homemaker and a member of the Three Links Christian Church.

Survivors are her husband, Ronald Robinson; two brothers, William Dooley and John Dooley both of Berea; a sister, Fern French of Berea and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Wednesday, September 4, at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jack Martin officiating. Burial was in the Phillips Cemetery at Three Links.

Pallbearers were Terry Workman, Jeff Miracle, Danny Dooley, Linda Miracle, Diane Acton and Jeffery Lynn Miracle.



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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.

In addition to his parents, George and Irene Lake of Mt. Vernon, 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.

Pallbearers were Gary Hayes, Bill Lake, Brian Lake, Larry Lake, John Lake and Tom White.

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