

Obituaries



Ruby Griffin

Ruby S. Griffin, 91, of West Main St., Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, October 13, 2002 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehab Center in Broadhead after a long illness. She was born on May 17, 1911 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Eugene and Katie Harmon Stokes. She enjoyed reading, writing, quilting, crocheting and gardening and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors are two sons, Albert E. Griffin and wife, Eva of Mt. Vernon and David Joe Griffin and wife, Kathy of Stanton; three grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Ina Stokes and Ruth Stokes Brown and a grandson, Todd Franklin Griffin.

Services were Tuesday, October 15, at Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Eddie Nation officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Palbearers were John Scott Jones, Billy Hadix, Evan Neal, David Andrew Griffin, Harry Harmon and Nathan McConathy.



Glenn Elder

Glenn E. Elder, 77, of Rt. 1, Broadhead, died Wednesday, October 9, 2002 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County, the son of Casper Stevens and Florence Cottrell Elder. He was a retired farmer and was a member of the Fairview Church of Christ.

Survivors are his wife of 54 years, Geneva Stevens Elder; a daughter, Arlene Poynter and husband, Bennie of Lexington; a sister, Sylvia Bracy of Ohio; two grandchildren, Michael Lee Poynter and Stephen Edward Poynter, both of Lexington; a nephew and two nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, Casper and Florence Elder.

Services were Saturday, October 12, at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel (www.dowellmartin.com) with Bro. Curt Harrington officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery at Broadhead.

Palbearers were Carl Lewis, Anthony Lewis, Kenneth Elder, David Elder, Larry Goff and Eddie Smith.



Ronald Moore

Ronald Eugene Moore, 62, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, October 14, 2002. He was born in Rockcastle County on December 1, 1939, the son of Ernest Eugene and Alma Cromer Moore. He was a retired construction worker for Baxter's Concrete and attended the Northside Baptist Church.

Survivors are his four sons, Morgan Moore and wife, Ann, Scott Moore and Mike Moore and wife, Debbie, all of Cincinnati, Ohio and Eddie Moore of Mt. Vernon; a daughter, Karen Johnson and husband, Scott, of Mt. Vernon; three half sisters, Ina Roberts, Ruby Mink and Phyllis Adams, all of Mt. Vernon and seven grandchildren, Jeremy Moore, Daniel Moore, Cory Johnson, Chey Ann Moore, Jason King, Matt King and Josh King. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Alma Moore and his uncle, Marion Moore.

Services will be Thursday, October 17, at 11:00 a.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel (www.dowellmartin.com) with Bro. Chad Burdette officiating. Burial will follow in the Phelps Cemetery.

Palbearers are Scott Johnson, Daniel Moore and his sons, Morgan, Scott, Mike and Eric Moore.

Joe Irvin

Joe Irvin, 89, of Crab Orchard, died Friday, October 11, 2002 at the Stanford House Nursing Home. He was the husband of Iva Reynolds Irvin, whom he married on June 14, 1936. He was born on January 3, 1913, the son of the late Edmond and Dorothy Turner Irvin. He was a member of the Danville Church of God and attended the Crab Orchard Church of God and was a farmer.

Survivors are his wife, Iva Irvin of Crab Orchard; four daughters, Betty Guinn of Stanford, Brenda Thompson and husband, Bobby of Stanford, Joyce Record and husband, Marion of Danville and Glenda Moore and husband, Clyde of Junction City; two sons, Billy Irvin and wife, Lynn of Stanford and Roger Irvin and wife, Vickie of Crab Orchard; a brother, Elza Bud Irvin of Ohio; three sisters, Elsie Hendrickson and Doris Austin, both of Crab Orchard and Vernice Yantz of Waynesburg; 18 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edmond and Dorothy Turner Irvin; two sons, Terry and Tommy Irvin; three brothers, Leonard, Homer and Bill Irvin; a sister, Velma Reynolds; four grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Services were Monday, October 14, at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Dan Carr and Bro. Cecil Roundtree officiating. Burial was in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery.

Palbearers were Randy Logsdon, Alvin Guinn, Dale Irvin, Michael Irvin, Eddie Irvin, Billy Joe Irvin, Bobby Record and Byron Record.



Marie Williams

Marie Williams, 80, of Livingston, died Saturday, October 12, 2002 at Rockcastle Hospital. She was born March 6, 1922 in Livingston, the daughter of John and Maggie E. Hellard Williams. She had been a homemaker and was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors are three sisters, Haley Williams of Livingston, Rosetta Bryant and husband, Glendon of Fountain City, Indiana and Louise Farthing of Richmond, Indiana. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Lawrence, Clarence and Cecil Williams and a sister, Hazel Stallworth.

Services were Tuesday, October 15 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bros. Billy Medley and Jim Miller officiating. Burial was in the Bates Cemetery at Livingston.

Palbearers were - Bradley Andrews, Kenny Bush, Kevin Miller, Doug Sowers, Gordon Sowers and Michael Williams.

Marguerite Sowder

Marguerite Sowder, 84, of Crawfordville, Indiana and formerly of Mt. Vernon died Friday, October 11, 2002 at the St. Clare Medical Center in Crawfordville. She was born March 21, 1918 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late John Wm. and Rebecca Bray Renner. She was a homemaker and a member of the Grace Ave. Church of God in Crawfordville.

Survivors are five sons, Steve Sowder of Crawfordville, Phil Sowder of Rockcastle, Indiana, Tim Sowder of New Market, Indiana, Ken Sowder of Indianapolis, Indiana and Ken Sowder of Lebanon, Indiana; two daughters, Velma Peterson of Indiana and Eunice Oliver of Pittsboro, Indiana; a step daughter, Dorothy Blair of Tennessee; 15 grandchildren, four step grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and a step great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Foster J. Sowder; two sons, Jim and Keith; an infant son; a daughter, Rebecca; two brothers; a sister and a grandson.

Services were Tuesday, October 15, at the Powers-Priebe Funeral Home in Crawfordville, Indiana with Rev. Frank Rose officiating. Burial was in the Indian Creek Hill Cemetery in New Market, Indiana.

This obituary courtesy of Cox Funeral Home.

"Bob" Livesay

Robert Wayne "Bob" Livesay, died Monday, October 7, 2002 from heart complications. He was born August 6, 1942. He was a mold repair team leader at Lasso Bath Company. He served in the United States Army for 28 years and retired in 1989 as Sergeant Major while serving at Fort Lewis, Washington. His military service included three tours in Vietnam and Korea, where he provided wartime service as a medic. He also served as an advisor in Saudi Arabia. His military honors include three bronze stars, Meritorious Service

Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Armed Forces Expedition Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation.

Survivors are his wife of 31 years, Song Cha Livesay and his children, Sonnie Wayne Livesay, Jean Marianne Livesay, Robbie Lynn Gibbs, Cynthia Ann Gibbs and Kirsten Felix.

Services were Wednesday, October 9 at Olympic Funeral Home in Turnwater. Burial with full military honors was in 17th Memorial Gardens.

This obituary courtesy of Cox Funeral Home.



Michael Whitt

Michael Lawson Whitt, 36, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, October 1, 2002 in La Crescenta, California. He was born in California on April 1, 1966, the son of Pat and Lorraine Swaine Whitt. He was a truck driver for North American Van Lines and attended the Big Hill Holiness Church.

In addition to his parents, Pat and Lorraine Whitt of La Crescenta, California; his wife, Mary Burkhardt Whitt of Mt. Vernon; three sons, Michael Lee Whitt, Bryan Taylor Whitt and Christopher Ryan Whitt, all of Mt. Vernon; his paternal grandfather, Sylvia Whitt of Broadhead and a sister, Mary Kimberley Whitt of San Jose, California.

Services were Friday, October 11, at the Brush Creek Holiness Church with Bros. Bill Rose and David Rose. Burial was in the Saylor Cemetery in Cartersville.

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

Palbearers were Burley Burkhardt, Justin Burkhardt, Norman Childress, Johnny Harris, Claude Tuttle and David Whitt.

Clyde Waddle

Clyde Waddle, 68, of Frankfort and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Wednesday, September 18, 2002 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Bert and Rebecca Mae Spivey Waddle. He was a retired employee of the Matthews Construction Company.

Survivors are two daughters, Jennifer Waddle of Frankfort and Stephanie Jeffries of Lawrenceburg; three brothers, Farmer Waddle and Landon Waddle, both of Livingston and Sam Waddle of Frankfort; three sisters, Louise Linton and Ann Jennings, both of Frankfort and Maxine Smith of Lexington; six grandchildren; a great granddaughter and his companion, Mary Chapman of Louisville. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Dean Waddle and Paul Kenneth Waddle.

Services were Saturday, September 28, at the Harrod Brothers Memorial Chapel with Rev. Albert Parker officiating.

Local arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home (www.dowellmartin.com).

Harvey Thomas

Harvey C. Thomas, 89, of Saffold Cane Road, Berea, died Friday, October 11, 2002 at the Berea Hospital. He was a World War II US Army Veteran and retired from the Blue Grass Army Depot. He was also a farmer and a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church and the Berea Masonic Lodge # 617 F&AM.

Survivors are his 17 children, Edith Pena of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, James L. Thomas of Lewisburg, Tennessee, L. Thomas and wife, Marie of Berea, Mary A. Galkoff of Hampton, Georgia, Charles P. Thomas Southworth of Georgetown, Ronnie Thomas and wife, Joyce of Berea, Lonnie Thomas and wife, Bernice of Mt. Vernon, Tommy McHone and wife, Waveline of Berea, Dudley Thomas and wife, Sandy of Berea, Shirley McGuire and husband, Tony of Berea, Kathy McGuire and husband, Don of East Bernstadt, Joyce McGuire and husband, Doug of Berea, Gerald Thomas

and wife, Sandra of Paint Lick, Connie Riley and husband, Mike of Catesville, Bonnie Cole and husband, Russell of Crab Orchard, Rachel Thomas of Richmond and Betty Gail Laihair of Mt. Vernon; two brothers, Deway Thomas of Somerset and Joe Thomas of Berea; three sisters, Mossie Mullins of Berea, Mary Harding of Mt. Vernon and Edna Southworth of Georgetown; 46 grandchildren, 67 great grandchildren and a great great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Henry and Flerrie Jane Robinson Thomas; two wives, Fairy Marie Thomas and Ruby Thomas; two sons, William Flerrie and Harvey Clinton Thomas, Sr., and two brothers, Ernest and Virgil Thomas.

Services were Monday, October 14, at the Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Bro. Foster Alexander and Bro. Mark McGuire officiating. Burial was in the Davis Witt Cemetery on Saffold Cane Road.

Palbearers were Jimmy Thomas, Chris Thomas, Lonnie Brock, Jr., Gerald Thomas, Jr., Rick Thomas, Joshua Thomas and David Yeary.

Cards of Thanks

Rachel Pittman

The family of Rachel Pittman would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown to our families in the loss of our mom. Thanks for the prayers, thoughts, food, flowers, cards and memories you shared with us. A special thank you to our "Mama Sisters", to Bro. Al Wentzel, Ted, Johnny, Sheila, Theresa and Jeannie for the songs. Thanks to Dr. Hamilton and nurses at the hospital and Cox Funeral Home.

From Children,
Sally, Emma, George, Jim, Ina,
Barbara, Linda & all the grandchildren

Charles Brooks

The family of Charles Brooks wishes to thank everyone for their flowers, food, prayers and any support they gave us in the loss of our loved one.

Charles Brooks Family

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ORIGIN OF THE WAKE OR VISITATION

Do you know what the origin of the wake is? Well, it originally began as a 24-hour vigil or watch at the side of the newly deceased. Family and friends would rotate the duty of watching over the body to be certain that if there were movement, someone would be "awake" to notice and summon the doctor. It was a way of insuring that no one was buried alive. It was similar in purpose to attaching a cord from the hand of the deceased to a bell above ground - should he or she happen to waken.

Social customs and diagnosis of death have changed a great deal since then. No one is concerned that a body prepared for burial will suddenly leap to life. Today's wakes or visitations are more an opportunity for friends of the family to share their sympathy, and extend condolences. The "laying out" of the body is intended to facilitate the grief process, giving people a last opportunity to see this individual and pay their respects.

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The last ten years have been challenging as a public servant. The six years that I spent on the City Council was a valuable experience but those six years were not the most valuable contribution in my role as Mayor.

I have owned and operated several successful businesses in Mt. Vernon. I understand about budgets, taxes, employee/employer responsibilities, insurance, cost effectiveness measures and the maintenance of a professional manner in the office. I was a partner in a water and sewer construction company, so I am familiar with a lot of the terminology in the industry, of which is an asset for the city.

I know how I want to be treated as a person and I strive to show the employees that same respect. By listening to the employees' concerns we have saved money and given the employees raises. The city has always had a huge problem in the police and water departments with employee turnovers—the raises help to alleviate this problem.

The City of Mt. Vernon is close to a three million business per year. The registered voter in the city limits of Mt. Vernon will choose who will be the caretaker of the funds. Experience leads a community to "Point A". Leadership takes us all the way to "Point Z". An experienced leader is prepared to walk the distance in between.

Photo by Karen K. King



Vote For

Matt Bryant

Mt. Vernon City Council

Communities consist of families. Each household has hopes and dreams for a quality life in their own hometown. Family values such as integrity, Christian virtues and fair and consistent principles produce leaders whose most important desire is to serve others first, themselves last.

Servant leadership is not a new phrase. It is the substance of what makes a city progress and grow. Leaders who look forward to the future of the City of Mount Vernon must lead by serving. The good will and respect of every citizen represented is reflected by what is unselfishly accomplished for those citizens and their community.

There is a lot of hard work to do. There are many goals achievable, within reach of the next tenure of the City of Mount Vernon's City Council. Please allow me to serve as your city council member to progressively lead our city for the next two years.

Paid for by Matt Bryant