

Obituaries



Donna Austin

Donna Rae Austin, 45, of Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, died Friday, October 25, 2002 at her home. She was born in Hopewell, Virginia on February 1, 1957, the daughter of Ray and Doris Perkins Frazier.

Survivors are her husband, Dr. Jerry Austin; a daughter, Cristy Stakomovich of Virginia Beach, Virginia; three stepsons, Barry Austin with the US Army in Korea; Richard Austin of Virginia Beach, Virginia and Stacey Austin of Richmond, Virginia; a brother, Ray Frazier, Jr., of Nashville, Tennessee; a sister, Brenda Salvati of Houston, Texas and seven grandchildren.

Gravestone services were Tuesday, October 29, in the Blandford Cemetery in Petersburg, Virginia.

Local arrangements were by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.



Mary Jean Niceley

Mary Jean Niceley, 67, of Lakeland, Florida and formerly of Madison County, died Tuesday, October 22, 2002 at the Lakeland Regional Medical Center. She was born on November 17, 1934, the daughter of the late Houston and Mary Ann Lambert Lamb. She was a secretary for IMC Company in Lakeland, Florida.

Survivors are her husband, Jack Niceley of Lakeland, Florida; four sons, Lawrence Abrams of Hillsboro, Ohio; Temmy Abrams of Fredericksburg, Florida; Billy Abrams of Lakeland, Florida and Mike Abrams of Ft. Meade, Florida; two daughters, Paula Bradley of Lakeland, Florida and Tiny Butler of Mulberry, Florida; two half-brothers, William Lamb of Greentree, Arkansas and Johnny Lamb of Richmond, Florida; 12 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Riley, a brother, Robert Lamb and a half-brother, Berry Lamb.

Services were Saturday, October 26, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Wayne Harding officiating. Burial was in the Mareburg Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Lawrence Abrams, Tommy Abrams, Billy Abrams, Mike Abrams, Tommy Abrams, Jr. and Jackie Bradley.



Carrie Hundley

Carrie Essie Hundley, 81, of Old Union Church Road, London and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Wednesday, October 23, 2002 at her home. She was born in Rockcastle County on July 10, 1921, the daughter of Jimmy and Nannie Stewart Mobley. She was an artist, photographer and a member of the National Guild of Printers.

Survivors are four daughters, Diane Hoffman Miner and husband, Richard of Wilmore, Ruth Hoffman Hembree of Barboursville, Virginia, Nancy Hoffman Humes and husband, Barry of Jeffersonville, Indiana and Paula Lisa Hundley of London; a sister, Ruth Corbett of London; three grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Hundley.

Services were Saturday, October 26 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel (www.dowellmartin.com) with Bro. Jasper Carpenter officiating. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

"J.T." Bullen

James Torrance "J.T." Bullen, 76, of Broadhead Road, Crab Orchard, died Monday, October 21, 2002 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born in Rockcastle County on February 22, 1926 the son of Dewey and Flora Wolfe Bullen. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Roundstone Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife of 48 years, Geneva Thacker Bullen; a son, Larry Dale Bullen and wife, Deborah of Scaffold Cane; a daughter, Teresa Holcomb and husband, Gerald of Crab Orchard; two brothers, Tom Bullen and Joe Bullen, both of Roundstone; two sisters, Sgily Sigmon of Roundstone and Nancy Wilson of Berea; four grandchildren, Jennifer Houk, Kevin Bullen, Ponjetta Fletcher and Amanda Holcomb and five great grandchildren, Samantha Bullen, Megan Houk, Brandon Houk, Jenna Fletcher and Dillon Bullen. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bob Bullen and John D. Bullen and a sister, Ella Mullins.

Donations are suggested to the Rockcastle Hospital Respiratory Care Center.

Services were Thursday, October 24, at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel (www.dowellmartin.com) with Bro. Wayne Harding officiating. Burial was in the Berea Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles Bullen, James Bullen, Joey Bullen, William Bullen Jr., Eddie Wilson and John Wilson.

Honorary pallbearers were Terry Fletcher, Dennis Griffin, Ronnie Hayes, Jeff Houk and Randall Thacker.

Barbara Ballinger

Barbara Barrett Ballinger, 97, of Berea, died Thursday, October 24, 2002. She was born October 6, 1905, at the Barrett Home Place on Highway 1016, the daughter of the late Joseph and Charlotte Barrett. She was the widow of Robert Ballinger. She was the oldest member of the 1016 Holiness Church.

Survivors are two sons, Bert Ballinger and wife, Laura Ann of Berea and Herman Ballinger and wife, Faye, of Richmond; three daughters, Alene Eaton, Louise Vanwinkle and husband, Luther of Berea and Audra Green of Dayton, Ohio; a brother-in-law, Claude Ballinger; 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, eight great great grandchildren and several step grand, great grand and great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Stella Mae Dryer; a son, Bobby Ballinger, Jr.; a granddaughter, a great grandson; four sisters and a brother.

Services were Monday, October 28 at 1016 Holiness Church with Rev. John Isaacs and Rev. Bill Rose officiating. Burial was in the Barrett Family Cemetery.

Grandsons and great grandsons served as pallbearers.

Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements.

"Buster" Gadd

John Hayes "Buster" Gadd, 88, of Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, October 23, 2002 at Rockcastle Hospital. He was born August 24, 1914 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late John Armp Gadd and Laura Belle Smith Gadd. He was a former employee of Lexington-Bluegrass Army Depot in Richmond and retired as an employee of the City of Berea Street Department. He was a member of Clear Creek Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Fannie Elizabeth "Bessie" Gadd; a son, William Gadd of Berea; five daughters, Wanda Laswell, Linda Irene Kirby of Mt. Vernon, Opal Long of Berea, Ruth Thomas of Berea and Dorothy Thomas of Mt. Vernon; a brother, David Gadd of Berea; a sister, Ruth Adams of Florida; 14 grandchildren,

several great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Other than his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Casper Gadd; four sisters, Sarah Gadd, Margaret Spires, Annie Nothorn and Mary Miller and a grandson, Doug Long.

Services were Friday, October 25 at Williams Funeral Home in Berea with Bro. Jerry Owens officiating. Burial was in the Abney-Gadd Cemetery in Rockcastle County.



"Shot" Mize

Emmitt "Shot" Mize, 90, of Reading, Ohio, died Monday, October 21, 2002 at the Cottingham Nursing Home in Sharonville, Ohio. He was born on November 17, 1911 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Hump and Alice Jones Mize. He was retired from National Distillers and Reading Motor Company, and was a Veteran of WWII.

Survivors are his wife, Alma Sears Mize of Reading, Ohio; a daughter, Pearl Thomas Spurluck and husband, Ray of Lebanon, Ohio; two step sons, Bobby McKenzie and wife, Beverly of West Chester, Ohio and Glenn McKenzie and wife, Jean of Mainville, Ohio; a brother, Shelby "Bill" Mize and wife, Rebecca of Mt. Vernon; two nieces, Tanya Robbins and Barbara Burkett; five nephews, Albert Hibbard, Calvin Conley, Danny and David Mize; 14 great

nieces and nine great nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lonzo "Jay" Mize and Howard Reese Mize; a sister, Lucy Mize Hibbard and two nephews, Melvin Hibbard and Earl Denver Mize.

Services were Thursday, October

24, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. David Mize. Burial was in the Mize Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Albert Hibbard, Danny Ray Mize, David Mize, Gary Robbins, Robert Burkett and Shawn Hardy.

Card of Thanks

J.T. Bullen
The family of J.T. Bullen would like to thank all the staff at Rockcastle Hospital and the nursing staff for all their patience and time that they have given him over the years. We would also like to thank Dr. George W. Griffith and staff for all their effort and support. A very special thanks to Richard Barnes for all his kindness in making sure that J.T. had everything he needed. A special thanks to

Rockcastle Respiratory Care and the ICU Unit for their effort and support for J.T. and family. A special thanks goes out to the Rockcastle Co. Ambulance Service for their prompt responses. A special thanks to Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and Sparks Flower Shop. A very heartfelt thanks to all friends and family who gave their support and comfort in our time of need.

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