

Obituaries



Homer Brown

Homer E. Brown, 69, of Rt. 3 Mt. Vernon died Thursday, December 12, 2002 at his home. He was the husband of the late Christine Powell Brown and was a retired agent for L & N Railroad, a farmer, and was a former owner of the Dixie Kitchen Restaurant in Berea and the Renfro Valley Steak and Seafood House. He was born in Rockcastle County, KY December 24, 1932 to the late Eldon Felix and Patsie Pearl-Hayes Brown. He was a member and deacon of the Wildie Christian Church and was a member of the Berea Lodge 617 F & AM, a 32nd degree Shriner and the York Rule in Richmond. He was a U. S. Army Veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors are his children; Debra Lynn (William) Lynch of Mt. Vernon, Felix Del (April) Brown of Frankfort, and Dwight Lee Brown of Mt. Vernon. Five grandchildren: Crystal Gayle Brown, Shauna Leigh Hall (James) Coffey, Lindsey Renee Hall (Graham) Helmen, Kalub Burks, and Robert Estill Brown. A brother, Lemmie (Doris) Brown of Mt. Vernon and a sister Jean Brown Towery of Mt. Vernon.

Services were Monday, December 16, 2002 at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea, with Bro. Keston Parkway officiating. Burial was in the Berea Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Reggie Van Winkle, Glyndon Williams, Gerald Owens, Steve Towery, Gilly McNew, and Jim Cummins. Honorary pallbearers will be Carl Mowbray, Bobby Alexander, Ian Ivan Stephens, Shannon Franklin, Rick Bullock, Steve Smith, Graham Helmen and James Coffey.



Martha Cox

Martha A. Cox, 99, of Auburn, died Tuesday, December 10, 2002 at the Medical Center in Bowling Green. She was born on September 30, 1903 in Glascock County, Georgia, the daughter of the late James M. and Mary Jane Hadden Adams of Wrens, Georgia. She graduated from Wrens High School and obtained a degree from Georgia State College for Women in 1925. She moved to Kentucky and taught in the Langdon School, a Presbyterian school for mountain girls, in Mt. Vernon.

After her marriage to Richard F. Cox, Sr., who preceded her in death, she assisted him in the Cox Funeral Home in Grayson and also taught in the Pritchard High School. In 1951, she and her husband purchased the Cox Variety Store in Auburn, where she worked until her illness in November 2002. She was a member of the Auburn Legion Auxiliary for 68 years, was a former member of the Eastern Star, Auburn Women's Club and Grayson Women's Club, and was a member of the Auburn Christian Church.

Survivors are two sons, Richard F. Cox, Jr., of Auburn and James L. Cox of Atlanta, Georgia; two grandchildren, James L. Cox, Jr. and Lisa A. Cox, both of Atlanta, Georgia and two great grandchildren, Melissa Erin Cox and James L. Cox, III.

Services were Saturday, December 14, at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Eddie Nation officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

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Georgia Mason

Georgia Begley Mason, 69, wife of Ernest M. Mason of Earl Brown Road, died Friday, December 13, 2002 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born on September 20, 1933 in Lancaster, the daughter of the late Ahlah and Alta Lewis Begley. She was a homemaker, a devoted wife and loving mother. She enjoyed flowers, gardening and her pets. On April 22, 1952, she was united in holy matrimony to Ernest Mortimer Mason and from that union came two children, Karen Michelle and Lauren Norville.

Survivors are her husband, Ernest M. Mason; a son, Lauren Norville Mason, a daughter, Karen Michelle Mason, all of Rt. 4, Mt. Vernon; a grandson, Dillon Michael Fields; a brother, Clyde Begley and wife, Mary of Springfield, Virginia and a sister, Ruth M. Fredericks and husband, Fred of Winter Springs, Florida. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Services were Tuesday, December 17, at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel.

Donations may be made to the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter in memory of Mrs. Georgia Mason.



William Mason, Sr.

William "Bill" Henry Mason, Sr., 73, of Florence died Saturday, November 23, 2002 at Hazard Appalachian Hospital. He was a retired police officer with the Covington Police Department and a member of the Golden Rule Lodge #345 F&AM, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #1 and the Covington Retired Policemen's Association. He was a native of Rockcastle County; the son of the late George M. Mason and Mary Isaacs Mason of Orlando.

Survivors are four daughters, Tammy Wilcox and Cindy Bunch, both of Covington; Terri Snow of Florence and Vicki Cough of Hyden; three sons, John Mason of Burlington, Eddie Mason of Union and William H. Mason, Jr., of Florence; nine brothers, Bobby Macay and wife, Norma Jean of Covington, Frank Mason and wife, Wanda of Mt. Vernon, Ernest Mason of Mt. Vernon and Jimmy Mason of Panama City, Florida, Donald Mason of New Paris, Ohio, George Mason, Jr. and wife, Janice, Ronnie Mason and David Mason and Paul Mason and wife, Kaye, all of Orlando; three sisters, Dorothy Rader and husband, Charles, Mary Vassant and husband, Henry, and Karen Morgan and husband, Terry, all of Orlando; a step mother, Gladys Mason; 19 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and 48 nieces and nephews. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Yvonne Mason; a daughter, Sherry Carbone; four brothers, Coleman Mason, Earl Mason, Lincoln Mason and Andy Mason and two sisters, Sandra Vanwinkle and Betty Jean Mason.

Services were November 27, at Stith Funeral Home in Florence with Rev. Wayne Bowling officiating. Burial was in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Erlanger. Donations are suggested to donor's choice of charity.

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



Clara Anile

Clara Ramsey Sutton Anile, 86, of Lexington and formerly of Lancaster died Tuesday, December 10, 2002 at the Lexington Center for Health and Rehabilitation. She was born October 9, 1916 in Marshall, North Carolina, the daughter of the late Riley Gaines Ramsey and Carrie Clemmons Ramsey. She was a member of the Christ United Methodist Church and the former owner of Sutton's Jewelry in Lancaster.

Survivors are her husband, Sam Anile of Lexington; a son, Ronald Sutton and wife, Carolyn of Berea; a daughter, Linda Chaney and wife, Bennie of Lexington; a sister, Evelyn Owens of Brodhead; six grandchildren; four step grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; seven step great grandchildren and four step great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles Edward Sutton; a brother, William Ramsey and two sisters,

Beatrice Molye and Selma Frith. Services were Thursday, December 12 at Ramsey Funeral Home in Lancaster with Rev. Charles Cooper and Rev. Tom Ditto officiating. Burial was in the Lancaster Cemetery.



Hazel Rigbsby

Hazel Rigbsby, 91, of Pur Rigby Road, Brodhead, died Tuesday, December 3, 2002 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born on May 29, 1911 in Renfro Valley, the daughter of the late George and Ollie Adams Frith. She was a homemaker and a member of the Union Chapel Holiness Church.

Survivors are a son, Glen Rigby and wife, Faye of Brodhead; a grandchild, Anna Lee Huddleston and husband, Robert of Bronson, Florida;

two great grandchildren, Kristina Rigbsby and Noah Huddleston; five step great grandchildren; a very special niece, Kay Rigbsby and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Rigbsby; four brothers, Roscoe, Tom, Roy and Bob Frith and two sisters, Manilla Brooks and Mildred Coffey. Services were Friday, December 6 at the Watson Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Buford Parkerson. Burial was in the Christian Church Cemetery.

Donald Gatliff

Donald R. Gatliff, 68, of Rose Court in Berea, died Saturday, December 14, 2002 at his home. He was the husband of Helen R. Dailey Gatliff. He was a retired self-employed dry-wall contractor. A member of the Baptist faith, Don was born November 8, 1934 in Rockcastle Co., to the late Lemis and Ollie-Lyles Gatliff and was a Veteran of the US Army.

Besides his wife Helen, Mr. Gatliff is survived a son, Billy Jay (Lisa) Gatliff of Berea, KY two step-sons Gary Smith of Waco, KY and James A. (Mary) Smith of Paris, KY a step-daughter Connie Jean (James) Cummins of Florence, KY two sisters Ollie Wade (James) Towery of Dayton, OH and Georgia Brumley of Carlisle, PA. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Hannah, Holly, Daisy, and Zoe Gatliff, four step-grandchildren Kristie and Jenna Smith and Emily and Brian (Sherry) Cummins and two step-great grandchildren Kaven Brown and Shelby Cummins. He was preceded in death by two brothers Jack and Eugene Gatliff.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 17, 2002 at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Kenny Davis officiating. Burial was in the Scafield Cane Cemetery.

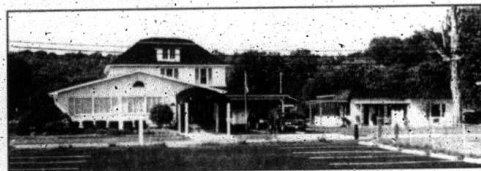
Pallbearers were Carter Johnson, Charles McClure, Rex Oliver, Robbie, Kenneth, and Eddie Melhorne, Jimmy and Gary Smith.

No Paper Next Week

Due to the Christmas holiday, the **Mt. Vernon Signal** will not publish next week. Our next issue will be January 2, 2003. The **Signal** office will be closed December 23-27, 2002 and will reopen December 30th

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