

A Place to Remember, Mourn and Heal

Memorial Dedication set for May 6th

An idea born of one woman's grief will soon become a reality, a place where people can go to remember, grieve and heal over the loss of children to miscarriage, still birth or abortion.

The dedication of the Kentucky Memorial for the Unborn will be held on Monday, May 6th at 5:30 p.m. at Frankfort Cemetery. Most Rev. Ronald W. Gainer, Bisop of the Catholic Diocese of

Lexington and Rev. Wayne Smith, Retired Pastor of Southland Christian Church, will speak at the event. Both Gainer and Smith have spoken in support of the project since its inception and were present at the groundbreaking on September 22, 2009.

Kathy Rutledge, whose own search for healing from an abortion at the age of 18 inspired the project, says the memorial is a place where

mothers, fathers and families can go for healing and to seek peace with the past.

Located in a secluded section of the cemetery, overlooking the Palisades and the Kentucky River, the memorial was deigned by Lexington landscape architects, M2D Design, and based on a modern interpretation of the historic Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.

The native limestone and granite wall emerges from the enfolding landscape and sweeps along a graceful arc forming a subtle enclosure like a womb. A biblical passage begins the experience along the wall where names and messages will be inscribed. At the foot of the wall is a shelf for seating, flowers, notess and small momentos. Within this enclosure is a life-size bronze statue of Rachel, a woman referenced in Jeremiah 31 of the Bible as one "weeping for children" who finds

hope in God. The statue was designed by Nebraska artist Sondra Jonson.

Rutledge says that without a tangible expression of closure, some people tend to bury their pain inside. "Having a concrete place where they

can go to remember a child nurtures the healing process and brings a sense of peace."

Naming lost children also provides healing, she adds. "We want people to be able to put those names in stone, so their children are never forgotten."

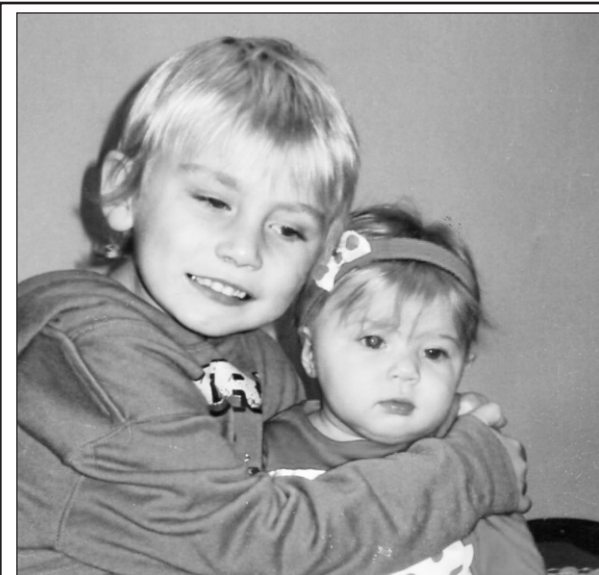
For more information, about the memorial, dedication or granite inscriptions, visit the website at www.Kentuckymemorialfortheunborn.org or call 859-255-2000. You may also contact Donna Dean at 606-308-4627.



50th Wedding Anniversary

Cecil and Beulah Burdette will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an Open House at their home in Conway on Sunday, April 28th from 2 to 5 p.m. All family and friends are invited.

The couple was married April 27, 1963 in Mt. Vernon and have eight children: Marsha, Tim, Ben, Kelvin, Donita, Greta, Hannah and Harold, 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild.



Hunter Isaacs, left and Karleigh Isaacs, both recently celebrated their birthdays. Hunter turned six on February 22 and Karleigh was two on April 22nd. The two are the children of Dwayne Isaacs of Mt. Vernon. *Happy Birthday, Hunter and Karleigh.*



First birthday

Lacey Elaine Shepherd, daughter of Sgt. Zachary Shepherd, station with the US Army in Afghanistan and Tabitha Shepherd of Fort Campbell, Ky., celebrated her first birthday on Sunday, April 7th at the home of her grandparents, Cynthia and Anthony Hansel in Berea.

Other grandparents are Manuel Shepherd, Jr. of Lexington and Patricia and Robyn Isaacs of Somerset.

Great grandparents are: Harley and Elaine Tillman of Missouri and Leon and Judy Rowe of Mt. Vernon.



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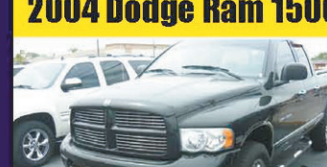
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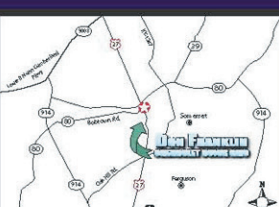
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