

Obituaries



Rev. Tom R. Coffey

Rev. Tom R. Coffey, 60, of Buffalo, died peacefully at his home Tuesday, August 13, 2013. He retired as manager of the LaRue County Water District after 24 years of service. He pastored four churches in LaRue, Green, and Taylor counties and Corinth, Allendale, Bethel, and Mt. Carmel Baptist Churches. He was currently serving as Deacon and Sunday school teacher at Buffalo Baptist Church. He was a faithful Christian witness and served as a source of strength and encouragement to many. He trusted in the Lord at age 12 and now is at home with his Savior.

He is survived by: his wife, of 35 years, Donna Duncan Coffey; his children, Staci (Kris) Riggs of Magnolia, Traci (Steve) Weaver of Buffalo, and Ryan (Holly) Coffey of London. He was the loving Papa to Layla and Bridgett Weaver, Ty Coffey, and Austin and Matthew Riggs. Also surviving are his parents, Willis and Ada Coffey of Mt. Vernon, and his brothers, Keith (Susan) Coffey, Steve Coffey, and Willis G. (Kim) Coffey, all of Mt. Vernon.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, August 16, 2013 at the Buffalo Baptist Church with the Rev. Chad Burdette, Rev. Roger Pepper, Rev. DeWayne Gibson, and Rev. Bob Boster officiating. Burial will follow in the Buffalo Cemetery.

Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. Thursday at Bennett-Bertram Funeral Home in Hodgenville and after 9:30 a.m. Friday at the church until time for services.

Bennett-Bertram Funeral Home in Hodgenville, and Cox Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may also be made online at www.bennett-bertram.com.

Carl Thomas Smith

Carl Thomas Smith, 67, of Surprise, AZ and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, August 4, 2013 at Banner Boswell Medical Center in Sun City, AZ. He was born in Cincinnati, OH on May 15, 1946 the son of Carl Arnold and Ada Harris Smith. He was a retired refrigerator repairman.

He is survived by: his wife, Grace Newman Smith of Surprise, AZ; two sons, Steven Smith of Patriot, IN and Jarron Smith of Surprise, AZ; two daughters, Sandy Bolonta of Buckeye, AZ and Kaylla Smith of Surprise, AZ; two brothers, David Smith of Livingston, and Kenneth Smith of San Jose, CA; and two sisters, Joyce Dawson of Berea and Mary Peck of Clarksville, TN. Also surviving are three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, William Smith.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 11, 2013 at the Pine Hill Holiness Church by Bro. Dennis Doan. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Shane Cameron, Steve Cameron, Jerron Doyle, Stephen Doyle, Stephen Doyle, Jr., and Mike Peak.

Arrangements were by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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Evelyn R. French

Evelyn R. French, 80, of Orlando, died Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born in Rockcastle County, on April 6, 1933 the daughter of George Dewey and Sissy Leger Robinson. She had been a secretary for R-TEC for 16 years and was a member of the United Church of God.

She is survived by: her children, Donald Keith French, Anthony Bruce (Sandra) French, Mary Jane French and Esther P. Clark, all of Orlando; a brother, Clebert Robinson of Orlando; three sisters, Cleo Winkler and Easter Mahoney, both of Covington, and Mattie Burns of Lyndon, TN; four grandchildren, Douglas Scott and Allie French, J.D. French, James Clark, and Anthony VanWinkle; and two great grandchildren, Lucas Clark and Aria French. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, James Donald French; three brothers, Bub, Ed, and Paul Robinson; and a sister, Ruby Robinson.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 10, 2013 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Lonnie McGuire. Burial was in the Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: James Clark, Douglas French, J.D. French, Mike Leger, Roger Robinson, and Anthony VanWinkle.

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Nellie Marie Ratley

Nellie Marie (nee Gentry) Ratley, 74, of Cincinnati, OH, died Wednesday, July 31, 2013.

She leaves to mourn: her beloved husband of 35 years, C. L. Ratley and a small black poodle named Misty; two brothers, Richard Lee (Hannah) Gentry of Richmond, and Billy (Jean) Gentry of Brodhead; one sister, Nina Kline of Springdale, OH; three step-daughters, Maxine (Rick) Brock of Medora, IN, Sandra (Curt) Bennet of Midland, OH and Myrna Riggs of Bradenton, FL; and a host of relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by: a son, Rodney Harper; her parents, Richard and Maud Poteet Gentry; a brother David (Bobby) Gentry; and sisters, Norma Stevens and Norene Manis.

She loved to cook for family on holidays. Peanut butter fudge was sent to relatives all over the country. Her sugar cookies at Christmas time and Texas sheet cakes were also favorites. Her deviled eggs were desired anytime and her family and friends responded with a variety of 150 deviled eggs displayed on her dining room walls.

Services and burial will be at the Lawrence-Gentry Cemetery in Rockcastle County at the convenience of the family. Memorials may be made to that cemetery c/o Ann Taylor, Box 530, Brodhead, KY 40409.

Estes Orvel Neal

Estes Orvel Neal, 82, died August 7, 2013 at Optim Medical Center Screven in Sylvania, GA.

Originally from Brodhead, he is the son of the late Daniel and Stella Brumett Neal, and had lived in the Hunters Community for 15 years. He was a longtime member of the Masonic Lodge and was a 32nd degree Mason. He served with the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict, was a retired crane operator, a licensed master mechanic, and was a member of the Local 474 in Savannah. His family says his unsurpassed strength and determination set an example for all to follow.

Survivors include: his wife, Helen Gregory Neal, of Sylvania; sons, Jeffrey (Bonnie G.) Neal of Bay Branch Community, David Neal of Savannah, Steven Wesley (Constance C.) Neal of Rincon, David Riner of Pooler and Mike (Lori) Riner of Rincon; daughters, Ann (John P.) Walsh of Nevils, Connie Sue Lanier of Savannah, Brenda Harrington of Guyton, and Sharon Lear of Brodhead; sisters, Juanita Padgett of Cincinnati, OH, Betty and Dave Cornell of Avon Park, FL; a brother, Charlie Neal of Elizabethtown; 18 grandchildren; and 24 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 9, 2013 at Black Creek United Methodist Church in Sylvania with Rev. Robert Poston officiating. Interment was in Black Creek Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Dan Harrington, Bryan Riner, Russell Riner, David Riner, Jerry Shannon, Steven Wesley Neal, and David Neal.

Memorial contributions may be made to Black Creek United Methodist Church, care of Joy Sheppard, 290 Sheppard's Switch Road, Sylvania, GA, 30467.

Joiner Anderson Funeral Home Screven Chapel is in charge of all arrangements.

Friends may sign the online register book at www.joineranderson.com.

Doris Cummins Brown

Doris Cummins Brown, 85, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, August 12th. She is survived by a daughter, Marsha Parsons.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Dowell and Martin Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation will be after 11 a.m. on Friday.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

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Cards of Thanks

Paul E. Blevins

The family of Paul E. Blevins would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness during our loss. We appreciate all the visits, flowers, food, donations and prayers during this very difficult time.

We want to send a special thanks to Danny

McKibben for his comforting words at the service and also to Josh McKibben for helping with the song service.

Thanks also to the Marvin Owens Home for Funerals staff for their help and guidance during our time of grief.

Paul E. Blevins Family

In Frankfort

Wildlife Olympics for youth this Saturday

Salato Wildlife Education Center hosts Wildlife Olympics Aug. 17

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources invites children to take part in the Wildlife Olympics from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Salato Wildlife Education Center in Frankfort.

Participants can test their strengths and abilities at activities set up at select outdoor exhibits while learning about the capabilities of Kentucky's wildlife. Activities are designed for children ages 3 to 16. Participants will be divided into three age categories. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in the grip strength, casting accuracy, long jump, timed race and archery events.

No registration is required. The event is included with general admission into the center.

The Salato Center is operated by the Kentucky De-

partment of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The center is located off U.S. 60, approximately 1 1/2 miles west of the U.S. 127 intersection. Look for the bronze deer statue at the entrance of the main Kentucky Fish and Wildlife campus.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Salato is closed on Sunday, Monday and state holidays.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for youth 5 to 18. Children under 5 are admitted free. The center also offers annual memberships for individuals and families.



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