

Obituaries



Delores Faye Stewart

Delores Faye Stewart, 68, of Brodhead, died peacefully Monday, November 18, 2013 at her home. She was born January 31, 1945 in Lexington, to the late Julian A. and Maude Cruse Griffith. She was the widow of Moss Stewart. She was a retired employee from Dresser Industries in Berea. She had also worked as a hostess for the Back Porch BBQ. She was a member of the holiness faith and she was the lead singer of the country gospel group, The True Gospel Singers. She loved her family and enjoyed the time she got to spend with them, whether it was just sitting around talking or white water rafting in North Carolina. She enjoyed life, but most of all she was a wonderful mom, nanny and mother-in-law

She will be missed eternally by: two children, Danna Turner and Doug (Connie) Hunt; six grandchildren, Regina (Ashley) Anderson, Ashley (David) Gamble, Cory (Jessie) Hunt, Steven (Mary) Eversole, Edgar Lee (Heather) Turner and Beverly (Gerald) Eaton; four great grandchildren, Avrie, Rylee, Matheu and Brittany; and her faithful Boston Terrier, Crissy.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband of 42 years, Moss Stewart; one brother, Ronald Simpson; and one son in law, Edgar Turner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. (today) Thursday, November 21, 2013 at the McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Ronald Simpson officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Gardens in Richmond.

Pallbearers include: Matt Goosey, Steven Eversole, Cory Hunt, Ashley Anderson, Edgar Lee Turner and Dillis Smith.



Ellis Jason Thomas

Ellis Jason Thomas, 32, of Richmond, died Friday, November 15, 2013 in Mount Vernon. He was born in Somerset, on February 14, 1981, a son of Debbie Falin Hopper and the late Christopher Thomas. He was a five year employee of NACCO Berea, enjoyed muscle cars, comic books, Star Wars and drawing. He was a 2000 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and a member of the Brodhead Christian Church.

He is survived by: his mother, Debbie Falin (Kenneth) Hopper of Richmond; his fiancée, Kami Lovell of Mount Vernon; his maternal grandfather, Tommy Falin of Mount Vernon; his paternal grandfather, Dennis Thomas of Clear Creek; his step-father, Billy Joe Shafer of Brodhead; his brother, Eric Dale Shafer of Brodhead; his step-brother, Brian Hopper of Corbin; his half-brother, Chris Combs of Waco; his half-sister, Ashley Ison of Waco; and many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by: his maternal grandmother, Alwanda Falin; and his paternal grandmother, Lillian Thomas.

Memorial services were conducted Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Randal Adams and Bro. Zandell Hasty officiating. Burial was in Cresthaven Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were: Justin Mullins, Tracy Meadows, Jim Cable, Micah Wyatt and Brian Hopper.

Expressions of sympathy can be made in the form of contributions to Operation UNITE, 2292 South Highway 27, Somerset, Kentucky 42501.

Condolences may be sent at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Beatrice Marie Leahy

Beatrice Marie Leahy, 85, of Mount Vernon, died Thursday, October 31, 2013 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mount Vernon. She was born September 25, 1928 and enjoyed spending days at Rockcastle Senior Citizens Center in Mount Vernon.

She is preceded in death by: her parents, Raymond Joseph Leahy and Rosa Belle Rohr Leahy; a brother, Raymond Joseph Leahy, Jr.; a sister, Mary Emma Leahy Batchelor; a special friend, Bonnie, who was like a sister to her; her family at Rockcastle Senior Citizens Center in Mount Vernon and the RTEC bus drivers as well.



Sue Riggsbee

Sue Howard Overbay Riggsbee, 66, died Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at her residence in Burlington, NC.

She was born February 7, 1947 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Richard Howard and Lorene Cotton Howard.

Survivors include her husband, Malcom Riggsbee; three sons, Mark Overbay, David (Diana) Overbay and Earl Overbay; two daughters, Debby Brabson and Angie Overbay; a stepson, Jonathan Riggsbee; beloved mother-in-law, Haseltine Riggsbee; two brothers, Joe (Dee) Howard and Billy Howard; nine grandchildren, Michael Hansel, Charlie Hansel, Cody Overbay, Joseph Overbay, Brandon Overbay, Misty Overbay, Brittany Overbay, Brandon Cameron and Daniel Faulk and three great grandchildren.

Mrs. Riggsbee was preceded in death by her parents, Lorene Cotton Cornett and Earl Cornett and by two brothers, Dillard Wayne Howard and her infant brother, James Anthony Howard.

She was an avid flower lover and always enjoyed working in her yard. She also enjoyed cooking and co-hosting the annual "pig-pickin'" enjoyed by so many family and friends. "Mama" will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mrs. Riggsbee was laid to rest in Alamance Memorial Park in Burlington. Pallbearers were: Michael Cummings, Chris Cummings, Greg Lutskus, Michael Melton, Jonathan Cummings and Dwight Biggs.

McClure Funeral Home in Graham, North Carolina was in charge of arrangements.



Reverend Walter Wagers

Reverend Walter Wagers, 72, of Brodhead, died Friday, November 8, 2013 in Brodhead. He was born in Double Creek, Clay County, on June 15, 1941, a son of the late Jim and Delora Henson Wagers. He was a Pentecostal minister and evangelist, enjoyed horseback riding, woodworking, singing, playing the guitar and talking with people.

He is survived by: four children, Walter (Mary) Wagers, Jr. of Gray Hawk, Bobby (Rita) Wagers of Annville, and David (Satica) Wagers and Tabitha (Raymond) Carpenter, all of Brodhead; the childrens' mother, BonHelen; one brother, Frank (Noreen) Wagers of Trafalger, IN; 11 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: a daughter, Oda Carol Wagers; six brothers, John, Matt, Lloyd, Tommy, Aderin and Charley Wagers; and a sister, Eva West.

Funeral services were conducted Friday November 15, 2013 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Rev. Yoel Napier, Bro. Randal Adams and Bobby Wagers officiating, with words spoken by Willie Ray Smith. Burial was in the Goose Rock Cemetery in Manchester.

Condolences to the family may be made at his online registry at marvineowensfuneralhome.com.

Cards of Thanks

Gary W. Baker

The family of Gary W. Baker would like to extend their thanks for the many prayers, kind words of encouragement, food, gifts and flowers extended to us during the loss of our father.

A special thanks to Bros. Tony Shelton, Greg Lakes, Bobby Turner and Kyle McKnight and our many friends, family and loved ones at Valley Baptist Church.

We appreciate everything you all have done.

With much love and thanks.

*The Baker Girls:
Connie Thompson, Terri Foster, Jenny Schuler, Kimberly Adams and Sue Baker*

Alexander Caryk

The family of Alexander Caryk would like to thank everyone for your prayers, love and support and everything that was done to help during his illness and passing.

We express our thanks to the staff at Hillcrest Nursing Facility, Dowell and Martin Funeral Home and Loving Arms of Pine Hill Holiness Church. Thank you for the cards and flowers, the food, a hand to hold or a shoulder in need.

We also express great appreciation to Roy Martin, Bob Allen, Allen Hensley and George Baker for their services. Thank you to friends, neighbors and family for your visits and expressions of condolences to our family.

Judy Caryk and Family

Note of Thanks

The family of Billy Gentry gratefully acknowledges all acts of kindness and support extended to them during his recent illness and death.

May God bless you all.

Ervin Barron

The family of Ervin Barron would like to thank each and every person who helped in any way during his illness and passing.

He would have been proud to know that so many people cared about him. He was both loved and respected in the community and he will be truly missed.

Thank you to the Rockcastle Hospital, the Air Ambulance, UK Hospital in Lexington and the Oak Tree Rehab/Hospital in Corbin for going above and beyond. Your patience and guidance helped us through this trying ordeal.

Thank you to Bro. Bobby and our church family at Mt. Vernon Church of God. The visits, calls and prayers helped tremendously.

Special thanks to Doug and Sona. Your daily acts of kindness meant more than you will ever know.

Special thanks also to Brenda, Mattie, Lisa, Fred, Lilly and Gail and all the others who sat with us during those long days and nights. We are so very grateful.

Thank you to all our family and friends for your visits, calls, prayers, flowers, food and assistance.

Your love and support will get us through this difficult time. We are blessed to have all of you in our lives.

Thank you to the staff of the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals for all your assistance during our time of grief. Thank you to Bro. Bobby Owens and Bro. Buford Parkerson for your uplifting words. Thank you to the pallbearers. Ervin loved all of you.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

2nd Tim. 4:9

May God bless each and everyone of you.

Sadly missed by his wife, brothers and sister

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Signature HealthCARE honored as one of 'Best Places to Work' by Modern Healthcare magazine

Only 100 organizations nationwide named to list

Signature HealthCARE, parent company of local nursing center Rockcastle Health and Rehab, recently accepted the 'Best Places to Work' award from Modern Healthcare for the third time.

Modern Healthcare is widely considered one of the preeminent media outlets in the nation for news about the healthcare industry. The annual awards program recognizes outstanding employers in the healthcare industry at varying levels of care. Of thousands of healthcare companies and organizations nationwide, only 100 make the Modern Healthcare list each year.

Signature ranked #6 in the 'Large Companies' category and #54 overall, its highest showing yet. Modern Healthcare 'Best Places to Work' rankings are based partly on an employer survey, which considers company policies and benefits offered to employees. But Signature's success was driven largely by surveys that were completed by employees throughout the company who were chosen on a random sample basis.

A wide range of healthcare providers and suppliers competed in the program, including acute-care hospitals such as Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Flower Mound, which took the #1 spot; ZocDoc, Inc., which offers free smart phone apps to help healthcare consumers find and schedule appointments with physicians; and global research, technology and consulting firm The Advisory Board Co.

"This award is a testament to the impact Signature's culture of spirituality, learning and innovation has had on so many of our stakeholders, or employees," said Rockcastle Health and Rehab CEO Steven Cook. "We will wear this as a badge of honor, knowing that our unique culture is what sets us apart and helps us continue to thrive."

For more information regarding

Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center, please visit our website at www.rockcastlehealth.com or come by the facility for a tour.

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