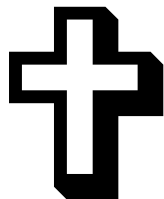
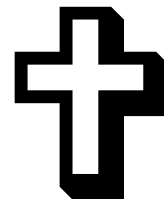


## MEMORIAM



“PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD  
IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS.”

– Psalm 116:15 –



We pause at this time to pay special tribute to our beloved people who have passed from among us since we last met.

“A person or loved one to us loaned;  
Was ever by the Father owned;  
Allotted time they’re ours to keep;  
When God reclaims we’ll trust, not weep.”

Deep within our hearts will remain the sainted memory these our brothers and sisters in Christ. Their names shall be engraved on the pages of our BOOK OF MEMORIES – We honor them. This association at large mourns their passing.

ADKINS, Hiram Reed  
BAKER, Rosa Lee Lowe  
BROWNING, Emerson F.  
CAUDILL, Ramona  
CREECH, Ettia Ruth  
McPEEK, John Everett (J.E.)  
GILLIKIN, Phil  
HICKMAN, Virginia Jo  
JOHNSON, H.C.  
KIRK, Betty B.  
LITTLE, Charlie Bill  
MARSHALL, Dennis  
NEELEY, Rick  
PETERSON, Lola Murray  
SUMMEY, Ezra S.  
TRAPP, Geneva E.  
\*VANHOOSE, William Charles “Bill”  
WALLEN, Yvonne  
YOUNT, Jacqueline Sue

BAKER, James Donald  
BORDERS, Juanita  
BURNS, Wanda G.  
CRAWFORD, Hazel (Gilreath)  
DODSON, Alfred “Clarence”  
FITCH, Deborah Kay  
HENRY, Timothy S.  
JAYNE, Verlin Edgar  
JOHNSON, Pearl Horton  
LAWSON, Coy W.  
MANES, William Joey  
MILLS, Ethel Jeanette “Jenny”  
OSBORNE, Lester Wayne  
STAPLETON, Angela Ruth  
SYBERT, Lola Mae  
TRENT, Myrtle Janie  
WALLEN, Edsol  
WORKMAN, Richard L.  
BAKER, James Donald

\*Ministers

**HIRAM "REED" ADKINS** passed away on September 26th, 2022, at the age of 82 at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy Ohio.

Reed Adkins is survived by his sister Thelma (Delmer) Rakes his five children Matt (Bobbi Jo) Adkins Mary (Chuck) Petersimes, Tyler (Cathy) Adkins, Christy (Stephen) Cook, and Carson Payne. As well as his 13 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren; special family Janet Ewing and Violet Arthur, and a host nieces and nephews.

Reed is preceded in death by his wife Naomi Adkins; his parents Matthew Adkins and Esta Bragg; special family Ora and Eva Crabtree; brothers Gordon, Corbin, Thomas, and Wade Adkins, Frank Miller, Albert Collins, and Junior Lovejoy; sister Anna Crabtree.

Reed Adkins was born on November 22, 1939, in Midkiff, West Virginia to Matthew Adkins and Esta Bragg. Reed Adkins was a member of the United States Military until September of 1964 when he was Honorably discharged one year before the United States became involved in Vietnam War. Following his Service in the United States Military, Reed married Rachel Massie on December 11, 1965. Reed worked at the IVEX Corporation until November of 1998 when he retired after 30 years of service, just one year after marrying the love of his life Naomi Robinette.

Reed Adkins was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He devoted his life to the gospel of Jesus Christ and shared his love through his passion of bluegrass music. Reed was inducted into the Ralph and Flo FOP Hall of fame in August of 2002.

-Written by the family

**JAMES DONALD BAKER**, age 83 of Bristol, Virginia born May 29, 1938, and passed away May 18, 2022. He was a member of Chestnut Flats Primitive Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents Roy and Lucille Baker, brother Dale Baker, and grandson Levi Carter.

He was a veteran of the US Navy 1955-1959 aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA # 42. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Sue Baker, daughter Mary Donette Carter and husband Richard Carter, Son James Bradford Baker and wife Vanessa Baker. Four grandchildren Noah Carter, Chelsey Carter, William Baker, and Ross Baker and brother Alvin Baker.

-Written by the family

**ROSA LEE LOWE BAKER**, 80, of Kingsport, TN went to be with the Lord Saturday, August 6, 2022. Rosa was born in Butler, Tennessee on February 7, 1942, to the late Jake and Ruby Lowe.

She was a member at Gardner's Chapel and attended Chestnut Flats Primitive Baptist Church in Scott County, Virginia.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, JL Lowe and her sister, Jane Lawson. Those left to cherish Rosa's memory are her husband, Elder Lewis Baker; daughter, Cassandra Kerney; granddaughters, Ariana Kerney and Angelina Kerney; brothers, Charlie Lowe and William Lowe; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

-Written by the family

**JUANITA BORDERS** went home to be with the Lord, Monday, February 21, 2022, at home. Born March 29, 1947, in Louisa, KY, Juanita was the daughter of the late Cecil and Phyllis Price. She was a long-time member of Richardson Chapel Church.

She is survived by two sisters; Gail Boyd and Judy (Mark) Burgess; brother, Charles (Ruby) Price; and lifelong best friends, Rita (Bob) Nolen and Debbie Gitchell. In addition, she is survived by many nieces, nephews, and the loves of her life, grandchildren, Emily and Hayden Borders.

Juanita is preceded in death by her husband, Wallace "Peanut" Borders; son, Jeff Borders; and mom and dad, Cecil and Phyllis Price.

-Written by the family

**EMERSON F. BROWNING**, 86, of Dayton, OH, went home to be with the Lord on January 3, 2022. He was born in Ironton, Ohio, on May 26, 1935, to the late Emerson B. and Pearl I. Browning. In addition to his parents, Emerson was preceded in death by his children Emerson R. Browning and Cheryl "Cheri" F. Fannin; sisters Mary Edith Browning, Regina French, and Carol Reeves; brother Kenneth Browning; grandchildren Kyle A. Hunt and David R. Sage. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Mary Browning; daughters Teresa (Mike) Barrett, Tina (David) Browning, and Ashley (Dylan) Browning-Manzo; brother Charles (Diane) Browning; sister Betty (Arlin) Sturgill; six grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and other family.

Emerson was a tool and die and mold maker by trade. He owned his own tool and die companies, Triad Mold and Die and Browning Technology Inc., totaling 30 years of service to the community. He was a deacon at his church, Fairview Primitive Baptist Church. Emerson loved and proudly served the Lord.

-Written by the family

**WANDA G. BURNS**, 88, of the Romeo Community, passed away February 11, 2021, at her home. She attended Marion Robinette Memorial Church as long as health permitted.

She is survived by her son, Steven (Glennis) Burns; daughters, Vona (Michael) Brotherton, Kema Woolsey, and Joni (Rickey) Cox; 9 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers, Gene (Charlotte) Wilhoit and Hack Wilhoit; sister, Carole (Ray) Ellenburg; and sister-in-law, Louise Burns.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Jeff Burns and her parents, John Lee and Flora Wilhoit

-Written by the church

**RAMONA CAUDILL**, 83, passed away May 18, 2022, at the Lexington Bluegrass Hospice Care Center.

She was the daughter of Shelby Sturgill and Lois Hart Sturgill Enlow.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Caudill; son, Robert Shelby Caudill; daughter, Laura Gale (Mike) Harris; brother, James Gregory (Donna) Sturgill; sister: Charity (Jerry) Hall; grandchildren: Steven (Candy) Caudill, Philip (MaShawna) Caudill, Adam (Sarah) Caudill, Cassie (Josh) Harris Blanchard, Hannah (Alex) Harris; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Romona was a member of Little Cowan Church.

-Written by the family

**HAZEL (GILREATH) CRAWFORD**, 89, passed away Tuesday, December 14, 2021, with her loving family by her side.

She was a lifelong resident of Hawkins County and was a member of Mt. Mitchell Baptist Church where she attended until her health declined.

She was preceded in death by her husband, W.M.; parents, Amos and Maxie Gilreath; daughter-in-law, Trish; brothers, Carlyle, J.D., A.H., and Olen; sisters, Gladys Thompson, Gaynell Christian, and an infant sister.

She is survived by her sons, Charles, Tim (Lisa), and David (Sherry); and daughter; Pam Crisp (Terry). She was grandmother to 7 and great-grandmother to 8, who were

her pride and joy. She was also survived by her brother, Howard, and several nieces and nephews.

She loved gardening, flowers, bird watching, and made the best soup beans. She lived a simple life, always content and never complaining about what life sent her way. She was a perfect example of a virtuous woman.

-Written by the family

**ETTIA RUTH CREECH**, was born on November 9, 1945 to Lloyd and Mary Johnson. She lived in Blackwater, VA most of her life. She left this world on January 3, 2022 and is now reunited with her loving husband, Morris Creech, of 40 years. Also welcoming her are her brother, L.J. Johnson, Sr. and sisters, Maybelle (Johnson) Osborne and Jerusha Johnson.

She is survived by daughters, Mary-Ettia Clark (Richard) and Marcella Tomlinson (James); grandchildren, Chelsey Robbins (R.J.), Kayla Barker, Tiffany Hensley (Jarrid), Christopher Tomlinson (Mishelle), and Timothy Tomlinson; great-grandchildren, Carmen, Malachi, Makenzie, Izabella, Paizlee, Christian, and Bryzon; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She also leaves behind her loving sister and best friend, Virgia Grace Hill. If you saw one of them, you would usually see the other. They always loved to be with each other; brother, Harold Daniel Johnson (Iretta) of and many other friends and family. She was a member of Blackwater Lick Church.

-Written by the family

**ALFRED “CLARENCE” DODSON**, of Sneedville, Tennessee, was called home to be with his Lord on April 19, 2022, at age 85. After a full day of working outside on his farm, he took his last breath just a few feet away from the house where he had lived for 54 years. In the end, he finally made it all the way home to rest in God’s shining glory.

Clarence was born on September 19, 1936, to his parents, Elder Elmo and Velva Dodson. He was a member of Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church, which he began attending soon after he was born, and where his father was pastor. Professing faith and salvation in Jesus in 1948, he served as the church clerk for 20 years and taught Sunday School for 47 years. His most principal church role, however, was that of song leader, and for 40 years he opened the worship service every time the church congregated.

Upon graduating from Hancock County High School in 1956, Clarence attended Lincoln Memorial University, completing a bachelor's degree in Math and Physics, with secondary teaching certification, in 1960. After teaching at Clinch High School for four years, he went to work for the newly established Department of Human Services in Sneedville, serving the public as a welfare worker from 1964 until his retirement in 2000. He believed strongly in helping those less fortunate.

Clarence married the love of his life, the beautiful Joyce Ann Royston on May 25, 1962. Their joyful lives were brightened with the birth of two girls, Danita and Malisha, to whom they dedicated themselves tirelessly in unconditional love and support. Blessed with 41 years of marriage, Clarence became Joyce's faithful caretaker when she was diagnosed with cancer in 2002. After her death, he drew increased strength and comfort from his family, especially his grandchildren Caleb and Colleen, who brightened his days with their laughter and love. In the last year of his life, it was his great-granddaughter, Nova Lee, who filled his heart with light, and his one wish was to see her walk, which happened during the last few weeks of his life. Clarence's family will forever remember his generosity, kindness, sense of humor, and consistent presence in their lives.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, his sister Vada, and his brother Howard.

Clarence is survived by his daughters Danita Dodson and Malisha Dodson Seals; son-in-law Rev. Tommy Seals; grandson Caleb (Katelyn) Seals; granddaughter Colleen (Josh) Trent; great-granddaughter Nova Lee Trent; brother Earl Lee Dodson; nephews Rodney (Edie) Dodson and Gregory (Tammy) Dodson; grand-nephew Cody (Carrie) Dodson, and great-grandnephews Caden and Cooper Dodson.

-Written by his daughter, Danita Dodson

**DEBORAH KAY FITCH**, 68, of Louisa, KY, went home to be with the Lord on July 20, 2022, following a brief illness. She was born March 3, 1954, at Patrick, KY, the daughter of the late Oscar and Ethel Fitch Runyon. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband Gary Fitch.

Survivors include her daughter, Tonya (Shane) Fyffe; son Garrick (Tierra) Fitch; and sisters, Rose Fisher, Betty Boyd, and Margaret Whitt; and grandchildren, Courtney Fyffe, Ethan Fitch, Kierra Fitch, and Carson Fitch.

Deborah was a member of Richardson Chapel Church.

-Written by the family

**PHIL GILLIKIN**, 74, of Tazewell, TN, formally of Otway, passed away September 13, 2021, at his home. Born in Morehead City on July 14, 1947, he was the son of the late Vernon and Mary Gillikin. He worked at Connors until 1981 when he then went to Cherry Point where he retired in 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Lupton Gillikin; daughter, Veronica Gillikin and husband Rodney; and grandson, Hunter Gillikin.

He was a member of Long Hollow Church. Phil will be missed by all who knew him.

-Written by the family

**TIMOTHY S. HENRY** passed away unexpectedly on February 19, 2022. He was born December 6, 1957, to Donald and the late Theresa Henry. He is survived by his wonderful wife, Debra Henry (Wall) of 43 years; children, Hillary (Andy) Battrell, Rebecca (Daniel) Lawson, Jill (Tony) Naylor, Tyler (Sheena) Henry, and Jenna (Ryan Carter) Henry; grandchildren, Nicholas and Abbigayle Battrell, Shae and Caleb Lawson, Ava and Jett Naylor, Hudson and Evelyn Henry, along with numerous other family and friends. He is preceded in death by his mother, Theresa Henry; father-in-law, Franklin Wall; and older brother, Michael Henry.

Tim was a loving husband, a great father, and the best papaw. He loved his family more than anything. Tim wasn't your ordinary man for sure; he was extraordinary. He was a diamond in the rough, a treasure trove of wisdom. He enjoyed wood working and carpentry, pig roasting, and all-things trivia. He was a lover of music, movies, and his Ohio State Buckeyes. He was an active member of Macedonia Church (a true extension of his own family and his home away from home), serving as a cherished trustee and part of the worship team. He often marveled at nature's beauty, snapping a quick shot of a beautiful sunrise, or the colors of the setting sun. He mostly marched to the beat of his own drum and that is how we preferred him. He had his quirks and loved to banter, but mostly he just had a HUGE heart; his shirt was your shirt, too.

-Written by the family

**VIRGINIA JO HICKMAN**, 88, daughter of Emma and Ed Fields, went home to be with her husband, Garland (Gart) Hickman on May 7, 2022.

Children whom she got to spend her Mother's Day with are sons, Harold and Randy Hickman; daughter, Donna Dean (Don Mayes); and a very special granddaughter, Tina Herron.

Left to cherish her memories are Larry Hickman, Janet Hickman; a very much-loved grandson, Cameron Spears, which were her loving caregivers for several years. Virginia's loving family includes Cathy (Bill) Bowery, Mildred (Donnie) Duncan, Teresa (Berle Turnmire) Hickman; and daughter-in-law, Donna Gladson (Randy) Hickman; sisters, Faye Barrett (she loved when Faye and Renee Cook (Niece) visited), Helen Manis, and Jane Trent who passed away shortly after.

Virginia will be missed by all who knew her. She was a member of Long Hollow Church where she remained faithful until her health declined.

-Written by the family

**VERLIN EDGAR JAYNE**, age 69, passed away on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. He was a member of West View Primitive Baptist Church.

Bubba was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace Jayne and Pearl Huffman; sisters, Brenda Barton and Elizabeth Hancock; and brother, Carl Bernard.

He was survived by his brothers, Charles Bernard and James Couch; sister, Wanda Greer; and several nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

**H.C. JOHNSON**, age 94 passed away August 14, 2022. He was born July 4, 1928. H.C was preceded in death by his loving wife of 74 years, Pearl, daughter, Kathy Robinson and all his brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Marvin and Carol Johnson.

H.C. was a member of Poplar Grove Primitive Baptist Church. He loved gardening, having company, and talking about the Scripture. H.C. managed parking cars for many years for the Association. He always helped the cooks by giving a close estimate of the number of attendees. We miss H.C. and know he is at rest.

Written by Priscilla Irvin

**PEARL HORTON JOHNSON**, age 94 passed away December 21, 2022. She was born August 10, 1927. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kathy Robinson and all her brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her loving husband of 74 years, H. C. and her son and daughter-in-law, Marvin and Carol Johnson.

She was a member of Poplar Grove Primitive Baptist Church. Pearl loved gardening and working in flowers. One of her greatest joys was working in the Association



kitchen. She mentored many and shared her talents and wisdom. We miss Pearl and know she is at rest.

Written by Priscilla Irvin

**BETTY B. KIRK**, age 80 of Dryden Virginia went to her heavenly home Saturday, April 30, 2022, in Kingsport, Tennessee. She was preceded in death by her parents John Wilk Peters Jr and Bertha Crawford Spears, her sister, Teresa "Terry" Wisemokis and her husband, Vincent Ben Kirk.

She is survived by two daughters, Ann Kirk Willis and Vicki Kirk (Jimmy) Shoemaker; grandchildren, Jonathan David Willis, Christopher Matthew Newman, Amanda Elaine Newman and Kevin Cooper; great grandchildren, Madison Riley Crusenberry, Logan Thacker, Christopher Maxwell Newman, Gabriel Matthew Newman and Clifton Willis; two sisters, Diane Talbolt and Pam Stidham; two brothers, Jeff Peters and Mark Peters; several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Betty was a long-time member of Valley View Church and a sweet and outgoing lady. She is deeply missed.

-Written by church family

**COY W. LAWSON**, 70, of Rogersville, went to be with the Lord on January 23, 2022, at Holston Valley Medical Center. He was born January 10, 1952, to the late William and Marie Walton Lawson. Coy was saved at a young age at Flower Gap Baptist Church where he was Baptized and became a member. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Betty Lawson; brothers, David Lawson and Richard Lawson; grandson, Christopher Ryan Lawson; brothers-in-law, James Davis and Rick Kinsler.

He is survived by his sons, Mack Lawson and wife Kathy, Johnathan Lawson and wife Elizabeth; daughter, Betty Jean Arnold; mother of his children, Mabel Lawson; grandchildren, Christopher Ryan Lawson, Tiffany Russell, Aaron Russell, Mackenzie Lawson, Austin Lawson, Keaton Lawson, Alex Arnold, and Lakin Lawson; great-grandson, Ryan Lawson; sisters, Lou Ella Davis and Stella Mae Kinsler; brothers, Ray Lawson and wife Judy, Michael Lawson and wife Tammy; sisters-in-law, Ruth Lawson and Annie Lawson; special son-in-law, Tony Arnold; and several nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

**CHARLIE BILL LITTLE**, of Little Cowan, KY, answered his eternal call on April 18, 2022, at the age of 74. Charlie was a member of Little Cowan Church since 1984 and served the church proudly in numerous roles, including choir member, Sunday School teacher, Deacon, Building and Grounds, and VBS Coordinator.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Glennis Little; sons: Tony (Tonya) Little and Phillip (Beth) Little; and grandchildren, Jonathan, Abby, Andrew, Anna, Maggie, Levi.

We miss his smile, laughter, and helping hand, but we hold firm to the promise that he is at rest with his Savior, Jesus Christ, and that one day afterwhile, we will gather together again on the banks of Jordan.

-Written by the family

**WILLIAM JOEY MANES**, 56, of Rogersville, passed away May 28, 2021, at his home. Joey was a wonderful soul. He loved people and never knew a stranger. Joey was a 1983 graduate of Cherokee High School. He also graduated as a welding tech from Morristown Training School. Joey was an owner and operator of Circle J Ag Supplies and also operated Circle J Farm, which is a 200-year-old farm. He was a member of Marion Robinette Memorial Church, where he attended from birth.

He is survived by his wife, Frankie Manes; parents, Bill and Rose Manes; adopted daughter, Brandy Lawson; uncles, John Burkhart and Charles Bruce; aunt, Marylin Manes.

He was preceded in death by his infant child; grandparents, Joe and Mildred Kite and Bruce and Flo Manes.

-Written by the family

**DENNIS MARSHALL**, 74, passed away July 12, 2022, at the Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tennessee. He was born in St. Paul, Virginia, the son of the late Tom and Myrtle Helbert Marshall. A graduate of Coeburn High School, he was employed many years at Tennessee Eastman. He was a member of Willow Chapel Church. Dennis was a loving husband and father, who enjoyed spending time with his family and gardening.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Bobby Marshall.

Survivors include his wife, Earika Mullins Marshall, and daughter, Monica Marshall, along with his nieces, nephews and host of other relatives and friends.

-Written by the family

**JOHN EVERETT (J.E.) McPEEK**, born August 5, 1931, went to be with the Lord April 15, 2022, at his residence following his battle with cancer.

He was a member of Long Hollow Church and attended Bass Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. He was a lifelong farmer and the owner of McPeek Logging for over 70 years. He loved hunting, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Carter and Alva (Christian) McPeek; wife, Mary Helen (Hickman); sons, George Everett, Samuel Doyle and Randy Keith; and daughter, Mary Elizabeth McPeek.

He is survived by his current wife, Janet Rae (Dunn) McPeek; sons, Stanley (Janie) Wendell and Johnny (Pamela) Matthews; daughter-in-law, Nancy (Clear) McPeek; brother, James Corbin McPeek; 12 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

“And Jesus said unto him, verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise.”

-Written by the family

**ETHEL JEANETTE “JENNY” MILLS**, age 52, of Inez, KY passed away January 10, 2022, at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa, KY. She was born November 29, 1969, in Louisa, KY to the late Raymond Cochran and Ruth Ann Runyon Rowe.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her stepdad, Burgess Mills, and daughter, Kendra Mills.

She is survived by her husband, Donnis Lynn Mills; sons, Justin Harless and Derrick Harless; stepdaughters, Jennifer Lynn West and Emily Mills; brother, Gary Cochran; sister, Patricia McKinney; and very special aunt and uncle, Margaret and Dale Whitt.

She was a member of Richardson Chapel Church.

-Written by the family

**RICK NEELEY**, 66, of Kingsport, TN, passed away on May 26, 2022. He was preceded in death by his father, Edgar Neeley.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Sue Neeley; daughter, Dezarhea Hebert and husband Donovan; grandchildren, Erik Gunnar and Bailey Rhea Hebert; mother, Cora L. Neeley; and sister, Brenda Kay Neeley.

Rick was a member of Rollers Chapel Church. He always had a sweet smile upon his face. Rest on Brother Rick until we meet again.

-Written by church clerk, Kim Robinette

**LESTER WAYNE OSBORNE** of Xenia OH, passed away on March 30, 2022, at home in Xenia, OH of natural causes. Wayne was born December 17, 1956, in Xenia, OH. He was a retired radiology technician along with other interests in computer technology and artistic endeavors. He graduated from Bellbrook High School in 1975 and went on to graduate from DeKalb Medical School of Radiologic Technology. He worked as a travelling medical radiologist for several years at DeKalb General, in Georgia. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Roy Osborne and Mary Ruth (Robinette) Osborne. He is survived by siblings Dale (Mary Ann) Osborne of Xenia Township, OH and Darren (Wanetta) Osborne of New Vienna, OH. He is also survived by nephews John Osborne and Noah Osborne, one uncle and aunt, Joe and Jean Robinette of Duffield, VA, and many cousins and friends.

Wayne was a self-taught artist across several mediums including oil and watercolors along with charcoal and computer generated graphics which he loved and over the years he became a very prolific artist. He shared his love of art with family and friends and was generous in sharing his love and his talent with others and often a compliment turned into a treasured gift. Wayne had a bright smile and a hearty laugh that was always welcome at family get-togethers; Christmas, Thanksgiving, and summer cookouts. His passing has been bittersweet in the knowledge he's no longer in pain. He is no longer tied to worldly struggles and worries of what tomorrow may bring. He is at peace. He is in Heaven and is surrounded by the angels and those who have been waiting for his arrival. Although it was a shorter life than we had hoped, it was a full life. We will miss him.

-Written by the family

**LOLA MURRAY PETERSON** fell asleep in Jesus March 14, 2022, at the age of 91. She was born January 7, 1931, to John and Maude Davis Murray. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Carl G. Peterson, and her sisters: Elizabeth, Margaret, Ruby, and Marie.

She was saved on February 20<sup>th</sup> and baptized March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1949. She was a member of Sallie's Chapel Church. She sang with The Gospel Trio in the early 50's. She met her late husband at Tennessee Eastman, and they married June 1, 1953. They moved to Duffield, Virginia in 1955 and she moved her membership to Peterson's Chapel Church where she was a faithful member for 67 years. Lola had the gift of prayer and sang in the choir. She taught Sunday School for several years in the 1970's. She enjoyed going to church and singing in the group "The Petersons". She often sang "Time Has Made a Change in Me" and "The Lights of Home". She spoke of Heaven before she passed away having the desire to see her parents and loved ones and a sister she never met.

She is survived by her children, Michael Peterson and wife Jane, Tonya Peterson Berry and husband Kedric, and Leslie Peterson. She left behind nine grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren who love and miss her very much. Rest my precious mother, we will meet you in the morning by the bright riverside when all sorrow has drifted away.

Written by her daughter, Tonya Peterson Berry

**ANGELA RUTH STAPLETON**, 60, of Louisa, KY, passed away Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at Three Rivers Medical Center. She was born June 15, 1961, in Louisa, KY to the late Willard C. and Fayette Moore Bailey.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by sisters, Annette Kay Preston and Rita Marie Bailey; brother, Willard Christopher Bailey; granddaughter, Brayden Renee Ward, niece, Danyelle Johnson; and nephew, Melvin Lloyd Preston.

She is survived by her loving husband, Clarence Stapleton; son, Clarence E. (Shawna Ward) Stapleton, Jr.; daughters, Angela (Phillip) Wright, Laura (Jeffery) Whitson, and Hailey (Michael) Price; brother, Marvin C. (Debbie) Bailey; 11 grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Richardson Chapel Church.

-Written by the family

**EZRA S. SUMMEY**, better known as Pork Chop, Chop, or Ez, was born May 19, 1975, to Bobbie and the late Charles Summey. He left this world for his new home on August 27, 2022. He was the youngest of four boys but not the smallest.

He attended Blackwater Lick Church where his wife is a member.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Summey; brother, Keith Summey; his grandparents; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Ezra loved to laugh, and his big personality and smile were the first things you noticed when he entered the room. He loved to fish, hunt, and camp. He was a kind soul who loved his family and friends. He graduated from Twin Springs High School where he excelled on the gridiron. He then studied welding at Mountain Empire Community College. He worked as a skilled welder, an OR technician, and a skilled glass handler. He was a member of the United Steel Workers Union, where he served as steward until the Glass Plant closed its doors. He then found his calling as a dedicated student transportation engineer, driving Bus #71, where he would give his signature fist-bump to all his kiddos as they exited the bus.

Thanks to those that were with Ezra and Kim, and for those who were there in spirit, as he transitioned from this earthly vessel into the loving arms of his Heavenly Father where he will forever walk the streets of gold. We look forward to seeing him again on Heaven's bright shore.

-Written by his wife, Kim

**LOLA MAE SYBERT**, 88, passed away on November 23, 2021. She was a member of Flower Gap Church

Lola Mae was born in Blackwater, VA on October 25, 1933, to the late Howard and Stella Neeley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Sybert; brother, Edgar Neeley; and two sons-in-law, Don Smith and Bruce Swenson.

She is survived by her two daughters, Naomi Smith and Marvena Williams (Greg Williams); brother, Everette Donald Neeley; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many other relatives, friends, nieces, and nephews.

Lola and Donald were married for 57 years until Donald's passing. The majority of their years together, they lived in Kingsport, TN. For the past 5 years she lived at Magnolia Estates Assisted Living & Retirement Facility, in Winder GA.

-Written by the family

**GENEVA E. TRAPP**, 93 of Blackwater, VA passed away on Thursday, June 30, 2022. She was born in Kenton County, KY on September 18, 1928, to the late Dewey Sanders Sr. and Dora Johnson Sanders. Geneva was a graduate of Blackwater High School in 1946. She was a member of Big Door Church and later moved her membership to Flower Gap Church.

In addition to her parents, Geneva was preceded in death by her husband, Blaine Robert Trapp; children, Jeffery Trapp and Jamie Trapp; brothers, Mayford Sanders, Dewey C. Sanders Jr., Kenneth Sanders; and sisters, Arnedra Russell and Bernice Wallen.

She is survived by her daughters, Christine Simox, Benita Collins, Jennifer and Gary Tipton, Sylvia and Wade Beasley, Paula and Albert McDavid, Beth Trapp, and Heather Trapp and Danny Delano; son, David Trapp; grandchildren, Travis Williams, Erica Williams, Madison Tipton, Susan Trapp, Stephanie Lawson, Shanda Sexton, Whitney Stephens, Alissa Beasley, Austin Beasley, Kayla McDavid, Peyton McDavid, and Blair Napier; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sister, Kaye and Dave Newkirk; brothers, Kermit and Barbara Sanders, James Sanders; several nieces and nephews; and special friend, Onzie Fisher.

-Written by the family

**MYRTLE JANIE TRENT**, 90, of Rogersville, went Home to be with the Lord on Friday, July 1, 2022. She was born on July 23, 1931. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Jane was a member of Long Hollow Church. She made her home with her daughter, Betty Presley. She is retired from Hawkins County Memorial Hospital.

She was preceded in death by the father of her children, Charlie (Stumpy) Presley; sons, Gary and Otis Presley; parents, Edward and Stella Greer Fields; sisters, Virginia Hickman, Eula Manis, Nellie Fields, and Tilda Charles; brothers, Earl and Bob Fields.

She is survived by her daughter, Betty Presley; son, Dwayne Presley; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Faye Barrett and Helen Manis; and several nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

**ELDER WILLIAM CHARLES “BILL” VAN HOOSE**, 66, of Kettering, passed away December 9th, 2021, at Soin Medical Center in Beavercreek. Bill was born November 26th, 1955, to Edith (Wallen) Van Hoose and Claude Van Hoose. He was the owner and tooling engineer for KBX Global. Bill currently helped Macedonia Church where he was an ordained minister and active member. Bill pastored at Clear Springs Church for over 10 years and taught the Bible while living in China. Bill loved to play PlayStation 4, golf, eat various kinds of Bill’s Donuts, and savor vanilla ice cream at the local Dairy Queen.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and his son, William Joshua Van Hoose. He is survived by his daughter, Amber Van Hoose; son, William Van Hoose (Julia Zheng); granddaughter, Zoey Van Hoose; fiancé, Connie Meeks; brothers, Danny, Alan, Roger, David, and Sammy Van Hoose; sister, Connie Nelson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

**EDSOL WALLEN**, 80, of Yellow Springs, passed away December 16, 2020, at Hospice of Dayton. He was born August 12, 1940, in Rogersville, TN the son of Ernest and Bessie (Willis) Wallen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings: Charlise Rhodes; Wilma Yount, Nancy Johnson, Junior Wallen, Eldon “Sonnie” Wallen, Rogan Wallen and Clifford Wallen.

He is survived by his sisters: Barbara (Wayne) Johnson and Yvonne Wallen; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He had formerly been employed at Nicks Restaurant in Xenia and was a member of the Fairview Church.

-Written by the family

**YVONNE WALLEN**, 84, went to be with her heavenly Father, Monday, January 3, 2022. She was born December 5, 1937, in Kyles Ford, TN, the daughter of Ernest and Bessie (Willis) Wallen. Yvonne was a faithful member of the Fairview Primitive Baptist Church in Bellbrook. She loved her family and church family very much. Yvonne enjoyed eating, shopping and Diamond painting. She will be greatly missed. Yvonne is at peace with her Savior. We will see her again on Heaven’s bright shore. A special note of gratitude from the family to Rose Wallen for being her care giver at home.



Yvonne is survived by her sister, Barbara (Wayne) Johnson. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Charlise Rhodes, Wilma Yount and Nancy Johnson; brothers, Junior, Eldon "Sonnie", Rogan, Clifford and Edsol Wallen.

-Written by the family

**RICHARD L WORKMAN**, age 86, of Xenia, Ohio, went to be with the Lord on Sunday July 31, 2022, at his home with his family by his side. Richard was born on June 6, 1936, in Xenia, Ohio, the son of the late George Marion Workman and Edna Liza (Gregg) Workman. He met the love of his life, Sarah M. (Cook) Workman, while home on leave from the Navy. They were married, June 16, 1959, and to this union were born 7 children.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Sarah M. Workman; his beloved son, Byron Workman; five brothers, Robert, James, Wayne, David, and Roger; three sisters, Patricia Workman, Gwendolyn Workman, and Rose Vanover. Richard is survived by his six loving daughters, Tina Workman, August (Jason) Robinette, Rhonda (James) Johnson, Dianna (Richard) Strickland, Angela Vertrees, and Jeanette (Sean) Callahan; two brothers, Larry (Sera) Workman of Xenia, and Mark (Debbie) Workman of Springfield; three sisters, Wanda Hatfield, Linda Sutton, and Dorothy (Johnny) Hill; 15 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Richard loved sports and he was an avid Ohio State Buckeyes fan and a Cleveland Browns fan. Richard proudly served his country in the United States Navy for four years. He retired from Morris Bean and Company in Yellow Springs, Ohio after working 40 years. He was a faithful member of the Fairview Primitive Baptist Church in Bellbrook, and member of the VFW Post 2402. Richard enjoyed coaching peewee football and little league baseball in Xenia. He was a member of the Xenia All-Stars Softball Club and he enjoyed basketball, bowling, and golf. He will be greatly missed.

-Written by the family

**JACQUELINE SUE YOUNT**, 59, of Xenia, passed away May 19, 2022, at her residence following a lengthy battle with ALS. She was born February 2, 1963, in Springfield, OH, the daughter of Marilyn S. (Givens) and Jerry Dennis Wilburn.

In addition to her parents, Susie was preceded in death by her stepson: Martin Yount.

Susie is survived by her husband, Martie Yount, whom she married July 10, 1989; brother, Dana Wilburn; nephew, Aaron Wilburn; and granddaughter, Zoe; as well as many other relatives and friends.

Susie retired from the Village of Yellow Springs, where she had made many friends over the years. She was very talented and loved making all sorts of crafts, ranging from basket weaving, wreaths, dolls, painting, sewing, and knitting. There really wasn't anything she couldn't do. She was a member of the Clear Springs Church and loved her Lord. Her church family looked forward to services that included her sharing her testimony.

No more pain and no more sorrow. We know she is resting in the arms of her sweet Lord and Savior.

-Written by the family