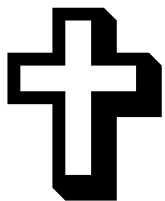
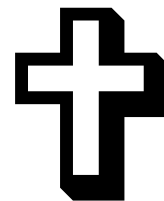


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“PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD
IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS.”

– 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.

ALVIS, Delbert Lynn “Pete”

BOLDEN, Homer

BROOKS, Mary Morgan

DEAN, Lisa K. Minton

FANNON, Carolyn

HICKMAN, Mary Locks

KEATON, Dorothy

LANE, Imogene “Granny” (Long)

MAHAN, Pearl

MITCHELL, Charlene M.

OSBORNE, James Thomas

OSBORNE, LaQuinta Joy

PIERCE, Julie Ann

SWORD, Kathy M.

WALLEN, Gracie Marie Tankersley

BAKER, Betty Ann Lawson

BOLDEN, John Michael

BURTON, Brenda

ELLIOTT, Evelyn

HALL, Millard Ray “Boot”

HILL, Virgie Grace

KINCER, Maggie

LAWSON, Billy Wayne

MARRISETT, Margaret

O’DELL, Doyle

OSBORNE, Kenneth Carl

PETERS, Earl Don

STOKES, Betty Sue

ROBINETTE, Wayne Quentin Sr.

DELBERT LYNN "PETE" ALVIS, 70, of Surgoinsville, went to be with the Lord on September 10, 2023 due to complications of a massive stroke. He retired from TRW and was an avid Tennessee fan. He was saved at a young age and was a member of Long Hollow Primitive Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, Carl and Grace Alvis, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Gene Alvis and Randall Alvis; sister, Linda Borghetti.

He is survived by his sons, Dustin and Cory; twin brother, Elbert "Big" (Anita), Danny and Edward Alvis, Dennis (Terri); sisters, Brenda Burton (Lowell), special caregiver, Jeraleen Christian (Jack), Debbie Dover (Gary); several nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

BETTY ANN LAWSON BAKER was born in Lee County, VA on September 1, 1948 and departed this life May 20, 2024 at the age of 75 years, 8 months and 19 days. She was the daughter of the late Elder Carl and Pauline Osborne Lawson. Betty graduated from Gate City High School, attended ETSU, and worked for many years at Eastman Chemical Company in Kingsport.

She married Hershel Baker on January 17, 1969 and to this union was born 3 daughters. Betty was saved at an early age and joined Blackwater Lick Church where she remained a member until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elder Carl and Pauline Lawson; maternal and paternal grandparents; mother-in-law; father-in-law; several aunts and uncles.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Hershel Baker; daughters, Kim Baker Summey; Amy Baker, and Ashley Baker Absher; grandchildren, Audra Absher and Matti Absher; step grandchild, Jillian Summey; great grandchild, Layla Absher; brothers, Carl Lawson, Jr. and Danny Lawson and a host of friends and relatives.

Betty made friends easily as was evident of her many friendships over the course of her life. Always willing to lend a helping hand, she touched many lives over the years, but her struggles are over, and she is at rest with the Lord.

-Written by her brother, Danny Lawson

HOMER BOLDEN was born December 25, 1949, and went to be with the Lord on January 15, 2024. He was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Homer accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was a member of Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Sneedville, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Bolden; and his brothers, Kenneth Bolden, Stevie Bolden, Tommy Bolden, and Jerry Bolden.

Homer is survived by his mother, Stella Bolden; wife, Martha Bolden; daughter, Melissa (Tony) Duncan; sons, Rusty (Amy) Bolden, Dustin (Shauna) Bolden, and John Bolden; grandchildren, Wade (Heather) Howerton, Caleb (Tori) Posey, Toby (Makayla) Duncan, Brandon (Angelica) Bolden, Caitlin Bolden, Jacob Hall, Peyton (Skyler) Bolden, Ava Bolden, Harley Bolden, Freya Bolden, and Britain Bolden; brothers, Roger (Mona) Bolden, Rick Bolden, George (Kathleen) Bolden, Gary Bolden, Faye Dean (Annette) Bolden, and Larry (Julie) Bolden; sisters, Mary "Sissy" (Jim) Oxendine and Kay (Bob) Bryant; and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other close family members and friends who he dearly loved.

-Written by the family

JOHN MICHAEL BOLDEN was born on January 27, 1989, and he went to be with the Lord on February 28, 2024. He was a loving grandson, son, brother, uncle, great uncle, cousin and friend to many. He gave his life to Jesus on August 9, 1998, at Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Sneedville, Tennessee, where he was a member.

John was preceded in death by his grandfathers, George Bolden and Frank Johnson; grandmother, Ethel Johnson (Kinsler); and father Homer Bolden.

He is survived by his grandmother, Stella Bolden; his mother, Martha A. Bolden; his girlfriend, Vanessa Murray (girlfriend) and her son Cree; his sister, Melissa (Tony) Duncan; his brothers, Rusty (Amy) Bolden and Dustin “Bro” (brother) and Shauna Bolden; his nephews, Wade (Heather) Howerton, Caleb (Tori) Posey, Toby (Makayla) Duncan, Brandon (Angelica) Bolden, Jacob Hall, and Peyton (Skylar) Bolden; his nieces, Caitlin Bolden, Ava Bolden, Harley Bolden, Freya Bolden, and Britain Bolden; and other close family members and friends who he loved dearly.

-Written by the family

MARY MORGAN BROOKS, 59, passed away on February 23, 2024. She was saved at Mt. Mitchell Primitive Baptist Church and joined soon afterward.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband, Michael Brooks; son Jackson Lawson; and father, Elder Wayne Morgan.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, T.J. Lawson; mother, Stella Morgan; brother, Eddie Morgan; sister, Ann (Kirk) LaVeck.

-Written by her mother, Stella Morgan

BRENDA BURTON, 74, of Rogersville, beloved wife, mother, Mom-Mom and sister, passed away peacefully Sunday, October 15, 2023. She was formerly a member of Long Hollow Church and Caney Creek Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Grace Alvis; brothers, Gene Alvis, Randall (Donna) Alvis and Delbert ‘Pete’ Alvis; sister, Linda (Tony) Borghetti.

She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Lowell Burton; daughter, Angie (Phillip) Webster; grandsons, Jarred Webster and Seth Webster; granddaughter-in law, Kelsey Webster; the light of her life and great granddaughter, Emerald Grace Webster; brothers, Edward Alvis, Danny Alvis, Elbert ‘Big’ (Anita) Alvis and Dennis (Terri) Alvis; sisters,

Jeraleen (Jack) Christian, Debbie (Gary) Dover; sister in law, Lucy Burton; several nieces, nephews and dear friends. She will be greatly missed.

-Written by the family

LISA K. MINTON DEAN, 53, stepped into the arms of Jesus on July 29, 2024. Born on June 25, 1971. She was the youngest daughter of Steve and Flo Minton. Lisa lived life to the fullest, always wearing a smile, and offering a helping hand to anyone who needed it. She graduated from King University and went on to earn a master's degree. She was a teacher and coach, but most of all, a great mom. She accepted Jesus as a teen and was a faithful member of Copper Creek (Addington Frame) Church.

Waiting in Heaven are her grandparents; her loving dad, Steve Minton; and special Aunt Jo.

Cherishing her memory are her mom, Flo Stapleton Minton; sister, Gina Minton; two precious daughters, Sophie and Gracie Dean; niece, Taylor Lankford; several aunts, uncles, cousins, church family and a host of friends.

Our hearts are broken, and there is a huge void in our lives, but joy cometh in the morning when we will meet again to part no more. Until then, our hearts will brim with endless love.

-Written by the family

EVELYN ELLIOTT, age 90, of Sneedville, Tennessee, went home to be with her Lord on January 17, 2024. She was born on January 7, 1934, to Noah and Mary Royston Keaton. Saved at a young age, Evelyn joined Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member throughout her life. The church members loved her dearly and will forever remember her cheerful smile and her friendly hugs during fellowship. When she got happy in the Lord, she would often raise her hands above her head and clap them in praise.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elder Tyler James (T.J.) Elliott; her brother, Hairm Keaton; and one great-grandchild.

Evelyn is survived by her son Junior (Karen) Elliott; her daughter Beatrice (Mack) Hatfield; her grandchildren Rhonda (Kevin) Johnson, Karen Hatfield, Darrell (Whitney) Elliott, Jamie (Rebecca) Elliott, and Marty Ferguson; her 11 great-grandchildren, including her beloved great-granddaughter Marlie Ferguson; her niece Teresa (Nick) Ferguson; and her special friends Patty and Ed Maddock. Evelyn's family loved her very much, and they will forever remember her devotion to them. As a praying mother, she was a bright light in their lives. Evelyn will be missed by all who knew her, but her loved ones are assured that she is resting peacefully with the Lord.

-Written by the family

CAROLYN SUE FANNON, 75 of Blackwater, VA passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2024 at Norton Community Hospital after a brief battle with cancer, surrounded by her family. She was born on February 15, 1949 in Kingsport, TN to the late Clyde and Ruby Johnson. She was a 1967 graduate of Blackwater High School. Carolyn began her walk with Christ when she was saved at an early age at Flower Gap Primitive Baptist. She was a faithful member of Osborne's Chapel Primitive Baptist, where she served as a teacher and secretary of the Sunday School. She spent her life as a homemaker and farmer. Carolyn devoted her life to her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years Larry Fannon, her daughter and son-in-law Tracy & Darrell Lewis, her son Douglas Fannon, two granddaughters Amanda Manis-Horton and Victoria Manis and her fiancé Isaiah Eldridge, and one great-granddaughter, Nora Horton, who was the light of her life.

She is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law Michael and Lynette Johnson, sister and brother-in-law Geri and George Taylor, sister-in-law and brother-in-law James & Mary Ruth Davidson, several nieces, nephews, cousins, many friends, neighbors, her precious church family and beloved dog Copper.

-Written by her granddaughters

MILLARD RAY “BOOT” HALL, of the Wallens Creek Community of Jonesville, VA went home to be with the Lord on Thursday January 25, 2024.

He was born on October 3, 1930 in Blackwater, VA to the late Elder Hobart Hall and Winnie Baker Hall. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, June Willis Hall, brothers, Charles Hall and Billy Jack Hall, sisters Virginia Osbourne and Juanita Brown Howard, and a former son-in-law Darrell Musick.

Millard Ray was saved on January 30, 1945 in a revival meeting at Willis Chapel. He served there as a Deacon for over 40 years and served as secretary and treasurer for many years. He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. Millard was a farmer for most of his life and had retired from Powell Valley electric cooperative. He will be remembered for his vast knowledge of the history of Hancock County, TN, Lee County, VA and the surrounding areas. He was an author who had published two books and written countless poems and essays over the years. He loved to talk about the bible and to share his faith. He always enjoyed a good conversation, a joke, and a laugh with anyone he would meet.

He is survived by daughters Judy Rhea Fee and Lisa Ann May and husband Joe; granddaughters, Samantha Loveday, Holly Arthur and Husband Jonathan; great-grandsons, Nolan and Lennox Loveday and Franklin Arthur; Sister Betty Jean Leach; brother David Hall and wife Connie; several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

There were many people who cared for and looked after Millard. A special thank you is extended to Elaine Davis and to the many friend and relatives who helped look after him.

-Written by his daughter, Lisa Ann May

MARY HICKMAN, age 81, of Surgoinsville, went home to be with the Lord, February 17, 2024. She was saved at an early age and was a member of Long Hollow Primitive Baptist Church. She enjoyed the outdoors, cooking, gardening, canning, and always had a table spread.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Wayne Hickman; parents, Clyde and Maude Williams; sisters, Dorothy Horton and Thelma Chess; brothers, Lowell Williams and Tommy Horton.

She is survived by her loving sons, Rick Hickman and wife, Brandy, Scott Hickman and wife, Stacy, and Bob Hickman and wife, Millie; grandchildren, Kimberly, Jessie, Caden, Kayla, Bethany, and Austin; great-grandchildren, Olivia, Joseph, Sawyer, Mason, Natalie, Alayna, and Ellie; sisters, Bonnie, Virginia, Georgia, Amy, and Ann; brothers, Woodrow and Phillip; step-mother, Betty Williams; several nieces and nephews. Mary will certainly be missed by all her friends and family.

-Written by the family

VIRGIA GRACE HILL was born February 24, 1943 and departed this life on April 24, 2024 surrounded by her loving family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, L.E. Hill; parents, Lloyd and Mary Johnson, 1 brother, 3 sisters, 1 precious granddaughter, 2 precious great-granddaughters.

Left behind to mourn and miss her are sons, Bill, Robert, Lloyd (Juanita), Mark, Ronald (Adriana); daughter, Patsy (Kenny); 18 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one brother, Daniel (Iretta); a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends that loved her dearly.

Virgia was a member of Flower Gap Church and attended several other churches. Virgia always tried to attend the Association, where you could find her working for her Savior. She is truly missed and loved. Until we meet again.

-Written by the family

NORMA CHRISTINE HULSE was born November 7, 1940, to the late Wes Short and Jessie Dezarns Short and went to be with the Lord September 7, 2024. Norma was a loving and devoted daughter, wife, grandmother, and sister who made family her main priority. She was

especially fond of her grandson, Brandon. Norma loved everyone and never met a stranger, and was a “big talker.”

In addition to her parents. Norma was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, John Henry Hulse; sisters: Betty Dockery, Jimmie Stevens and Carolyn Oaks.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughter, Kristie Hood (Jim): son, Johnny Hulse; grandson, Brandon Hood; great-grandchildren, Hudson and Selah Hood; sister, Jeweldean Spurlock; brothers, Charles Short (Debbie) and Gary Short (Kay); and several nieces and nephews.

Even though Norma wasn't able to attend church like she would have liked to, she never forgot to pray for her friends and family at Poplar Grove Church.

-Written by her daughter Kristie Hood

DOROTHY KEATON, age 81, of Sneedville, born June 6, 1942, departed this life on May 15, 2024, to be with her Lord and Savior, with her daughter and son-in-law by her side. Saved at a young age, she was a devoted Christian, loving wife, mother, sister, and friend. She was a member of Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church and sung with the Swan Creek Trio for many years.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Elbert and Chloe Johnson; her husband, Haimr Keaton; brothers, Jackie Johnson and Howard Johnson; sisters, Louise (Earl) Johnson and Margaret (Jay) Hicks; sisters-in-law, Wanda Johnson, Trish Johnson, and brother-in-law, Troy Sutton.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Nick Ferguson; sisters, Helen (Ben) McDaniel and Wanda (EJ) Stanifer; brothers, Fred (Lois) Johnson, Junior Johnson, Billy Johnson, Homer (Terry) Johnson, Burkett (Patsy) Johnson, and Roger (Francis) Johnson; sister-in-law, Anna Johnson; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She will be sadly missed by family and friends. She was a loving and caring mother, sister, aunt, and friend.

-Written by the family

MAGGIE KINCER, 91, of Webb Branch, passed away on July 6, 2024. She was daughter of the late Ballard and Loretta Webb. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.B. Kincer; and son, Danny Kincer.

Maggie was a member of Edwin Holbrook Memorial Church. She and J.B. travelled many miles singing the praises of God. I know her prayer would be to come and see her in her new home.

-Written by Teresa Sturgill, clerk

IMOGENE “GRANNY” (LONG) LANE, age 87, of Morristown, passed away on April 10, 2024, at Life Care Center of Morristown. She was a member of Swann Creek Church and loved to quilt. She was a loving mother and granny and will be dearly missed.

Imogene was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Long; daughter, Kathy Stubblefield; granddaughter, Kayla Cody; brothers, Carl and Everett Lawson; and sisters, Stella Royston, Nina Trent, and Goldie Brewer.

She is survived by her son, Thomas (Sue Ellen) Long; daughters, Helen (David) Stuffel, Phyllis Winstead, and Priscilla (Curtis) Barnard; grandchildren, Cindy Bird, Daniel (Codee) Stuffel, Leslie (Devin) Cribley, Kathy (Andrew) Greene, Ashley (Jimmy) Wolfe, Cody (Hannah) Carroll, Mitchell Long, and Michael Long; fourteen great-grandchildren; and sisters, Margaret Purkey, Wanda Carroll, Faye (Jack) Ferrell, and Brenda Anderson.

-Written by the family

BILLY WAYNE LAWSON, 62, of Rogersville, TN, passed away February 29, 2024. He was a member of New Life Primitive Baptist Church. He was saved at an early age at Livesay’s Chapel.

Son of the late, Huze and Willie Ethel Lawson, he was also preceded in death by his sister, Nancy Lawson.

He is survived by brothers, Lester, Kenny, and David Lawson; sister, Reba Goins; and a host of relatives and friends. Wayne is missed by all.

-Written by church family

PEARL MAHAN, 80, born on June 21, 1943 to the late Ray and Easter Mahan of Blackwater, VA, went home to be with the Lord on April 24, 2024. He passed peacefully surrounded by his family. Pearl was saved at a young age and was a member of the Blackwater Lick Primitive Baptist Church.

He was a lifelong resident of Blackwater, VA. Pearl had held several jobs throughout his life but none were more enjoyable or gratifying as tending to his farm.

Pearl was preceded in death by his wife Judy (Kinsler) Mahan, sister, Jearline (Mahan) Osborne and by a brother, Earl Mahan.

He is survived by his son, Roger Mahan; niece, Jeremia Speers (Randall); and a nephew, Carroll Osborne.

-Written by the family

MARGARET MARRISETT, age 76, of Rogersville, passed away suddenly at her home on October 14, 2023. Margaret was a beloved wife, cherished mother, loving sister, and proud mamaw. She was a member of Long Hollow Primitive Baptist Church. She was the center of the family and loved everyone she met.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jonathon Marrisett; mom, Minnie Horne; dad, Howard Horne; and brother, Bill Horne.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Glen Marrisett; children, Rhonda Arrington, and Kimberly (David) Stewart; grandchildren, Daniel (Chasidy) Gladson, Chassity (David) McWhirter, Colton (Savannah) Mayes; great-grandchildren, Matthew, Makaylen, Atlas, and Maeve. Margaret's family and friends will certainly miss her.

-Written by the family

CHARLENE M. MITCHELL, age 85, of Xenia, passed away Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at Kettering Hospital. Charlene graduated from Patterson Co-op High School. She worked at Greenwald's Greenhouse in Dayton early in her career and even provided flower arrangements for friends and family's events long after she changed professions. For more than 25 years, she worked as an office clerk in public education, retiring from Stiver's School for the Arts in 2006. She was a lifetime member, former clerk, and Sunday School teacher at the Fairview Church in Bellbrook. Known as "Grandma Charlene" by the kids of the church and "Miss Charlene" by the adults, she was nurturing to children, especially to the new babies introduced to the congregation by church families. Caring, compassionate, and loving, Charlene greatly enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening, church activities, and sewing. She loved animals.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Armin Mitchell, in 2002; one son, Eric Wayne Mitchell, in 2005; her parents, William Cleveland and Clara Ann Slagle; and her brother, William Castor Slagle.

She is survived by her son Kenneth Cleveland (Katherine) Mitchell; five grandchildren, Bessie, Larry, Lisa, K.C., and Lance; several great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild on the way.

-Written by the family

DOYLE O'DELL, age 84, of New Tazewell, Tennessee, passed away on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, after a short illness. He was saved at Brewers Chapel Church on January 18, 1954. Soon after he professed salvation, he joined Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday, February 6, 1954, where he remained a faithful member until his passing.

Doyle was preceded in death by his brother, Harold O'Dell; his mother, Cornie O'Dell; and his son, Paul Dean O'Dell.

He is survived by several dear cousins, beloved church members, and a host of friends in the communities of Tazewell, New Tazewell, and Sneedville. The congregation at Swan Creek loved him dearly and will forever remember Doyle's unwavering attendance, his talent in singing the

old hymns, and his generosity in providing anything the church might need. His presence in the church is greatly missed.

-Written by the family

JAMES THOMAS OSBORNE, 83, of Blackwater, VA, was born on October 30, 1940, and went on to be with the Lord on April 26, 2024.

He was saved at an early age and was a member of Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Church where he led the choir singing and was the superintendent of Sunday School until he became unable to do so. He also sang with the Messenger's Quartet for many years.

He was preceded in death by his beautiful wife of 41 years, Maybelle Marie Johnson Osborne; his parents, Arthur and Sally Osborne; and five brothers, Wayne, Roy, Smith, Jack and Bill Osborne.

He is survived by one son, Barry "Butterball" Osborne and wife, Cathy; two daughters, Martha Perry and husband, Jamie, and Marsha Fields; one brother, Hayes Osborne and wife, Nancy; four grandsons, Brandon Perry and wife, Lacy, Casey Perry and wife, Jennifer, Andrew Perry, and D.J. Perry; three granddaughters, Taylor Fields, Christa Murphy and husband, David, and Ashely Burchette and Michael Burchett.; eleven great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

KENNETH CARL OSBORNE, Blackwater, VA, was born October 14, 1955 and departed this life on July 28, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Emmett and Georgia Osborne along with several aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his wife, Kate Osborne; sons: Kevin (Heather) Osborne, Randy Osborne, and Phillip Osborne; daughters: Rebecca Osborne and Deanna (Todd) Evans; grandchildren: Jonah, Krissy, Rachel, Ryan, Ellie, Grayson, Levi, and Opal.

He was a faithful member of Osborne Chapel Church. He was always willing to help with anything at church and help his neighbors and

community. His work in this life is finished, but we will meet him on Heaven's bright shore someday.

-Written by the family

LAQUINTA JOY OSBORNE, 93, of Kingsport passed away Tuesday, September 10, 2024. She was born June 14, 1931, in Rogersville, TN to the late James Ray Mayo and Norma Effie Fleenor Mayo. She was a feisty, funny, kind, independent, and strong-willed woman. Joy was a member of West View where she taught Sunday school. She retired from the Kingsport Press with more than 20 years of service. Joy enjoyed walking, crocheting, sewing, and travel, especially bus tours.

In addition to her parents, Joy was preceded in death by her first husband, Clinton Fields; her second husband, Andrew Jackson Osborne, Sr.; brothers, James Jr., Gene, Tom, and Harold; and granddaughter, Michelle Nunes.

Those left to cherish Joy's memory are her daughter, Diana Cowden; stepson, Andy Osborne, Jr. (Mona); 6 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

-Written by the family

EARL DON PETERS, Kingsport, TN, finished his earthly walk on July 11, 2024. He was born on February 18, 1955, in Gate City, VA. Earl was a member of Willow Chapel Church. He was an autobody repair specialist, fabricator, and painter. He enjoyed drag racing, car shows, and building street rods and muscle cars. He had three loves in his life: God, his family, and working on cars, and those were three places you were guaranteed to find him: Church, home, or the garage.

He is survived by wife: Karen; son: Tanner; daughters: Tabby, Tara, and Zoe; daughter-in-law: Bree; and sons-in-law: Josh Wegner, Cory Eidson, and Brock Gregg.

-Written by the family

JULIE ANN PIERCE, age 83, was born on September 8th, 1940 in Blackwater, VA and she passed away after a brief illness on March 21st, 2024 at Lee Health and Rehab Center with her family and friends by her side. She was a lifelong resident of Blackwater, VA where she was a member of Osborne's Chapel Church. Julie professed her faith on January 2nd, 1954 at Sarepta Missionary Baptist Church in Blackwater, VA. She dedicated her life to helping others and that was most evidenced in the Christian way she lived her life and in her nursing career. She was a Licensed Practical Nurse for 42 years, working most of that time at Lee County Hospital. She had a giving heart and was an absolute joy to everyone who knew her.

Julie was preceded in death by her parents, Richard H. Evans and Sarah V. Owens Evans; brothers: Cecil Evans, Fred Evans & Paul Evans; sisters: Ethel Owens, Lillian Pridemore, Alice Jessee, Lona Johnson, Cleo Evans, and RoseLee Wells; and former husband, Clyde Pierce.

Julie is survived by her daughter, Mitzi Jones (husband Stephen); grandson: Evan Jones; granddaughter: Hannah Jones; brother: Don Evans (wife Stella); and a host of nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

BETTY SUE STOKES, 76, passed away on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at her home in Weber City, VA. She was the daughter of the late James and Gertrude Griffin. Her husband, Don Stokes, preceded her in death on May 10, 2020

She is survived by her daughter, Anita (David) Gillenwater; son, Rick (Jennifer) Stokes; grandchildren, David Lee Gillenwater, Aaron Stokes, and Brayden Stokes; and great-grandchildren, Maylee, Ella and Kyler Gillenwater.

Betty was a very faithful member at Rollers Chapel Church. She would tell us often how she looked forward to coming each Sunday to church.

She always requested prayer for her children and grandchildren and gave testimony that she was thankful that the Lord saved her. She is tremendously missed, but we look forward to the day that we will meet again in that beautiful heavenly home that the Good Lord has prepared for his children.

-Written by the church clerk, Kim Robinette

KATHY M. SWORD, 69 of Cowan, passed away Thursday, November 2, 2023 at her residence. Kathy was the daughter of the late Clayton and Orpha Day. She was a member of Little Cowan Church.

Surviving is her husband: Robert Sword; son: Daniel (Laura) Sword; daughter: Angela (Billy) Jones; sisters: Barbara (Johnny) Banks and Marcia (Eddie) Roberts; grandchildren: Houston Sword, Madysen Sword, and Blaine Jones; great grandchild: Remington Sword. Kathy was preceded in death by her sister, Sandra Day.

-Written by the family

WAYNE QUENTIN ROBINETTE, SR., age 86, of Rogersville, went to be with the Lord on November 11, 2023, with his family by his side, after a period of declining health. He was a member of Hickory Cove Baptist Church, where he served as deacon for over 40 years. A proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served as an electrician's mate on the USS Randolph. Wayne retired from TVA after 30+ years of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carson and Clara Goan Robinette; brother, M.C. Robinette, Jr., and wife, Barbara; sisters, Eula Kate Sexton, Evelyn Jessee, and husband, Arnold, Millicent Thacker, and husband, Earl, and Polly Penley, and husband, Grover C. "Pete."

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Shirley Crouse Robinette; sons, Quentin Robinette, and wife, Peggy, and Keith Robinette, and Logan; 8 grandchildren, Sierra Price, and husband, Andrew, Taylor Cozart, and husband, Jarrod, Michelle Robinette, Chris Roder, Vera Bartra, Candy Manis, Nathan Scarce, and Lynn Scarce; special great-grandchildren, Rhett and Addie; great-grandchildren, Evan, Tia, Hailie, Beth, Makenda,

Lacey, Alex, and Ezra; 3 great great-grandchildren, Tayla, Jude, and Elliot; several nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

GRACIE MARIE TANKERSLEY WALLEN, 94, of Kingsport, TN, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, December 28, 2023. Gracie was born in Blackwater, VA on March 27, 1929, to her loving parents, Henry L. and Minnie Tankersley. She married the love of her life, Moses Richard (Mitchell) Wallen. Gracie and Mitchell spent their lives residing in Blackwater and Kingsport, raising their five children. Later in life, Gracie worked at Holston Valley Hospital for 20 plus years.

In addition to her husband, Gracie was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Angela Wallen; daughter-in-law, Rita Wallen; and seven siblings.

Gracie is survived by her children, Gary (Margaret) Wallen, Sharon (Gary) Vicars, Richard Wallen, Kathy (Billy) Walton and Elaine (Bill) Erwin; grandchildren, Kristi Vicars Beverly, Melissa Walton, Heather Wallen and Kim Vicars Dunlap; great-grandchildren, Jacob Beverly, William Beverly, Annette Beverly, Noah Wallen, Sarah Wallen, Tamara Collins, Jackson Dunlap and Ava Dunlap; great-grandchildren, Marley, Damari, Morgan and James; several loving nieces and nephews; a very special sister-in-law, Wanda Osborne; and longtime friend, Greg Wheat.

Gracie was saved at an early age and remained faithful to her Lord throughout her life. She was a faithful member of West View Primitive Baptist Church. During her illness, she deeply enjoyed her many visits from the ministers, chaplains and singers who came to her bedside for prayers and worship. Gracie held a deep love for her children, grandchildren, great and great-great grandchildren. Even at 94, she never missed an opportunity to play, passing balloons with the little ones. Some called her Mom, and some called her Mamaw. She said those were the best of times. She was very pleased to boast five generations and had a personal, loving relationship with each one of them.

-Written by the family