

*Paris G. Tackett*

**MINUTES**  
Of The  
**EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
Of The  
**NORTHERN NEW SALEM**  
**ASSOCIATION**

OF

OLD REGULAR BAPTIST  
IN SESSION ASSEMBLED  
WITH

**MAGGIE HOME CHURCH**

August 1, 2, 3, 1975

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*Let us never depart from what sayeth the word of God.*

[1] *Let younger brethren always be reminded that they are to be courteous, and to treat elder brethren as fathers.*

[2] *All churches and moderators should bear in mind that when a church is newly organized and has elected its officers, they become an independent working body.*

[3] *Be ye also reminded that all preaching brethren should be courteous and kind one to another, and to never, no never, be guilty of telling visiting brethren that you don't need their help. It's an open violation against you to do so.*

[4] *Let all our churches be reminded that they are not to lord anything over a sister church in regards to the way they take communion. If you do not feel right in taking the communion the way sister churches practice it, please excuse yourself quietly, and don't talk, or make remarks as to their failures, or the way they have been taught. Remember, it is still Gods house and you may be held responsible to God for the remarks that you make concerning them or about them.*

*Dear brethren, if you meet with brethren who handle loose talk, or tell tales on other brethren, don't join in with them, lest you become as guilty as they. But rather shame them, and kindly ask them not to talk and make remarks about the imperfections of their brethren. If a brother has aught against another let him do as the Bible says: "Go to them, and them alone." If you regard my advice as unselfish, and coming from the heart, you will obey it. I feel that if you will practice these simple rules it will help to bring about a great and unbounding peace to our association.*

*Humbly, your unworthy moderator —*

The Little Rebecca Church located in Plymouth, Ohio, will host the nineteenth annual session of the Northern New Salem Association in 1976.

Elder Ivan J. Amburgey was chosen to deliver the introductory sermon and Elder Paris C. Tackitt is to be his alternate.

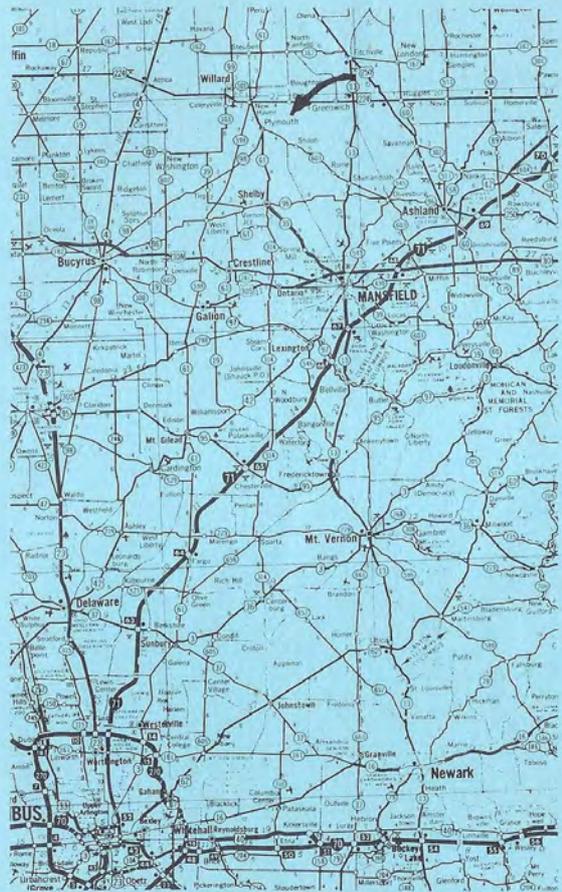
Each church in our union should dedicate one or more of their regular church services for the next twelve months to the end that when we come together again, that each delegate be clothed with the whole armor of God. If we come with the clothing that God has provided for us, there will be nothing to disturb the peace that surpasseth all understanding. Love which we have received from Christ Jesus our Lord is the basis of our Joy, it is the foundation of our hope and the answer to our doubts and fears.

Let us endeavor to develop the measure of faith given unto us by the mercies of God. Let us also be careful to show forth the pattern of good works. If we do these things God will be pleased with our stewardship.

The Association will convene on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1976.

Humbly your Clerk

Elder Roy B. Akers



July 29, 1975  
Franklin, Ohio

To the delegates and messengers that compose the Northern New Salem Association:

I pray every delegate that comes to the association will come praying and have a humble spirit; willing for God's will to be done in the association. Tell all the brethren I am still living and praying that you will have a good association. I have seen things come up that would destroy the association. Good brethren, don't let this happen!! Let that love that God has given you flow from breast to breast. Be humble with each other, don't say anything that would wound each other's feelings. God bless you all in my prayers.

Your Brother,

Elder Wes Caudill

P.S. Tell Brother Baxter when the association is over and he has rested, to come and see me again. I love to hear him pray so good. I will never forget the prayer he prayed here. I love him so much! May God bless him always.

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The morning sun revealed that it was to be a beautiful day. One could feel the warmth of God's divine spirit as it flowed through the hearts of the brethren and sisters who had traveled so far to be with us. If the evil spirit of envy and strife was trying to creep into the assembly, it was evident that the door of each heart was closed against it. The tears for joy and the lovely embraces served as a healing balm to soothe the tired feeling of those who had traveled so far.

The glorious spirit of love, put to naught any possibility of the chance of disagreement among the brethren.

The members of the Maggie Church did a commendable job in the preparation of a place where preaching was to be done. The selection of a large grove of trees that furnished ample shade from the beautiful sun's rays could not have been beaten.

As the brethren begin to line the songs so familiar to old time Baptist believers, the tones began to vibrate heavenward signifying that the time "to be about our heavenly father's business" had arrived.

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The association proceeded to do business as follows:

1. The moderator called for the letters of the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed in to the clerk. On motion and second the letter from Maggie Home Church was read and found to be in order. By the same motion all the letters were received and their delegates seated. All queries and requests were referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist organized by electing the following officers to serve for the next (12) months.

Elder Baxter Osborne, Moderator  
 Elder Paris C. Tackitt, Ass't. Moderator  
 Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk  
 Elder Charles Keesee, Ass't. Clerk

3. On motion and second the moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.

4. By motion and second it was agreed to omit the reading of the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Decorum.

5. Called for churches desiring to join the Northern New Salem Association and received the following by petition and letter: House of Prayer, Dayton, Ohio. Their letter was received and by motion and second their delegates were invited to be seated with us in council.

6. Called for Associations of our faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence with us, and the following responded:

(a) NEW SALEM — Represented by the following delegates: Woodrow Dye, Mitchell Chaffins, Jinks Ray, Perry Tackett, E.J. Little, Windell Hamilton, Abel Johnson, Millis Roberts, Henry King, Don Little, Grover Adkins, Tildon Dye, Omery Compton, Lee Fields, Ellis Hopkins Jr., Dexter Dixon, Ralph Howard, Corbit Caudill, Hobert Bates, Hobert Hamilton, Charles Ramey, Jimmy Sowards.

(b) OLD UNION — Represented by the following delegates: John M. Mullins Delbert Saunders, Lonnie Mounts, Kit Gibson, Jimmy D. Saunders, Dow Johnson, Charlie Johnson, Heber Burke, Jesse L. Williamson, J.H. Mitchell, Garland Mullins, Oel Bartley, Walter Lowe, Mack Rowe.

(c) PHILADELPHIA — Represented by the following delegates: L.W. Woods, John Ison, Rush Stanley, W.C. Elkins, Paul Morrison, Geo. Woods, Clifford Colley, Webster Bartley, Ira Stepp, Paul Stapleton Earl Buck, Cletis Messer, Walter Morrison, Mack Ross, Emmitt Gillespie, Geo. Fraley, David Gilliam, Boyd Ross, Ellis Tolliver.

SARDIS — Represented by the following delegates: Hobert Graham, Messer, Walter Morrison, Mack Ross, Emmitt Gillespie, Geo. Fraley, David Gilliam, Boyd Ross, Ellis Tolliver.

(d) SARDIS — Represented by the following delegates: Hobert Graham, Johnie Cline, W.H. Hale, Bobby Scott, Claude Brown.

(e) INDIAN BOTTOM — Represented by the following delegates: Kirby Ison, Manus Ison, Olas Baldrige, J. Nelson Seals.

(f) MUD RIVER — Represented by the following delegates: Leonard Miller, Denver Slone, Wilburn Toppins.

7. Called for Associations desiring to take up correspondence with us and, received one by name of FRIENDSHIP by letter and delegates as follows: Lacy

CHURCHES	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECOMMENDATION	RESTORED	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	MEETING TIME	CONTRIBUTIONS
Little Rebecca	1	2	0	0	1	3	1	77	3	80.00
Little Jewel	6	1	0	0	1	1	1	68	4	100.00
Maggie Home	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	58	1	100.00
Little Polly	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	2	30.00
Mt. Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	1	35.00
Little Flock	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	3	75.00
Little Ruth	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	2	50.00
Little Memory	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	24	2	75.00
Little Edna	7	2	0	2	0	0	2	39	4	50.00
Little Ida	10	1	0	1	10	11	5	122	1	200.00
Little Flossie	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	30.00
Little Zion	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	59	2	75.00
Little PilgrimsHm.	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	33	2	40.00
Mt. Olivet	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	13	4	35.00
Little Oval	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	9	4	30.00
Pleasant View	6	1	0	0	0	4	0	50	1	75.00
Little Family	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	26	2	60.00
Little Angel	5	1	0	0	2	2	0	64	4	125.00
Antioch	2	2	0	1	0	1	1	37	1	75.00
Rose Of Sharon	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	21	2	60.00
Lilly Of The Valley	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	31	2	46.00
Little ChildrensHm.	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	19	3	35.00
Morning Star	3	1	0	0	7	4	0	59	3	125.00
Little Bethel	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	17	1	35.00
Gethsemane	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	19	3	100.00
Family Of Love	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	4	75.00
House Of Prayer	3	0	0	0	10	0	0	57	1	100.00
Wimauma	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	18	3	25.00
Total Membership	82	23	0	7	44	38	12			
Pictures & other contributions										440
										220
Total Contributions										\$2,601

**JOHN E. BISHOP**

With much sadness and sorrow I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband and father, John E. Bishop was born September 22, 1889 and departed this life January 24, 1973 making his stay on earth 83 years, 4 months, and 10 days. He was the son of Venson Bishop and Louamey Bishop. He was married to Bessie Branham April 23, 1908 and to this union was born 10 children, two of which precede him in death. He was a kind and loving husband and father. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist with his membership at the Maggie's Home Church where he remained faithful until death. He filled his seat as long as he was able. He loved to see his brothers and sisters come to visit him and loved them all. He leaves his lonely wife and 8 children, 29 grandchildren, and 34 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren, one sister and two brothers along with a host of friends to mourn his loss.



It's so lonesome since he left us,  
It's so hard since he is gone,  
But I hope to meet him some day,  
Where there will be no sorrow or pain.

Written by his lonesome wife,  
Bessie and the children

Justice, Wayne Bryant, Winford Purdue, Leonard Coleman, Clyde Hagy, D. Lester, Edward Lester, Candy Stanley, Ray Mullins. By move and second their letter was received, and the delegates were given the righthand of fellowship and invited to be seated with us, and aid us in council.

All the delegates from the above named Associations were given the righthand of fellowship and invited to be seated with us in council.

8. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of (3) delegates from Maggie Home Church together with one delegate from each other church to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday, who reported as follows: For Friday evening Elders: Ralph Howard, Prayer by Elder Clifford Colley, Elder Frank Newsome preached and closed.

9. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order and the following responded. Bart Potter, Roy Caudill, Henry King and David Slone.

10. By move and second the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond with the following associations by letter and delegates. (a) NEW SALEM (b) OLD UNION (c) PHILADELPHIA (d) SARDIS (e) INDIAN BOTTOM (f) MUD RIVER and (g) FRIENDSHIP.

11. Appointed a committee to arrange the agenda for Saturday consisting of one delegate from each church together with the officers of the Northern New Salem Association and transients. Committee to meet at the church house at 3:00 P.M., Friday evening.

12. By move and second the Association adjourned until 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning August 2, 1975.

Friday's session was closed by remarks by Elder Ralph Howard and prayer by Elder Clifford Colley.

**SATURDAY AUGUST 2, 1975**

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing an old familiar song Elder Manis Ison, of the Indian Bottom Association was invited to introduce the services. Elder Foster Osborne led in prayer. He was blessed with a full measure of God's redeeming love.

Business then proceeded as follows.

1. Called the names of delegates, and marked the absentees. By move and second, discharged committee.

2. Clerk read the bill of arrangements.

3. Circular letter written by Elder Whipple Reynolds was read by him. By motion the letter was received, and by the same motion Elder Roy B. Akers is to write a circular letter subject to approval at the 1976 session of the association.

4. The following brethren were appointed to serve on Finance Committee: John M. Mullins, Joshua Hicks, Forest Osborne, who reported they received contributions from the church in the amount of \$1,941.00 and for pictures \$220.00 and voluntary contributions \$440.00. Total money donated: \$2,601.00.

5. Called for treasurers report who reported as follows:

Church contributions — 1974.....	\$1,740.00
Money for pictures — 1974.....	168.00
Donated by friends.....	255.00
Money carried over from 1973.....	426.56
Total money on hand Aug. 3, 1974.....	\$2,589.56

Expenses for 1974

Printers fee.....	\$2,159.37
Proofreaders fee.....	35.00
Secretary's fee.....	200.00
Postage and miscellaneous.....	8.00
Total expenses.....	\$2,402.37

Balance in the bank August, 1975..... \$ 187.19

6. By motion and second Elder Roy B. Akers be appointed recording secretary, and is to have (5500) copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printers fee is to appear on the front cover.

7. By motion and second obituaries of deceased members are to be printed in these minutes. They must be typed and double spaced. Pictures can be inserted in these minutes at a cost of \$10.00 per picture.

8. The committee that served on ministry Friday, was appointed to arrange the ministry for Saturday evening and Sunday who reported as follows: For Saturday: Elders: Olas Baldrige, Wayne Harold, Mitchell Chaffins, and Grover Adkins.

For Sunday, Elders Forest Osborne, Ivory Sowards, Russel Hicks and Baxter Osborne.

9. Called for brethren who would volunteer as messengers to attend our corresponding associations this year. Also called on those who attended last year to file their report.

10. NEW SALEM — When convened with the Enterprise Church, the Long Fork Church and the Robinson Creek Church. Beginning on Friday, before the fourth Saturday in September, 1975 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Charles Keesee, Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Forest Osborne, Bob Hunter, N.V. Slone, David Slone, Burbage Howe, Troy Beverly, James Hensley, Albert Hamilton, Arthur Vance, Whipple Reynolds, James Branham, Harold Senters, Delmar Williams, Ballard Brown, Alex Collier, Paul Parson, Harrison Runyon, Roy Hamilton, Johnie Ousley, Buddy Carty, Ira Kendrick, Burtchel Short, John Mullins, Hezekiah Osborne, Joshua Hicks, John B. Hale, Raphael Griffith, Arlie Cornette, Astor Eldridge, and Garfield Hobson. Letter in care of Elder Baxter Osborne.

OLD UNION — When convened with the Little Hope Church, Clintwood, Va. Beginning in September, 1975 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Paris C. Tackitt, Charles Keesee, Roy B. Akers, David Slone, Baxter Osborne, Albert Hamilton, Bill Bartley, John Mullins, Harold Senters, Garfield Hobson, Lloyd Smith, Ira Kendrick, Paul Mullins, Ferrel Ratliff, Ernest Ferrigan, Patrick Deal, Bart Potter, Bob Turner, Virgil Fields, Gary Saunders, Roy Hamilton, Harrison Runyon, Bill Dunbar, Sam Franks, Covis Tackett and Joshua Hicks.

CHARLES TACKETT

It is with a sad and aching heart I will try with the help of the Lord to write the obituary of one of my dearest brothers in Christ.



Brother Charles Tackett was born July 8, 1925, to Ervin and Maudie Tackett. He joined the church and was baptized February, 1955. Brother Charles was ordained as a Deacon October 5, 1957. He was called to Heaven on October 28, 1974, leaving behind to mourn his loss a wife, Meffie Tackett, two children, Gary Tackett and Shirley Stackhouse, also two little grandchildren, Ryan and Christy Stackhouse that loved him so dearly.

They would call long distance every week and beg Pap Paw to come to see them, which he did often. He didn't treat Jan and Frank like in-laws. They were his children, too. Brother Charles had a heart full of love for everyone.

He also leaves a Father and Mother, Ervin and Maudie Tackett, four natural brothers, Lee Jean Tackett, Herbert Tackett, Ulysses Grant Tackett, Donny Tackett, and five natural sisters, Trudell Tackett, Dixie Caudill, Helen Tackett, Pauline Lalich, and Dorothy Coleman, along with a host of friends and brothers and sisters in the church who miss him so very, very much. From the very old to the very young — to know Brother Charles was to love him.

The church also suffered a great loss; Brother Charles was one of our best Deacons. He fulfilled every commandment of his deaconship and never, never boasted or even mentioned a word about it to anyone.

I feel with all my heart Brother Charles was too good to have to live in this old troublesome world.

It was Heaven's gain and our loss — "Please dear God reconcile us to your will!"  
Written by a Sister in Christ, I hope.

**JAMES E. HYLTON**

It is with a sad and aching heart, that we attempt to write the obituary of our dear Husband and Father, James E. Hylton, who was born September 9, 1922, to Delmon Hylton, and Stella Adkins at Pikeville, Ky.

He made his stay on earth 52 years, 3 months and 19 days. He departed this life December 28, 1974. He was united in marriage August 21, 1943, to Wanda A. Coleman by the Elder Winston May.

He left to mourn his loss, his wife Wanda Hylton, daughter Catherine Hunter, son-in-law, James Hunter and three grandchildren, Tammy Lynn, Patricia Ann, James Michael Hunter, two sisters, Easter May and Nancy Williams. He left five brothers, Jim, Elmer, Delmon Jr., Paul and Amos.



Dad was a father to us and to many others of the family and friends. Daddy confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized May 10, 1952, on Mother's Day and also on December 11, 1954, he was ordained a deacon in the church and fulfilled his office until death.

To all of his sisters, brothers, sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws; Albert, James David, Eugene, Orville, Pearl, Faith, Amos, Delmon Jr., Easter, Nancy and to many other loved ones and friends, that need the Lord in their life, Daddy prayed so hard for all of you. I'll never forget Daddy's praying, I know many of you loved him as we do and if you ever want to see Daddy again you'll have to accept the same God that he served, while you are here on this earth.

So many times we've heard Daddy pray, "please Lord save my lost loved ones and all the lost before it's too late."

The church was Daddy's life and he just couldn't understand why other people didn't want to serve the Lord. I'm going home some day just like Daddy, but until then I'll have to say sleep on Daddy until the great resurrection morning, when our family circle will meet with you around God's great throne.

Written by his broken hearted  
Daughter, Wife and Brother-in-Law  
Catherine, Wanda, John H. Coleman

**I Shall Go Singing**

I shall wear laughter on my lips,	after the snows.
Through in my heart is pain.	I shall walk eager for what life holds.
God's sun is always brightest	Although it seems the hard road
after rain.	will not end;
I shall go singing down my little way,	One never knows the beauty
though in my breast the dull ache grows.	'round the bend!
The songbirds come again,	

**PHILADELPHIA** — When convened with the Rosa Church, Lloyd, Greenup Co., Ky.

Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1975 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Baxter Osborne, Charles Keesee, N.V. Slone, Chester Davis, Buddy Carty, Luther Meade, Paris Tackitt, Bob Hunter, Hezekiah Osborne, Forest Osborne, A. Hamilton, Roy Hamilton, H. Runyon, Ira Kendrick, Jno. Mullins, Sam. Franks, A. Senters, Bart Potter, B. Brown, Hiram Adkins and Paul Parson.

**INDIAN BOTTOM** — When convened with the Cedar Grove Church, Hallie Letcher Co., Ky.

Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Elders Charles Keesee, N.V. Slone, Luther Meade, Virgil Combs, Roy Caudill, Squire Hamilton, Artie Cornett, John Mullins, Ira Kendrick, and Clarence Jenkins.

**SARDIS** — When convened with the Samaria Church, Dingess, West Virginia. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1975 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Paris C. Tackitt, Charles Keesee, Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Pete Hensley, Roy Hamilton, Harrison Runyon, Lloyd Smith, Joshua Hicks, Hiram Adkins, Ira Kendrick, J.B. Hale, Troy Beverly, Nelson Slone, Forest Osborne and Virgil Fields.

**MUD RIVER** — When convened with the Sarah Church, Foster, Boone Co., West Virginia.

Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1975 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Hezekiah Osborne, and Baxter Osborne.

**FRIENDSHIP** — When convened with the Mary Lou Church, Paynesville, West Virginia.

Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1975 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Charles Keesee, N.V. Slone, Luther Meade, Bart Potter, Roy Hamilton, Harrison Runyon, Joshua Hicks, Paris Tackitt, Raymond Stapleton, Golden Newsome, Buddy Carty, David Slone, and Virgil Fields.

11. Heard committee report who was appointed last year to investigate alleged disorders in the Wimauma Church. By move and second the Wimauma Church was received into our Union. By the same move the committee was discharged.

12. By move and second the requests from the Mt. Zion, and Little Oval Churches was granted.

13. In answer to the request from the Little Jewel Church as follows: "Has one church the right to declare another church to be in disorder." Answers; NO.

14. By move and second the Little Rebecca Church located at Plymouth, Ohio was granted permission to host the nineteenth annual session of the Northern New Salem Association. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in 1976.

15. By vote, Elder Ivan Amburgey is to deliver the introductory sermon, and Elder Paris C. Tackitt is to be his alternate.

16. By move and second the reading of the current minutes.

17. Adjourned until time and place mentioned in 14th Item.

18. Done and signed by a move and second by the delegates of the Association.

Elder Baxter Osborne, Moderator  
 Elder Paris C. Tackitt, Ass't. Moderator  
 Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk  
 Elder Charles Keesee, Ass't. Clerk

The Association wishes to congratulate the large congregation for their orderly conduct during each of the three days session.

Also, we wish to commend the sisters and friends and all who labored so hard to prepare and serve the most delicious food to feed the hundreds of people for three days. What else besides the love of God would cause those who labored around a hot cook stove to bring joy to the hungry appetite of so many?

Surely God was mindful of your untiring efforts to be of service to the delegates and the Association in general, and He (God) will abundantly reward you with blessings four fold.

**SUNDAY AUGUST 3, 1975**

This was the dawning of another beautiful day. As the lovely rays of the traveling sun began to project its glorious light over the western horizon on its way across the azure blue sky to it sitting in the eastern shadows, a great number of brethren and sisters began to arrive.

Amidst the lovely embraces and brotherly handshakes, it was evident that peace that surpasseth human understanding, gave a witness from heaven that God and His beloved Son was well pleased with our coming together.

As the melodious tones of Zions chosen songs began to ring out, praises and joyful shouts of "thank you Jesus" was heard to come from the joyful hearts of the devout believers of their blessed redeemer Christ Jesus our Lord.

Elder Forest Osborne was appointed to introduce the services, and lead in prayer. His remarks were brief, but very timely and seasoned with rich council and brotherly kindness. His prayer was inspiring pleading for God's redeeming mercy upon every soul on the outside of the ark of safety.

Elder Ivory Sowards was chosen to be the second witness. In that meek and humble spirit he declared that he would be unable to preach unless the Lord would deliver to him a message from heaven. Soon that message did come as a mighty rushing wind from the glory land that penetrated the hearts of all who would hear. He preached that repentance from sin was a MUST if men and women hoped to gain eternal life.

Elder Russel Hicks was chosen to be the third witness. As he approached the pulpit the light from heaven's land seemed to over shadow him. He chose for a text the following found in Joel 2:1:

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: etc;" Brother Hicks was blessed to expound the gospel message and sound the warning cry that the day of the second appearing of our Lord is nigh.

Our beloved and highly respected moderator came to the pulpit as the fourth witness. He sang a few verses of a song that brought forth tears from the eyes of many and warmed the hearts of the weary. He humbly bowed his head in submission to the will of God. His subject can be found in Romans 1:20. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being

**JOSEPH HICKS**

In memory of my dear departed father who passed away July 1, 1974.

He was united in marriage to Maudie Bailey September 8, 1908. She preceded him in death May 7, 1969. The eldest son, Alka Hicks, died May 15, 1974.

Joseph was the son of James and Alice Ousley Hicks at Pyramid, Kentucky, one of seventeen, two who died in infancy.

He leaves three sons and two daughters; Monroe Hicks, Glendale, Arizona; Cecil Hicks, Lima, Ohio; Sedge Hicks, Hamilton, Indiana; Mrs. Cynthia Gillette, Lake Wales, Florida; Mrs.



Inettie Bailey, Shiloh, Ohio. He leaves one sister, Linda Jane Bailey Arnett of Crest Haven Rest Home, Paintsville, Kentucky. He also leaves 28 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Brothers and sisters who preceded him were Mimi Moore, Parthina Laferty, Jackson Hicks, Anderson Hicks, Lucinda Chaffins, Mary Laferty, Benny Hicks, Cynthia Handshoe, William Hicks, Buck Elam Hicks, Lizzie Prater, Georgie Hicks and Arena Davis.

**HE IS OUR LOSS, BUT IS HEAVEN'S GAIN.**

He worked the old mountain farm in his early years. He was a mother and a father to us as Mother was sick for many, many years.

Joseph was a church member over 45 years as I remember him taking us to different New Salem Associations.

His last years were spent at various Ohio and Indiana homes. The little children and people enjoyed seeing him as he was always full of life.

He last resided with his eldest son of Pyramid, Kentucky.

He gave us all good council and said he wanted us all to meet him in heaven. As time marches on we mourn our loss, with our prayers we will meet again.

A son,  
 Cecil Hicks, Lima, Ohio

### ERMA A. ROARK

By the help of God we will try to write the obituary of a very dear, sweet girl, Emma Ann Roark. She was the daughter of Elder and Mrs. Lloyd Eldridge. She was born September 17, 1949, and deceased October 8, 1974, making her stay here on earth 25 years and 21 days. She married Charles E. Roark October 23, 1965. To this union was born one daughter, Charlotte Ann, who preceded her in death May 8, 1970. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband Charles Roark, Father and Mother, Elder and Mrs. Lloyd Eldridge, two brothers, Herbert Eldridge of Greensburg, Indiana and Hershel Eldridge of Milan, Indiana, one sister, Bernice Spurlock of Holton, Indiana and a host of friends and relatives.



She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on October 26, 1969, and was baptized on November 9, 1969. She took her membership with the Little Memory Church at Sunman, Indiana. She talked a lot about being with the Lord through all her sickness. About two weeks before she died she said she met the Lord in a journey and laid her hand in his for him to lead her. She was blind for about a year. She dreamed of being in a field of beautiful flowers; she thought she was well and could see. We feel she is well and can see the beautiful home she has gone to.

We want to beg all of her brothers and sister, also her dear husband, if they haven't made peace with the Lord to start today and be ready to meet Erma Ann when the Lord calls you home. Erma, honey, we feel we will see you again by and by.

Written by her Father and Mother, Elder and Mrs. Floyd Eldridge and Mother-in-law Gamela Roark, brother and sisters in hope,

understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. Brother Osborne was blessed with exceedingly deep understanding to ably contrast economic and political condition of today against conditions as they were in the days of Isaiah the prophet who asked the question quote; "Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? etc;" As he began to close his sermon that sweet spirit of love radiated across his face making manifest his deep emotional convictions that God was well pleased with our coming together. Thus the 18th Session closed with singing and shouting the praises of God. Brethren, remember this day and let this love continue.

Humbly your unworthy Clerk

Dear Brethren of the Northern New Salem Association.

As I was chosen by you at our last session to write a letter to the 1975 session, I hope and pray that God will bless me to write the things He wants you to hear. I have prayed earnestly concerning this matter, that the Lord will direct my mind to write the things that pleases Him. After the council of His own good will in relation with the Holy Spirit, sound in doctrine edifying to the churches and acceptable with the delegation that compose the Association.

Soon after I was chosen to write this letter, I began to pray that God would bless me to perform the duties which I never thought I would have to do, for there are so many good Brethren much more worthy than I.

A scripture came to me shortly after the Association and I began to pray, for I wanted to know if the Lord gave me this subject or was it within myself. I thought of many other subjects that I thought would be better, but they wouldn't stay with me. Finally I gave it up, this is it:

St. Luke 1st verse.

For as much as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us.

It seemed good to me to write. I hope to be in order, the things wherein thou hast been instructed.

After God had made Adam and Eve and placed them in the Garden, He gave Adam his instructions to dress the Garden and keep it. Every tree of the Garden thou mayest eat, but of the tree of knowledge, of good and evil, thou shall not eat of it. So you see how the Devil works, he betrayed the weaker vessel and they both violated God's command, and there is where God began to punish people for their disobedience.

While Moses was upon the Mt. talking to God and to receive the two tables of the testimony, the people said to Aaron, "make us Gods which shall go before us, for as for this, Moses we wot not what is become of him." Aaron took of their gold and made a molten calf and they said these by thy gods and when Aaron saw it he built an altar and they began to worship an idol there.

When Moses came down from the Mt. and saw what the people had done, Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, "who is on the Lord's side let him come unto me," and all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. He said unto them "thus saith the Lord God of Israel, put every man, his sword by his side and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp and slay every man, his brother,

companion, and neighbor." And there fell about 3,000 men that day. So you see what God does to people who take in hand and try to set in order things He commanded them not to do.

Now brethren let us keep the laws of God and His commands and the rules and regulations of Old Regular Baptist Church. And as Moses said, "all that are on the Lord's side put on their armour," them that are willing to accept and obey the orders of the Old Regular Baptist Church. Them that are not willing to suffer the edge of the sword by his spirit. But some men will say that times have changed, we are not living in the old time horse and buggy days. I know the ways of the world have changed, but I have never found in the Bible where God said he would have to change his laws to satisfy or to keep favor with the fashions of the world.

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without redeeming the time, let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Brethren I'm not writing these words to make a big show or to get a pat on the back or to hurt someone. I write as I feel I am directed by the same spirit that blesses me to preach the gospel, in it's purity and in love, for the love I have for my brothers and sisters comes from God. Brethren I'm afraid not to declare the things when I feel the Lord blesses me to do so. When I felt the Lord call me to preach his gospel, I began to pray for the Lord to relieve me of this call because I'm not a man of words. But the longer the worse it got, so I finally became willing to make the offering, then I felt like the Lord should have some security in me. I found in the Bible where Abraham sent his servant to get a wife for Isaac and the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham and swore to him concerning the matter. So I began to pray for the Lord to show me what to do and this came to me. I took the Bible and placed it under my thigh and swore to him, that by his help I would declare the things he reveals to me to the best of my knowledge and understanding. So you see I must obey God rather than man. As the spostle said, "I charge thee therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ to preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine, for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers having itching ears, and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables."

But speak thou the things that become sound doctrine, that the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, charity, in patience. The aged women likewise, not false accusers, not given too much wine, teachers of good things, that may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers of the home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded, in all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works, in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that he is of the contrary part may be ashamed. Having no evil thing to say to you.

1 John 2-1 My Little children, these things I write unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the world. And hereby we do know that we know him if we keep his commandments. He that saith I know him and keepeth not his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him. But whoso

#### LILBERN GIBSON

It is with much sadness, and the help of The Lord, that I will try to write an obituary of my dear, departed brother, Lilbern Gibson. He was born March 12, 1899, making his stay here on earth, 72 years and 6 months. He was the son of the late Alex and Sally Gibson. He was married to Sarah Thacker and to this union was born ten children. Five children and one grandson have preceded him in death.

He leaves his wife and five children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, eight sisters and two brothers and also the good brother and sisters of the Lord and a host of friends to mourn his passing. As our loss on earth is heaven's gain, he was such a good father and husband.

He was loved by all who knew him. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in July. He was never able to be baptized. They would have meetings at home for him and he would get so happy lying in his bed. So, I will say to his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, if you want to see him again, you will have to repent and be born again, as he did. He can't come back to you but by the grace of God you all can go to him.

He was so sick for many years with lung trouble. He bore his sickness with courage. He left a world of trouble and sorrow and went to a land of peace and happiness where no sickness or trouble ever comes.

I could write on and on but time and space just won't permit. So in closing may I say God Bless everyone that reads this obituary written by a broken-hearted sister.

Myrtle Hopson



### HATLER JONES

Born Feb. 24, 1906, at Floyd County, Kentucky. Died March 26, 1975 at Dayton, Ohio. Wed to Bessie Jones and to this union was born three sons, Paul Jones of Vandalia, Ohio; Troy and Terry Jones of Columbus, Ohio. He resided at West Milton, Ohio at the time of his death.

Brother Hatler Jones visited the House of Prayer Church for many years and learned to love his members as they loved him. He told of his desire to belong to the church but a natural illness took his body before he could be baptized. The greatest of all physicians healed that part that no man can do — the soul. In sickness and pain he prayed to God and told all that waited upon him how Jesus Christ had heard him in his hour of darkness. No one can stop the pale horse and it's rider when he comes by, but how good for a Husband and Father to leave for his loved ones, a faith in God that his new home will be love, joy and peace forever and ever.

His experience was familiar to many of us who have a hope, as a soft breeze blows out of the East into the West, so is God's love. The quiet sound it makes in the heart of man that another soul is born of love and our sins which were many are freely forgiven. I pray that the relatives and friends through their love for this deceased Brother will seek for the greatest of all love, the love of God..

For you who seek for a sign of God from mighty visions or great natural things, I would that you would gaze upon a small insignificant thing like "The Leaves."

Once again comes the change, no man touch their branches,  
 Yet they die as by fire, such beauty and sadness in death,  
 Fog hangs heavy above them, frost has fallen upon them,  
 Slowly, silently, fall the leaves, the unseen winds blow them about,  
 The mountains are covered by the, once alive reflecting the sunshine,  
 Absorbing the rains from Heaven, now dead returning as we, to decay.  
 Oh, foolish man, open thine eyes, you seek for a sign,  
 A bud burst forth from the branches,  
 A green leaf appears, a brown one dies,

God called another leaf from the Tree.

Brother Wilmer Combs



keepeth his word in him verily is the love of God perfected in him.

Now I hear that there is divisions in the churches in selecting the officers. Brethren this is a very small thing to have trouble over if you will do what the Lord wants you to, show your love one to another by being humble, get down on your knees and ask God to show you who he wants to be your leaders. As Samuel did when God asked him to go to the house of Jesse, for I have provided me a king among his sons, and make a sacrifice and call Jesse and his sons to the sacrifice and he looked upon Eliab and said, "surely the Lord's anointed is before him," but the Lord said unto Samuel, "look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature because I have refused him," for the Lord seeth not the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart. So you see if Samuel had taken in hand to set forth in order the things of God would he not have chosen the wrong man? When Jesse made all his sons pass before Samuel and Samuel said unto Jesse, "the Lord hath not chosen these," and Samuel said unto Jesse, "are here all thy children?" And he said, "there remaineth yet the youngest and behold he keepeth the sheep." Samuel said unto Jesse, "send and fetch him for we shall not sit down until he come hither." Jesse sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance and goodly to look to and the Lord said arise and anoint him for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the midst of his brethren.

Finally my Brethren be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefor take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day. Having your loins gird about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness and your feet shod with preparation of the gospel of peace. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Take the helmet of salvation, and sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or stubble, every man's work shall be made manifest. For the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire, and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

If any man's work shall be burned he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you.

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

When Solomon purposed to build a house unto the name of the Lord, he sent to Hiram saying, "command thou that thou hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon and my servants shall be with thy servants, and unto the will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shall appoint; for thou knowest that there is none among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians."

Now Solomon wanted the best of everything it took to build the temple, for he loved the Lord. Walking in the statutes of his father, David, so you see God

wanted his temple built out of good material. All the work done on the outside not a sound of iron tool heard in the building. I believe we have the same God that they had, I don't think God wants timber brought into the church before it's ready or brought into the church then prepare it or just let it stay in the church. For I've seen these things happen. Just take anything in asking no questions and soon the church is in bad trouble. I believe there are skilled men with us that is able to take care of God's work, so ask the Lord concerning these things believing and I'm sure he will give you the right answer. Jesus wants his temple clean. That reminds me of a song my Mother would sing when I was a small boy. "The Shelf behind the Door don't use it any more, but quickly clean the corners out from ceiling to the floor for Jesus wants his temple clean. He will not bless you more unless you clean those idols out from behind the door."

Now I must close this letter by saying, "May God bless all of you, my prayers are that we have peace among ourselves and that we may meet together in unity with praying hearts and our minds centered upon heavenly things, and not take in hand to try to set forth in order things contrary to thus saith the word of God." The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Elder Whipple Reynolds

**CONSTITUTION OF THE  
NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION  
WHEN ORGANIZED IN 1958**

From a long series of experiences, we the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association, and upon their producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.
2. In the letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.
3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to Lord anything over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in the union.
4. The Association, when convened, shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.
5. The Association shall have a moderator, an assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk chosen by the members present.

Even in her last minutes of life, she didn't want any of us to worry about her, she was going home to live with God and the Angels.

Written by Husband  
Emmitt Tackett  
and Daughter  
Eveline Rudnicki

**To Mammow**

A treasure was added to Heaven today,  
When the death angel called Mammow away.  
The stars she has left,  
Will shine like pure gold,  
The walk of her life,  
She already told.  
"I Love my Savior God", she sang  
And with the great spirit,  
Her voice did ring.  
The sisters would shout  
Great praises to God  
The spirit was felt  
In the words of her song.  
These memories we have,  
Will brighten our day  
Even though God called Mammow away.  
I will see her in Heaven  
In a long robe of white.  
The crown on her head is love and delight.  
She finished her course  
God told her to do  
And walk the straight path  
That we must walk too.

Written by: Granddaughter  
Priscilla Phillippi

## GOLDIE TACKETT



With great sorrow and loneliness, I will try to write an obituary of my loving Wife and Mother. Goldie Tackett was born to this union, September 8, 1920, to Fronie and Harmon Mitchell, in Beaver, Kentucky.

Her stay, here on earth was a very short one, 54 years, 4 months and 19 days. Mom passed away January 25, 1975, at Wyandotte General Hospital.

She was married to Emmitt Tackett on April 2, 1938. Together they shared 37 wonderful years, that will remain in our thoughts eternally.

To this union was born 6 children; one of which preceded her death, Alva Mae Tackett. Left to mourn such a great loss, is her husband, Emmitt Tackett, residing in Taylor, Michigan, where they lived for 18 happy years. Also are the 5 surviving children, Sylvia Jean Phillippi of Newport, Mich., Andy Lee of Harold, Ky., Harmon Jay of Lincoln Park, Mich. and Evelline Rudnicki of Detroit and Palestine Fracassi of Romulus, Mich.

She also leaves behind, her Father, Harmon Mitchell and Stepmother, Frankie Mitchell, of McDowell, Kentucky.

Mom, the oldest of 22 children, leaves 21 brothers and sisters: John W. Mitchell, Delpha Elliott, Alpha Newsome, Elva Elliott, Ernest Mitchell, Arthur Mitchell, Juda Barton, Thurman Mitchell, Mageline Horn, Elsie Hamilton, Mary Stone, Bill Mitchell, Lawrence Mitchell, Foster Mitchell, Lark Mitchell, Ola B. Mitchell, Harmon Mitchell Jr., Sue Newman, Phillip Mitchell, Brenda Page and Barbara Mitchell.

There were 16 loving grandchildren, one of which preceded her in death.

Mom was always a person that followed by God's will. Everyone that knew her, loved her sincerity to God and to those around her.

Mom revealed her belief in God, to Daddy in 1957, plus numerous brothers and sisters of the church. Her belief in God was so great; it was like the sun breaking through the clouds just to shine on everyone and everything. Mom lived a very humble life. It was as if every day was the last.

Mom said that her name was written in the Lamb's Book of Life, in God's record, however, it's not on the church records.

Mom was a strong person; she was stricken with heart trouble when she was only 11 years old, however, that didn't stop her strength to go on to a life that she knew would be good. On May 9, 1974 she had open-heart surgery which was successful, only to find that she was stricken with the flu, in September, 1974, which weakened her health until the time God decided she was needed in a better land.

6. New churches may be admitted into the Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of Association.

10. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be recorded by the Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation for his services.

11. The Minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises unless the same is dispensed with.

12. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by the majority of the Union, if deemed necessary.

13. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present, except in receiving and dismissing churches and Associations which shall be by a unanimous vote.

14. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for the Association fund, to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent to transact any business which they see necessary, and they shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which shall violate the rules of the Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory. Isaiah 45:5, 1st Cor. 8:6, 1st John 5:7.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God, and the only rules of Faith and practices. 2nd Peter 1:21, 1st Timothy 3:16, 2nd Timothy 3:16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace. For by grace are ye saved through Faith. Isa. 42:1, Eph. 2:8, Timothy 2:9, 1st Peter 1:23.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore a Saviour is needed for redemption. Gen. 2:7, Romans 5:12.

5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance, and believe in the gospel, and regeneration of the soul, and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none such shall fall away and be lost. Prov. 8:4, Matt. 9:13, Mark 2:17, 2nd

Timothy 2:9, 1st Peter 1:23.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of JESUS CHRIST. 2nd Timothy 1:9, Luke 18:13-14, Acts 13:39.

7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's church on earth, and the mode is, **IMMERSION** back foremost so as to cover all over. Matt. 3:14, Luke 1:9-10, John 1:81-82-83, Romans 6:4, Eph. 4:5.

8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour, and that by the use of bread and fruit of the vine and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming, by His believers. Luke 22:2-10, John 13:7-8, 12-7, 1st Timothy 5:9-10.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal. John 5:28-29, 1st Cor. 15:51-52, Luke 24:26.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel, except such as are regular baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the gospel. And has come under the hands of a regular chosen presbytery of the church and ordained thereby. Acts, 12:2-3, Romans 1:16, Titus 1:6.

11. We believe it is the duty of all church members to contribute for defraying all reasonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor according to their several abilities. Acts 11:29, Romans 15:26, 1st Cor. 16:1-2.

12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage, or indulge people in their sins, or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving Faith in CHRIST for salvation, is erroneous, and such doctrine will be rejected by us. Matt. 16:12, Acts 8:16-21, Romans 16:17-18, Eph. 4:14-15, Gal. 18:9-10.

13. We believe that the Church of CHRIST is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ, who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and with one another, and have given themselves to the Lord, and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the gospel. John 11:8-11, Acts 2:42, 1st John 1:3.

15. None of the above articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation, so as to make God partial directly, or indirectly, or to injure any of the children of men; nor shall any of these articles be altered without legal notice, and free consent. John 3:16, Heb. 2:9.

#### RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The Association shall have a moderator, an assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk chosen by the members present.
3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as to make remarks on his slips of imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

#### DANIEL RATLIFF

It is with deep sorrow and loneliness that I look to the Lord for help in writing this obituary of my beloved brother, Daniel Ratliff.

He was the son of the late Don and Casby (Mullins) Ratliff. He was born January 30, 1928, and he departed from this life June 19, 1975, making his stay on earth 47 years, 4 months and 20 days.

Brother Daniel was a faithful Father to his three sons, Carl David, Curt, and Mike and his one daughter, Deloris Ann. Also left to mourn his passing are three brothers, Samuel, Hardwick and Euel and two sisters, Pansy Gibson and Junella Sturgill. In addition, there are many friends and neighbors who will miss his cheerful companionship.



The good Lord was merciful to grant him his many prayers to extend his life to lead his children to the age where they can stand alone. By the grace of God, Daniel was blessed with a grandson, David Keith, who gave him much love and joy.

For his last 12½ years Daniel suffered a great affliction, but by looking to the Lord he found love, faith and wisdom to help him rear his children. The Lord's help aided him to advise his children and shine a light so that they might find the path that he traveled to his Savior.

Brother Daniel, desiring to fulfill the last step of his earthly journey, joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, and he was baptized July 6, 1974. Even though he was unable to walk on earth for 12½ years, he walked in visions with his Mother towards a home where no afflictions can enter.

Death has wiped away his walks of this life, but his hope for eternal life will leave footprints of memory and hope before his children and all who loved him dearly, to guide them toward a better home.

I had prayed so many prayers for my beloved brother and his children which I believe God answered and to the orphaned children. I will continue to pray for you, but if you meet your Father in Heaven, you must look to the same Savior he did and pray for yourself unto repentance.

Written by Brother Euel Ratliff

## BURNETTE HALL NEWSOME

With much sadness and weakness I will try to write an obituary of my mother-in-law, and sister in the Lord. Sister Burnette Hall Newsome was the daughter of the late Willard and Georgia Holyfield Hall. Borne July 25, 1907, she passed away July 21, 1975, making her stay on earth 67 years and 26 days. She was united in marriage to Shelby Newsome in 1926. To this union were born 5 children, 2 boys and 3 girls. Two preceded her in death, leaving her husband and 3 children, Palestine, Paul and Roberta and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Sister Burnette had 20 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. She confessed a hope and lived a christian life for 43 years. Her membership was at the



Little Rosa Church, McDowell, Ky. Sister Burnette was sick most of her life. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend church. The good Lord only knows how she suffered. When the Brethren of the Little Rosa Church would go to her home and have meeting for her, the good Lord would overshadow her with his spirit, and oh, how she would rejoice. She has one daughter, Palestine and 2 grandsons to confess hope. Now I want to say to Roberta and Paul, that the same Lord she served for 43 years is alive and waiting today. You will have to fall out with sin and give your whole heart to Jesus if you want to be with your mother in that morning when the Lord comes to take his children home. Brother Shelby wanted so much to keep his companion. He watched over her night and day, until at last with a broken heart, he watched her pass away! God was with her as she suffered! He knew she'd had her share, so he gently closed her eyes, and took her in his care.

I want to say to the members of the Little Rosa Church, a precious one from you is gone. A voice you loved is stilled. A seat is vacant in your church that never can be filled. I must close this obituary. I could go on and on but time and space won't permit.

Written by Her Son-in-law and  
A Brother-in-Hope,  
Elder Chester Newsome  
Ashtabula, Ohio

6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.

8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation than that of "Brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the rules of the decorum.

11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member provided the chair be filled. And he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the decorum shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

## UNION MEETINGS AND COMMUNION TIME MINISTERS CALLED APRIL

PLEASANT VIEW — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Frank Newsome, Covis Tackitt, I.D. Back, Karrel Addington, Charlie Johnson, Baxter Osborne, and Frank Slone. Communion time — First Sunday in May 1976.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second Saturday and Sunday in April. Junior Mosley, Chuck Keese, Buddy Carty, Roy Caudill, Anthony Hamilton, Wendall Hamilton and Ivory Sowards. Communion time — Second Sunday in May 1976.

WIMAUMA — Third Saturday and Sunday in April. Covis Tackitt, Roy B. Akers, Baxter Osborne, Ivan Amburgey, Tommy Adair, and John M. Mullins. Communion Time — Third Sunday in April 1976.

LITTLE JEWEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. Buddy Carty, Charles Keese, Alex Collier, and Ivan Amburgey. Communion time — Fourth Sunday in June 1976.

LITTLE OVAL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. W.P. Deal, Roy Caudill, Bill Dunbar, Ellis Amburgey, Junior Mosley, Laurence Day, Ronald Scott, Hendricks Hampton, and Charles Ramey. Communion time — Fourth Sunday in October 1976.

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Baxter Osborne, Hiram Adkins, Charles Keese, Ivan Amburgey, Buddy Carty, Woodroe Paek, and J.C. Tackitt. Communion time — First Sunday in June 1976.

MAGGIE HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Hiram Adkins, Lloyd Smith, Russell Hicks, Buddy Carty, Baxter Osborne, and Mod. and Ass't. Communion time — First Sunday in July 1976.

**LITTLE IDA** — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Hiram Adkins, Chuck Keesee, Forest Osborne, Ivan Amburgey, Baxter Osborne, W.P. Deal, Anthony Hamilton, Paris C. Tackitt, Roy Caudill, Roy Hamilton, Andy Hamilton and Woodroe Pack. Communion time — First Sunday in June 1976.

**ANTIOCH** — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Baxter Osborne, Robert Haney, Hiram Adkins, Eddie Tackett, Alex Collier, Buddy Carty, and Frank Newsome. Communion time — First Sunday in October 1977.

**LITTLE RUTH** — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Webster Bartley, Frank Newsome, Johnnie Newsome, Amos Williams, Buddy Carty, Buford Brock, and Marvin Bryant. Communion time — Second Sunday in June 1976.

**LITTLE MEMORY** — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Lloyd Smith, Ivan Amburgey, Olas Baldrige, Birchell Mosley, and Moderator. Communion time — Second Sunday in June 1976.

**LILLY OF THE VALLEY** — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Monroe Jones, Truman Jent, Jerry Hall, Zee Holbrook, Woodroe Pack, Buddy Carty, Mitchell Chaffins, Andy Hamilton, Bill Tackett, Karrel Addington, and Walter Parker. Communion time — Second Sunday in June 1976.

**LITTLE ZION** — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ivan Amburgey, Covis Tackitt, Frank Newsome, Lloyd Smith, and Bart Potter. Communion time — Second Sunday in June 1976.

**LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME** — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Bill Dunbar, Ivan J. Amburgey, W.P. Deal, Junior Mosley, Hiram Adkins, Ellis Amburgey, Ronald Scott and Kenneth Sturgill. Communion time — Third Sunday in May 1976.

**MORNING STAR** — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ivan Amburgey, Alex Collier, Frank Newsome, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, and Junior Damron. Communion time — Third Sunday in June 1976.

**GETHSEMANE** — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Baxter Osborne, Karrel Addington, Charlie Johnson, Frank Newsome, and Moderator and Ass't. Moderator. Communion time — Third Sunday in June 1976.

**LITTLE EDNA** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Frank Newsome, Paul McClanahan, Roy Hudson, Covis Tackitt, and Alex Collier. Communion time — Fourth Sunday in June 1976.

#### JUNE

**MT. ZION** — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Rayful Griffith, Virgil Wicker, Delmar Williams, Claude Ousley, and H.N. Vanderpool. Communion time — First Sunday in July 1976.

**LITTLE FLOSSIE** — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Hendricks Hampton, Roy Caudill, Buddy Carty, Joshua Hicks, Charles Keesee, H.N. Vanderpool, Earl Lawson, Charles Ramey, and Buford Brock. Communion time — First Sunday in July 1976.

#### ARCHIE BURTON

It is with a sad heart I will try to write an obituary of my dear Daddy, Brother Archie Burton. He was born in Lawrence County, Kentucky, May 28, 1911, one of a family of seven children, born to Bennett and Fannie Moore Burton. His parents, three brothers and one sister preceded him in death. He departed this life August 2, 1974 at the age of 63 years 2 months and 4 days. He is survived by his wife, Ella Burton, and four children, Mrs. Rosabelle Ray of Adamsville, Ohio, Charles Burton of Jackson, Ohio, David Burton of Coalton, Ohio and Mrs. Carolyn Wyatt of Rt. 2 Wellston, Ohio. He also leaves 10 grandchildren, one brother, Bert Burton of Columbus, Ohio and one sister, Mrs. Alma Coy of Jackson, Ohio.



He moved to Jackson County with his family in 1919, when he was just a small boy and had been a lifetime resident of this area. His place of residence for the past 11½ years was Rt. 2, Wellston, Ohio, Glenroy, Ohio.

He married Ella Check of Johnson County, Ky., July 26, 1935. To this union were born 2 boys and 2 girls. Daddy joined the Regular Baptist Church (Maggie Home) at Dundas, Ohio in 1962 and was ordained as a minister about one year later.

Ever since I was a small child — I remember Daddy reading his Bible and singing the songs of Zion around the house. Mother says he always liked the song "I AM A LITTLE SCHOLAR" but I also remember him singing the last few years, "IN HEAVEN WE NEVER GROW OLD." Daddy had been sick for many years, but he was never one to complain. As long as he was able to drive the car he was always somewhere visiting the sick. He loved the Church members as well as his own family. And he lived everyday for the Lord. I believe Daddy wrote his own obituary by the way he showed his fruits, while on this earth. He was called to go to Associations far away, when he wasn't able to go, but happy as long as he was in Church with his brothers and sisters in the Lord. The last couple of years he wasn't able to attend church, and he would perk up so much when any of the church members would stop to see him. I know Daddy lived a faithful servant to the Lord until the day he was called home, where he won't have to suffer anymore. There is a certain place at the table and a seat in the living room from which our dear husband and father is missing.

Written by His Youngest Daughter,  
Mrs. Carolyn Wyatt

### BERTHA THACKER PINSON

Sister Bertha was born at Millard, Kentucky on May 11, 1921. She passed away on the morning of April 21, 1975, making her stay on earth 53 years, 11 months, and 10 days. Sister Bertha expired in the St. Joseph Hospital, Lorain, Ohio. God saw fit to claim her after many months of suffering because of the dreadful disease, cancer.

Sister Bertha was the daughter of the late Lee and Liza (Coleman) Thacker. Sister Bertha was joined in marriage to Fred R. Pinson who now remains to mourn for her. This union was blessed with four children, one daughter which preceded her Mother in death, yet living children are Fred Vanis Pinson, Fairley Pinson, and Mrs.

Betty Coleman all of Lorain, Ohio. Six grandchildren, four brothers and four sisters also remain. Brothers Preston Thacker of Tennessee, Woodrow and Elmer Thacker of Lorain, Ohio, Willia Thacker of Columbus, Ohio. Sisters are Ida Justice, Lula Thacker, Mary Conoway, Maggie Slone, all of Millard, Kentucky.

Sister Bertha and Brother Fred joined the Little Edna Church, Lorian, Ohio, on July 4, 1966 and were baptized at the hands of the Old Regular Baptist ministers. Sister Bertha remained an active member of the church as long as she had strength to get there.

The Little Edna Church has lost a flower from their bouquet of smiling faces that greet you when you meet with love and tenderness in their hearts. With the passing of a member so dear we must surely realize how precious each one is.

Only a few days before Sister Bertha's death I visited her for the last time. We talked briefly because of the weakness which preyed on her body. I asked her if there was anything special she wanted me to do or to tell her children. She said, Brother Chuck, I have confidence in you that you know what is right to tell my children for me. The trust of one so dear means so much to me.

To you children now weeping for Mother, she left the sweetest, fondest comfort you could ever be given. She asked only of you what she gave you. Love, joy, and a hope of meeting again on the resurrection day to reign through eternity with Jesus. If you have not made those preparations to meet Mother in Heaven, don't wait until it is too late to call upon our Heavenly Father for forgiveness of your sins.

Brother Fred, there are not enough words to be said that can really comfort you. The sweet loving memories of the 1<sup>st</sup>, you and Sister Bertha shared are the greatest comfort you could have at this time. My prayers are that God will be with you in your time of sadness and your children will be a source of warmth and love to you. The hope of meeting Sister Bertha again at the end of life's journey is a precious thought to remain with you forever.

Written by  
Elder Chuck Keesee



LITTLE POLLY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Erschel Huff, H.N. Vanderpool, Joshua Hicks, Earl Lawson, Ray Hamilton, Mitchell Chaffins, Milford Adams, and Frank Newsome. Communion time — Second Sunday in July 1976.

LITTLE PILGRIMS HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday in July. Frank Newsome, Jimmie D. Saunders, Delbert Saunders, Frank Harvey, Charles Ramey, Frank Cotton, Parris Tackitt, and Mod.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Johnnie Clevenger, Delbert Saunders, Johnnie Bentley, Clifford Colley, Junior Mosley, Paul Adkins, Buford Brock. Communion time — Second Sunday in July 1976.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Karrel Addington, Hillard Newsome, Hiram Adkins, Paris C. Tackitt, Ivory Sowards, Erschel Huff, and Paul Adkins. Communion time — Third Sunday in July 1976.

LITTLE BETHEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Milford Adams, Able Johnson, Baxter Osborne, Buddy Carty, Foster Osborne, and Estill Hall. Communion time — First Sunday in July 1976.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Johnnie Newsome, Abel Johnson, Earl Lawson, Garland Mullins, Birtchel Mosley, and Rayful Griffith. Communion time — Fourth Sunday in July 1976.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Buddy Carty, Junior Mosley, Maynard Ratliff, Ivory Sowards, Frank Newsome, and Dave Bosin. Communion time — Fourth Sunday in July 1976.

### JULY

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Ross Cline, Richard Griffith, Lloyd Smith, Roy Hamilton, Lloyd Ray, Virgil Wicker, John P. Hamilton, and Johnnie Bentley. Communion time — Third Sunday in August 1976.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Erschel Huff, Bill Tackitt, Richard Griffith, Wayne Harold, Baxter Osborne, Milford Adams, Lloyd Smith and David Pullum. Communion time — Fourth Sunday in August 1976.

### MEMORIAL MEETINGS

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First Saturday and Sunday in November 1975. All regular Baptist ministers invited.

LITTLE JEWEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in October 1975. Ministers called: Elias Cotton, Ivory Sowards, Birtchell Mosley, Eddie Tackitt, Luther Conn, and Roy B. Akers.

LITTLE OVAL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in March 1976. All Regular Baptist ministers invited.

LITTLE FLOCK — Marcum Memorial Fourth Sunday in July 1976. At Wellsville, Ohio.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May 1976.  
 MT. ZION — First Saturday and Sunday in September 1975.  
 LITTLE POLLY — Memorial of all deceased members the second Saturday and Sunday in August 1975.  
 LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in October 1975.  
 LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in August 1975. All Regular Baptist ministers invited.  
 MT. OLIVET — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August, 1975. Elders Claude Ousley, Earl Lawson, Elbert Little, and Rayful Griffith called.  
 MAGGIE HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in June 1976.  
 LITTLE IDA — First Saturday and Sunday in July 1976. Ministers called: Glenn Maddox, Roy Hamilton, Buford Brock, Ellis Amburgey and Melvin Watts.  
 ANTIOCH — First Saturday and Sunday in June 1976.  
 LITTLE MEMORY — Second Saturday and Sunday in August.  
 LITTLE ZION — Clifford Maynard, Ershell Huff, J.C. Tackitt, Bill Dunbar and Edgar Little.  
 LITTLE CHILDRENS HOME — Third Saturday and Sunday in September.  
 MORNING STAR — Third Saturday and Sunday in July 1976. Ministers called: Paul Mullins, David Stone, Roy B. Akers, and Walter Mullins.  
 LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. All Regular Baptist ministers invited.

#### CHURCH ADDRESSES

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 LITTLE JEWEL, 207 Wheatley Road.....Ashland, Ky.  
 MAGGIE HOME.....Dundas, Ohio  
 LITTLE POLLY, 19545 Homer Road.....Marshall, Mich.  
 MT. ZION.....McGuffy, Ohio  
 LITTLE FLOCK, Rt. #1.....Ray, Ohio  
 LITTLE RUTH, R.R. #3.....Marengo, Ohio  
 LITTLE MEMORY.....Sunman, Ind.  
 LITTLE EDNA.....Lorain, Ohio  
 LITTLE IDA, 4060 Drennen St.,.....Ecorse, Mich.  
 LITTLE FLOSSIE.....Lisbon, Ind.  
 LITTLE ZION, 53181 Romeo Plank Road.....Romeo, Mich.  
 LITTLE PILGRIMS HOME, Highway #224.....Ruggles, Ohio  
 MT. OLIVET, Rt. #1.....Stockbridge, Mich.  
 LITTLE OVAL, R.R. #3, Box 97A.....Danville, Ind.  
 PLEASANT VIEW, Beat Road.....Litchfield, Ohio  
 LITTLE FAMILY.....Jacksonburg, Ohio  
 LITTLE ANGEL, 5333 Sulzgaber Road.....Columbus, Ohio  
 ANTIOCH, 1017 Barracks Road.....Louisville, Ky.  
 ROSE OF SHARON, 3744 Carlton Rockwood Road.....Monroe, Mich.

#### GEORGE ADKINS

It is with much sadness that I try by the help of God to write an obituary of a dear friend and a Brother in the Lord. Brother George Adkins was the son of Elder Joseph Perry Adkins and Maro Abshire Adkins. Brother George was married to Goldie Bumgardner Adkins 54 years ago. To this union were born seven children, three boys and four girls. One son and one daughter preceded him in death, leaving behind his loving wife and five children to mourn his death, two with Warren Ramond Adkins and Ruth Marie Cowan of Lorain, Ohio, John Gordon Adkins, Elyria, Ohio, Emma Jean Oliver, Grove City, Ohio and Orlie June Newgent, Hammond, Ind. He had twenty grandchildren and thirty one great-grandchildren. Brother George was born June 3, 1900, and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus Aug. 29, 1974, making his stay on Earth 74 years, 2 months and 26 days. He was born in the state of Washington. At an early age he moved to Kentucky, coming from Kentucky to Lorain, Ohio in 1951. He worked at U. S. Steel in Lorain for 15 years. Brother George joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1928 at the Bethel Church, Jenkins, Ky. In 1958 he was in the arm and organized the Little Edna Church at Lorain, Ohio.



There are a lot of good things that could be said concerning Brother George but time won't permit. I'd like to say to his children if you ever expect to see Daddy again you'll have to do what Daddy did. Fall on your knees and cry out to God for mercy. He is the Doctor that can cure a sin sick soul. Brother George will be greatly missed at the Little Edna Church. We loved him and he loved everybody. He was the most humble man I believe I ever met. He loved all children. I'll close now by saying sleep on Brother George and some sweet, beautiful day I feel we'll meet again where the Lord will wipe all tears from our eyes in that beautiful City forever and forever.

Written by Bro. Ernest Perrigan  
 Requested by the family

somehow in my heart I knew Mom was going to meet Dad, I had prayed all the way to the hospital, but I knew God's Will would be done. No one can stay His Hand. They worked with Mom for awhile. I called Brother Jimmy and the rest of the kids, but neither of us ever saw Mom alive again. When they let us in the intensive care unit a few minutes later Mom was gone, but she looked so peaceful. I know it was hard on the other children there, and hard on the ones that had to drive so far knowing they could never hear her tender and loving voice again. I have wondered so many times why I had to be the one present when this had to happen. But I believe God planned it that way. It was so hard to bear, but I had the same God that Mom and Dad had to lean on. I would like to say to the other children, don't put it off too late. Get down on your knees today and ask God's forgiveness. He is a just and merciful God. If you get just one taste of God's Love, you'll never have anything for things of this world again. His beauty is untold. He will give you peace of mind, He will give you strength to help you through the trials and troubles of this life. I know, because I have known that love and that strength for almost 10 years now. I know how much Mom and Dad wanted to see their children fall out with sin and accept Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I have 3 children of my own. I'll say to every mother's sons and daughters give them the roses while they live. If the other children would follow the advice that Mom and Dad left behind, they too would see Mom and Dad again. Mom was a good and loving mother. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. There are many good things I could say about her, but time won't permit. I know what Mom would want me to say. Children repent, believe and be baptized and meet me and Daddy in Heaven when this life is over.

We just had a family reunion July 26, 1975. Please let's make that family reunion in Heaven with Mom and Dad and most of all with "Our Sweet Savior." I'm so glad I had a chance to wash Mom's feet and take Holy Communion with her here on earth. Communion is Holy. An example God left for us to follow. So be good to everyone for God said "By my love and kindness have I drawn thee." I love all my sisters and brothers both natural and spiritual. So I'll say sleep on, Mom and Dad, and my son, and sister, and brother that are gone. I'll see you all that homecoming day.

Written by her Daughter and Sister in  
 Hope of eternal life  
 Mary Magdalene Roush

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 MORNING STAR, 4441 Clay Road ..... Belleville, Mich.  
 LITTLE BETHEL ..... Greensprings, Ohio  
 GETHSEMANE, Junction Highway No. 10 & 20 ..... Oberlin, Ohio  
 WIMAUMA ..... Wimauma, Fla.  
 FAMILY OF LOVE ..... Wyandotte, Ohio  
 HOUSE OF PRAYER ..... Dayton, Ohio

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**DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION 1975**

LITTLE REBECCA — Daniel Gibson, Buddy Carty, Roy Collins.  
 LITTLE JEWEL — Jesse Bryant, Hezekiah Osborne, Henry Barney.  
 MAGGIE HOME — John Mullins, Ira Kendricks, John B. Hale.  
 LITTLE POLLY — Hillard Castle, Rayful Griffith, James Poe.  
 MT. ZION — John D. Ousley, Hubert Robinson Sr., Hubert Robinson Jr.  
 LITTLE FLOCK — Joshua Hicks, Roy Hamilton, Liberty Coffey.  
 LITTLE RUTH — Farrell Ratliff, Bill Staton, Adrian Combs.  
 LITTLE MEMORY — Bill Ison, Clarence Jinkins.  
 LITTLE EDNA — Bart Potter, Sherwood Blackburn, Ernest Perrigan.  
 LITTLE IDA — Lloyd Smith, John W. Mitchell, Bill Dunbar.  
 LITTLE FLOSSIE — Virgil Wicker, Carlie Tuttle, Birtchel Mosley Jr.  
 LITTLE ZION — Ermon Smiley, Jack Heacock, Garfield Gibson.  
 LITTLE PILGRIMS HOME — Robert Wallen, Bob Hunter, Albert Hamilton.  
 MT. OLIVET — Virgil Fields, Elmer Adams.  
 LITTLE OVAL — Buford Brock, Orvial Gilliam, Herman Thompson.  
 PLEASANT VIEW — Ivan J. Amburgey, Tillis Ross, Bob Turner.  
 LITTLE FAMILY — Colman Fields, Gary Saunders, Al Rogers.  
 LITTLE ANGEL — Forest Osborne, Harold Senters, Ballard Brown.  
 ANTIOCH — Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, Arlie Cornette.  
 ROSE OF SHARON — John P. Hamilton, Okie Kent, Johnnie Bentley.  
 LILLY OF THE VALLEY — Squire Hamilton, Manuel Sturgill, Virgil Combs.  
 LITTLE CHILDRENS HOME — Birtchell Short, James D. Wagoner, Steve Blair.  
 MORNING STAR — Gillis Hamilton, Covis Tackitt, Willie Little.  
 LITTLE BETHEL — James Branham, Lester Hall.  
 GETHSEMANE — Ray Hoover, Nelson Sone, Leonard Robinson.  
 FAMILY OF LOVE — Johnnie Newsome, Hardwick Ratliff, Angus Slone.  
 HOUSE OF PRAYER — Melvin Watts, Ellis Amburgey, Troy Beverly.  
 WIMAUMA — Paul K. Mullins, Elliott Corder, Curt Triplet.

**DELLA SWORD**

It is with a sad and lonely heart I will try with the help of God, to write the obituary of my dear beloved mother. She was born to the late Richard Moore and Nancy Jane McCoy April 11, 1909 at Orkney, Ky. She departed this life August 24, 1972, making her stay on earth 63 years, 4 months and 13 days. She was married to Levi Sword and to this union was born 13 girls and 7 boys. One boy, Daniel, and one girl, Linda Jo preceded her in death. She leaves 6 sons; Ivel and Matt of Hamilton, Ohio. Samuel of Trenton, Ohio; Delmas of LaGrange, Ohio and Ramond and Claude of Elyria, Ohio, and five daughters; Barbara Williams, of Louisville, Ky.; Colleen Gregory of Vermillion, Ohio, Norma Kilby of Warsaw, Ohio; Magdalene Rousch and Jane Morrison of Elyria, Ohio, to mourn her loss.



She left 23 grandchildren, 14 grandsons; one preceded her in death, and 9 granddaughters; 3 great grandchildren, 2 of whom were born after her death. Brandon of Elyria, Brandy and Scotty of Louisville, Ky. Mom joined the Little Edna Church of Old Regular Baptist, April 22, 1967, where she remained a regular member until her death. Mom loved to go to Church and always prayed for peace and love to abide among the members.

God showed me a dream or vision that Mom would come to the church, and walk with me. I thank God that I gave Mom the pleasure of seeing me baptized before she left this world. I just wish I had given Dad the same joy I gave Mom. But most of all I thank Him for His great mercy and love that he forgave me of my sins so I have a hope in Christ Jesus Our Great Redeemer, of seeing them again when this life is over.

While Mom was sick those few days she chose to stay with her son Ramond and his sweet wife Helga, who was so good to Mom. I would go to see her every day. I'll never forget the day before she went home. She told me if she felt as good the next day, she wanted to go home. The next day she called me to take her home. I stayed with her for about 2 hours, I didn't want to leave her there alone. But she assured me she was alright, that God was with her. I hadn't been back home more than 10 or 15 minutes when the phone rang. It was Mom. "She said come to me as fast as you can." I told her to hang on I'd be right there. I picked up my grandson and it took me 5 minutes to get there. When I arrived Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Pastine were there. Mom was sitting in her usual spot in her rocking chair. I ask her what happened. She said, "I had a bad pain in my chest and back, and couldn't see to dial your number for a minute." I called the hospital, Mom wouldn't let me call the ambulance. She said if you just will have me to go, just let me go in the car.

I saw the gleam in Mom's eyes, they were fixed on something beautiful. She gave three gasps of breath then she was gone. I began calling upon Jesus but

up. They could gain a lot from seeing her faith and her strength, but if they can remember her, perhaps it will not be lost to them completely.

As for the rest of us, we knew and we loved her and we will always miss her. The pain of our loss may ease with time, for God is merciful in that way, but our remembrance of her will never be lost. We try now to be of some small help to Dad and pray God to be kind to him and give him happy memories, for he has a strong desire to be reunited with Mom on that Great Day when we shall all see God face to face. The way is there for us all — God be praised!

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away and Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Written by her broken-hearted daughter-in-law,  
Janice Bates

**DAVID L. HIGGINS**

With much sadness and sorrow, I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband, David L. Higgins, who was born September 13, 1894, and departed this life, October 31, 1974.

He, and Mollie Allen, were united in marriage, to which were born 8 children. One son, Luther, preceeded him in death. Seven are still living. One daughter, Mrs. Robert Coldren, of Toledo, Ohio, and six sons, Dorsie, Edsel, David Jr., James D., and Bill, all of Battle Creek, and Eavin, of Urbana, Ohio. He leaves 13 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. Clarence Howard, of Springfield, Ohio, and Virgil Higgins, of Carey, Ohio, and Wise of Rome, N.Y.

He was retired from Eaton Corp., and taught school in Kentucky, before moving to Battle Creek. He was a member of Little Ida Church Old Regular Baptist of Ecorse, Mich. He was a deacon in the church.

The children, and I miss him so much, and he was a kind, and loving husband, and father.



Written by his lonesome wife.

**In Memory of Popie**

We will not say goodbye to our loved one,  
Whom Jesus, has called for his own,  
For only in the fleeting of a moment,  
We will join him, one by one.

Our hearts are heavy, with sorrow,  
Sustained by His loving grace,  
You will never be gone, in our memories,  
Soon we will meet you, face to face.

The love we shared, will always stay true,  
All because, God knows what is best.  
He also knows how much we love him.  
Now we can share, in your peace and rest.

A loving daughter, Ruth Coldren.

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#### IRENE BATES

With a sad heart, I will attempt to write an obituary of my Mother-in-Law, Irene Bates. She was born on July 21, 1922 to Willard and Maisie (Tackett) Burke, at New Boston, Ohio.

On May 20, 1940, she married Jessie Bates. To this union was born two sons: Bobby Gene and Ronald Lee. In the year 1950, she and her family moved to River Rouge, Michigan. In the spring of 1960, they moved to Wyandotte, Michigan and there she lived until her death on October 25, 1974.



She leaves behind to mourn her, her devoted husband, Jessie, her two sons, Bobby Bates of Southgate, Michigan and S/Sgt. Ronald Bates of Osceola, Michigan, two daughters-in-law, Jan and Gail; four grandchildren, Rhonda aged 7, Lisa aged 6, Ron-Ron aged 5 and Tommy, aged 4. She also leaves two sisters: Mrs. Jean Snyder of Columbus, Ohio and Mrs. Ruth Hedges of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; two brothers; Lester and Charles Burke; her father, Willard Burke and a host of relatives and friends.

Ever since my marriage to her son, Bobby, I have called her "Mom" as did her other daughter-in-law, Gail, for we were treated as the daughters she always hoped for and never had, and we were as much a part of her family as her sons.

Mom joined the Little Ida Church of Old Regular Baptist on Mothers Day in 1955 and was baptized the same day. Mom believed very strongly in the old time way and held to it steadfastly. She was a devout member of the Church and loved it with all her heart. God and the Church were of particular comfort to her during her last months.

Mom died of lung cancer on October 25, 1974, after a six-month battle with that horrible disease. The fight she put up was an inspiration to us all. While we were trying to comfort her and be strong, we found that we were drawing strength from her and at times she had to comfort the rest of us. She never showed any fear of dying. The one thing she would repeat again and again was that she was not afraid to die and she was thankful she had lived to raise her sons, but that she would be very sorry not to be able to see her grandchildren grow up. Of course, her one big worry was leaving Dad and that he would be looked after. While we try to do that, we know that none of us could take her place, or look after him just the way she did.

Only God in Heaven knows how much we miss her, especially Dad. He seems lost now and we pray God to sustain him as He sustained Mom until He mercifully called her Home to suffer no more. As much as we miss her, we would not bring her back to her pain and suffering. All we can do is be prepared to meet her on the Altar of God, for that is where she is. I feel that as surely as I feel that I will see her someday. I lost a great friend in Mom, and not a day goes by that I do not feel that loss.

My children still do not understand why Grandma had to die, but they saw her in great pain and they saw our helplessness to stop it and they take comfort to know that Grandma is with God and is not hurting anymore. Though they are small, I think they will remember her, for she adored her four grandchildren and they adored her. They still talk about her and we encourage them to for they will have missed something precious in not having her around while they are growing

## JAMES DORTON

It is with an aching heart, I will try to write an obituary of my loving Father, James Dorton, who was born June 5, 1913 and died January 21, 1975, spending his happy days here on earth 61 years and 7 months.

I feel with all my heart my Father is at rest and has found peace with God before he died; because the night they took him back to the hospital he looked at Mom and said, "Don't worry honey I'll be alright." Two days later he died of that dreadful disease leukemia.

He was survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Daisy Dorton, 9 children; Carol Scobie, Turner Dorton, Charlene King, Arnold Dorton, Debbie Bonikowski, Delsie, Larry, Vicki and Frances Dorton. He was also survived by one sister, Elsie Counts of Haysi, Virginia, 28 nieces and nephews, 9 grandchildren and many more relatives and friends who I know miss him dearly.

We often ask the grandchildren where their "Papaw" is and their reply is in Heaven with Jesus.

I've written a small poem in memory of my Father which goes like this:

The moon and the stars and the sun above,  
God always sends someone to love.

He sent my Dad for 61 years and took him  
away without a tear.

God sheds no tears for those he loves, he  
made a golden place in Heaven above.

Would you like to see that Golden Place, just  
give your heart and soul to God and he'll show you the way.

Written by his loving and lonely daughter  
Carol Scobie



## Obituaries

### HAROLD VARNEY

In compliance to a request of a dear sister in Christ, I will try to write a brief obituary of her loving and devoted husband, and a dear friend and brother in Christ of the writer to wit: E. Harold Varney. He was the son of the late A.M. and Maggie (Rutherford) Varney members of the early pioneer families of Pike Co. Ky. He was born Nov. 20, 1905 and deceased Feb. 00, 1975 making his stay on earth 69 years 00 months and 00 days.

He was united in holy matrimony to Ruth Smith the daughter of another family of early settlers in Pike County October 16, 1946. There was no children born to this union. For more than 28 years they enjoyed a loving and peaceable companionship, always sharing in vicissitudes of this life, as well as the joys and happiness that come to those whose love never fades away. He was an industrious and prospering citizen. A carpenter by trade. Many homes and business buildings will stand for a long time as a witness to his craftsmanship and as monuments to him.

He leaves to mourn his passing a lonely and devoted companion. Also two brothers and one sister, together with several nieces and nephews and other relatives, as well as a large circle of friends.

In 1951 he was baptized into the fellowship of the Mt. Pleasant Church of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist. He served them as clerk and deacon for a number of years being faithful in all his duties. In 1963 or '64 he moved his membership to the Little Jewel Church of the Northern New Salem Association, where he served them as a deacon until the Antioch church was organized in 1966 and served as a deacon until his death. He was a strong disciplinarian always contending for a clean and orderly church.

During his illness he prayed for the Lord to give him a deeper understanding concerning the resurrection. And in a vision the Lord revealed to him how he would be raised from the dead in the morning of all mornings. There was also revealed unto him a beautiful landscape where an enumerable number of saints were gathered together praising and glorifying the Lord God almighty. All were dressed in beautiful garments that only God could design. He heard the voice of the Lord saying "arise and put on your beautiful garment". And when he came forth out of the grave, Jesus was standing ready to receive and direct him to that land where the soul of man never dies.

Some may say that this was an illusion of a feeble mind, but it was not, for brother Harold retained a clear mind up and until the hour of death. He stated



that the mystery of the resurrection was not a mystery any more and that he was not afraid to die.

The writer has known the subject of this obituary for 25 years and has enjoyed many pleasant conversations with him. I found him to be a man with a deep understanding concerning the scriptures. He was a strong defender of Old Regular Baptist principles of doctrine faith and practice.

Sister Ruth, I know your loneliness will be hard to overcome, but God hath promised to comfort you in your lonely hours. When you feel lonely and life seems to an end, just read Psalms chapter 23. This will bring you the love and compassion that only God can give.

Death is the unwelcomed servant who rides behind the chariot of life. It covers the whole world and hath stamped all terrestrial thing with the sharp pinion of the grave. And so, it hath pleased God to call from our midst another brave soldier of the cross from his earthly toils to everlasting refreshments in Heaven.

His lonely companion will surely miss him most. The state and county has lost a law abiding citizen. The community where he spent most of his life has lost a kind and compassionate neighbor. The Regular Baptist family has lost another loyal and devout member. Surely our loss is Heaven's gain. Sleep that peaceful sleep dear one. Our everlasting hope is at the pleasure of the Lord. We will join you in the morning of the sweet resurrection.

Written by Elder Roy B. Akers

#### ARTHUR LAFFERTY

By the request and help of the family, I will try to write an obituary of Brother Arthur Lafferty. He was born in Floyd County, Kentucky. He was 70 years of age. He was the son of Hiram and Marie Hix Lafferty.

He is survived by his wife, Elma Holbrook Lafferty; five sons, Archie of Dandusky, Ohio; Edward of Hamden, Ohio; Robert of McArthur, Ohio; Harlis of McArthur, Ohio; and Harold of McArthur. Also two daughters mourn his loss; Wanda Slone of Albany, Ohio; and Vivian Withrow, of McArthur. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Sarah Robinson of Attica, Ohio; Myrtle Potter and Ella Griffith of McArthur, Ohio and Sister Ida Mae Conley, of Creola, Ohio. Three brothers, Sam of Lima, Ohio; Raymond of Michigan; and Ruben of West Garrett, Ky.

Brother Lafferty belonged to Maggie Home Church of Old Regular Baptist. The community has lost a great neighbor and friend, and Maggie Home Church has lost a good member. The church has lost a good stick in it's building. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. I will miss Brother Lafferty so much. I would often go and see him, and we would have some wonderful talks about the Bible.



#### MAUDIE SHEPHERD

It is with sadness that I will try to write an Obituary of my dear mother-in-law, Maudie Shepherd.

She was born February 19, 1884, and died May 2, 1975, making her stay on earth 81 years, 2 months and 13 days. She was married to Kindie Shepherd who preceeded her in death about 6 years ago. Into this union were born 11 children. Four preceeded her in death. Her children that are living are: Manus Shepherd, Leslie, Michigan; Bessie Perkins, Waverley, Ohio; Mitchell Shepherd, Greenwich, Ohio; Claude Shepherd, Willard, Ohio; Charity Lacy, Greenwich, Ohio; Kindie Shepherd Jr., Greenwich, Ohio; Virginia Baker, Greenwich, Ohio.



She raised three step daughters: Dorssie Reed, Willard, Ohio; Dallas Reynolds, Ashtebula, Ohio; Mamie Thacker, Dayton, Ohio.

She also raised a grandson Danny Williams.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church 27 years ago, and has been a faithful member until death. She always filled her seat in church until she was too sick to go. She has been living with us since October. We had church for her in our home. She enjoyed it so much. She said she loved to hear those old time songs. she had missed them so much. Thank God we were able to take her to church at the church house two times before her death. She said she hoped the Good Lord would raise her up and make her able to go to church again.

Mom has gone to a better world where there will be no more suffering and pain. I thank the Blessed Lord that he brought her into our home so that we could enjoy her these last few months. She brought a love into our home that will be with us always. We will miss her sweet smile. I say to all her children that haven't made peace with the Lord, fall out with sin and meet Mom in a better world.

Written by her daughter-in-law and sister in the Lord, Verda Shepherd.

Her Memorial will be preached the 3rd Saturday and Sunday in May, 1976 at the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Ohio.

### JOYCE AND JOHNNY DARREL COMBS

It is with the saddest of feeling that I will try to write the obituary of a dear loving daughter. To Wit: Mrs. Joyce Ritchie Combs. She was born on July 20, 1942 and met her death on April 1, 1975 along with her infant son, Johnny Darrel, who was 9 months and 7 days old, in an awful automobile accident. Johnny Darrel Combs was born on June 25, 1974.

Joyce met and married Johnny Combs on April 22, 1961. To this union was born four children, three boys and one girl. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Johnny, along with two sons, David Lee Combs, age 13 and Ronnie Joe Combs, age 11, and a daughter, Delan Joyce, age 10. She also leaves her Mother, Mrs. Myrtle Ritchie of Stroh, Indiana, a brother, Vernon Ritchie of Kendville, Indiana, and two sisters, Mrs. Lois Everage, her twin sister, of South Milford, Indiana, and Mrs. Carolyn Owens of Stroh, Indiana. She is also survived by her Grandmother, Mrs. Lona Ritchie of Harburlly, Kentucky and a host of other relatives and friends.

As far as I know Joyce was loved by everyone who knew her. She didn't belong to any church, but I hope and pray that Heaven is her gain.

I'll never forget on April 1, 1975 when Joyce picked up her children. It was Easter vacation and the children were staying with me. David was spending the whole week, day and night, and that's why he wasn't with the others. Joyce hadn't been gone twenty minutes when the awful news came to us that she was dead. About two hours later, the baby, Johnny Darrel was dead too. He had died on the way to the hospital. The other children, Ronnie and Delana and their cousin Donna Owens, were in the Intensive Care Unit of the Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

I am trying hard to make my peace with God so that I can look forward to seeing my little grandson whom I know is at rest around God's great Throne. I hope and pray that Joyce is in Heaven too. All we know for sure is that she is in the hands of a merciful God. I hope and pray that someday I'll see her and her baby again. They were laid to rest in the same casket in the Woodruff Cemetery of Woodruff, Indiana.

Joyce's Father, Mr. Cephas Ritchie preceeded her death on Sept. 15, 1972. He was born January 27, 1917, making his stay on this earth 55 years, 8 months, and 12 days.

Written by a Mother and Grandmother,  
Mrs. Myrtle Ritchie



Brother Lafferty's advice was, Brother Bob, tell my children who haven't made peace with the Lord, to start praying and begging. Tell my children to be good to their dear old "Mother"; because she has given us the best years of her life. Children, she will spend many lonely hours by herself. Don't forget her. Also Brother Lafferty told me to tell his children to meet him over in the promised land.

A treasure was added to heaven today,  
When the death angel called Brother Arthur away;  
The stars he has left, will shine like pure gold,  
The walk of his life, He already has told.

I can see him in Heaven, in a long white robe,  
The crown on his head is love and delight;  
He finished his course, God told him to do,  
And walked the straight path, that you must walk too.

His soul's at rest with God today,  
A thing I "Hope" without doubt;  
He's feasting on eternal love,  
With Angels there to shout.

For his children, he laid them a pattern,  
And showed them just what to do;  
Start begging and praying to Jesus above,  
And He will carry you through.

Written by: Elder Bobby L. Baker

### TROY AND RACHEL SPARKMAN

Troy Sparkman, the son of Uarah and Elizabeth Smith Sparkman was born November 18, 1884 and departed this life March 1, 1975, making his stay here on earth 90 years 3 months and 11 days. Troy was married to Rachel Tuttle October 12, 1912 and to this union was born 12 children. Three of them, Ethel, Herman, and Nathaniel proceeded him in death. Left to mourn his loss are 4 boys, Kermit, Vernon, Lee, and Willie and 5 girls, Melba, Edna, Lora, Dolly and Dana Jean. Troy also had 59 grand children and 227 great-grandchildren. Troy was a coal miner by trade and he and his good wife worked and toiled many years together in the mountains of Knott County, Kentucky raising their family.



The Lord blessed Troy to have good health for most of his 90 years. He had been in failing health for only about 2 years and was in his right mind up to the day of his death. Troy never joined the Church but by the fruits he bore since I have known him and the humble life he has lived lead me to believe that he has only exchanged a world of trouble for a land of peace and happiness.

So children as I close, I would simply say to you, be good to Mother as you have in the past. I am sure you want to live with them again and to do this do as Mother has taught you all her life. Lay down the walks of this life and turn to God who is the only one who can give you an inheritance in that land where Mom and Dad will be.

So may God bless you and help you in your grief and He will if you will look to Him.

Written by: Elder Junior Mosley,

#### ROXIE ROBINSON

It is with a sad and aching heart, but precious memories, that I will try by the help of the Lord, to write an obituary of our dearest mother, Roxie Robinson.

Mom was born Oct. 5, 1902, deceased this life February 4, 1975, making her stay on earth 72 years 4 months.

Mom married Dad, Lee Adkins Jr. at an early age. To this union was born 10 children. Five preceded her in death. Dad was killed July 4, 1939, leaving Mom to raise us alone. Mom later married Whetsel Robinson, who also preceded her in death. She leaves 4 sons, Mack, Elmer, Homer, and Robert Adkins and 1 daughter, Reable Charles, her mother Mary Ramsey, 1 sister, 2 brothers, 16 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, 4 daughters-in-law, 1 son-in-law, Ed Charles, also 4 stepsons and a host of brothers and sisters in the Lord and many friends.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Greasy Creek in August 1953 and had her membership there and always tried to fill her seat on the first Sat. in each month, if she was able to get there. She has told me she loved to fill her seat, if she didn't get to go on Sunday. Mom's health had been bad for the last 3 years, but was not passed going but one week before she died.

I want to beg my brothers and sister to get ready in this life. Mom can never come back to us but by the help of God we can go and live with her in a world where there is no sickness, heartache or trouble, but the best part is to live with Jesus, so get ready while life and opportunity afford. No repentance after death, children, I feel I have my ticket ready. Won't you please join me.

Written by: her broken hearted son  
Mack Adkins



#### RACHEL SPARKMAN

Rachel Sparkman, the daughter of the late Tom Tuttle and Hanna Collins Tuttle was born March 12, 1894, and departed this life August 5, 1975, making her stay on Earth 81 years, 5 months and 24 days. Sister Rachel was married to Troy Sparkman, October 12, 1912, and to this union was born 12 children. Three of them, Ethel, Herman and Nathaniel and also her husband Troy preceded her in death. Left to mourn her loss are 4 boys: Kermit, Vernon, Lee and Willie and 5 girls, Melda, Edna, Lora, Dolly and Dana Jean. She also had 59 grandchildren and 229 great grandchildren.

Sister Rachel belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church for 63 years of her 81 years. Sister Rachel lived a humble christian life for all these years. Nobody I ever met could spot her life in any way. She begged and cried to her children and taught them in the good old way as long as she lived. Sister Rachel had been in failing health for many years but she bore her sickness with patience and would often say she had a better home when this life was over.

I do not need to write a long obituary of her memory. Her life on earth while she lived tells the story much better than I can.

So in closing, I will say to her children: Pray to Mommy's God and live by her advice and you'll surely meet her around the great throne where pain and sorrow can't come.

Written by Elder Junior Mosley