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**OF THE** 

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

NORTHERN
NEW SALEM
ASSOCIATION OF
OLD REGULAR
BAPTIST OF
JESUS CHRIST



In Session Assembled With

Pleasant View Church
Litchfield, Ohio

July 31, August 1, 2, 1981

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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 selected 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 God's 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 -

Elder Baxter Osborne

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# **Proceedings**

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## FRIDAY SESSION

As a new day was dawning and the bright sunshine began to break forth, everyone was reminded that the Creator of all things was still mindful of His people. Gathering at the Pleasant View Church for this the twenty-fourth annual session of the Northern New Salem Association were pilgrims both young and old from different parts of the moral vineyard. Greeting each other with gladness in their hearts of being blessed to meet once more on God's good earth.

After singing a few of the glorious songs of Zion, Elder Burl Stevens, in the absence of Elder Saval Combs, due to illness, was called upon to make

remarks after which Elder Forest Osborne offered prayer.

An old prophet and soldier of the cross for many years, Elder Rich Griffith approached the stand in a very humble manner to deliver the introductory sermon. In the meekness of the spirit, he was blessed to draw water from the fountain, obtain honey from the rock and gather corn from top of the mountains to feed God's little children. Bro. Griffith quoted from the 12th chapter and the first verse of Hebrews, "Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." In the meekness of the spirit, he was blessed to tell how destitute and sick in sin he was until Jesus came to his rescue. Telling the congregation, "you can't be right and wrong and you can't serve two masters. He said it was time to show whose side we are on and that Jesus was the bread of life and he would take us home to glory some sweet day."

Please, we younger Brothern, respect our older brothers, Fathers in the

gospel.

The introductory sermon being delivered, our beloved moderator invited those who were not delegates to remain at the tent that had been provided for the preaching services and those who were delegates to assemble in the house where the business of the Association was to be conducted.

The delegates thus assembled, Elder Grover Adkins of the New Salem

Association was called on to make remarks. He begged for peace and unity to abound in our assembly that God may receive glory and honor of our coming together.

# FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1981

- The moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed into the Clerk. On motion and second, the letter from the Pleasant View Church was read by the Clerk and found in order. After the letter from the Pleasant View Church was read by the Clerk, a motion and second was made to receive all the letters and seat the delegates. By the same motion, all queries and requests were referred to the committee on arrangements.
- - (a) Noted by the Association concerning our finance committee and was moved and seconded that our finance committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers. The finance committee appointed were Elders Parris C. Tackitt, Hiram Adkins and Ray Hamilton.
- On motion and second, the moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
- 4. On motion and second, the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum were omitted and by the same motion, the Clerk read the Constitution.
- Called for legally constituted churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and none responded.
- 6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded:
  - (a) NEW SALEM Represented by the following delegates: Glenn Pack, Jimmy Hall, Don Parker, Grover Adkins, Woodrow Dye, Abel Johnson, C.B. Smith, Offie Bartley, Walter Akers, Ronie McCarty, Bill Hall, Cleatis Messer, Bill Hamilton, Teddy Robinson, Hiram Adkins, Omery Compton, Arthur Issac and Russell Thornsberry. Letter in the hands of Elder Glenn Pack. Motion and second was

made to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.

- (b) UNION Represented by the following delegates: M.D. Mullins, Jesse Vyres, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Delbert Sanders, Jesse Lee Williams, Alfred Adams, Estill Hamilton, Albert Hamilton, Bobby Adkins, Webster Bartley, Wesley Wright, Carson Wright, Noble Mullins, Ernest Thornsberry, Amos Bartley, Raymond Mullins, Arvid Blevins, Orbin May, Gary Sanders and Frank Adams. Letter in the hands of Elder Carson Wright. Motion and second was made to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
- (c) PHILADELPHIA Represented by the following delegates: Rollen Hollens, Walter Morrison, H.D. Colegrove and Harlan Barney. Letter in the hands of Walter Morrison. Motion and second was made to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
- (d) SARDIS Represented by the following delegates: Monroe Ousley, Clyde Brown and Edwin Hay. Letter in the hands of Edwin Hay. Motion and second was made to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
- (e) INDIAN BOTTOM Represented by the following delegates: Elwood Cornett, Leon Adams, Ivan Amburgey, Jim Fields, Merle Smith, Squire Watts, Glenn Hampton, Curl Dixon and Dwight Amburgey. Letter in the hands of Glenn Hampton. Motion and second was made to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
- (f) MUD RIVER Represented by the following delegates: Freeman Goode, Kenneth Adkins, Wilburn Toppings, Denver Slone and Luther Ball. Letter in the hands of Luther Ball. Motion and second was made to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
- (g) OLD FRIENDSHIP Represented by the following delegates: Leonard Coleman, Elzie Reed, David Lester, Danny Hurley, Hayse Hatfield, Hurshell Hurley and Junior Coleman. Letter in the hands of David Lester. Motion and second was made to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.

New Associations of our same faith and order, desiring to take up correspondence with us were called for and none responded.

- 7. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of three delegates from the Pleasant View Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday morning who reported as follows: for Friday evening (1) Elders: Monroe Ousley Sardis, (2) Carson Wright Union, (3) Teddy Robinson and Grover Adkins, both from New Salem Association. Saturday morning Elders: Hurshell Hurley Old Friendship, (1) Ivan Amburgey, Indian Bottom, (2) Delbert Sanders, Union, (3) Woodrow Dye, New Salem.
- Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Ellis Amburgey, C.W. Turner, Bill Dunbar, Roy Caudill, Hillard Newsome, W.P. Deel and Herman Thompson.
- 9. By motion and second, the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond with the following Associations by letter and delegates: (a) New Salem, (b) Union, (c) Philadelphia, (d) Sardis, (e) Indian Bottom, (f) Mud River, (g) Old Friendship.
- 10. 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 the officers and delegates from our corresponding Sister Associations. Committee to meet back at the house at 3 p.m. Friday evening.
  - (a) By a motion and second, the Association adjourned until 9 a.m. Saturday morning.
  - (b) Committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday noon and completed its work on the bill of arrangements. The services for Friday evening were opened by Elder Monroe Ousley Sardis, prayer by same. Second was Elder Carson Wright Union. Third was Elder Teddy Robinson and fourth was Elder Grover Adkins both of the New Salem Association.

# SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1981

The delegates met pursuant to adjournment Friday evening at the house to continue the work of the Association. Being blessed to see the light of another beautiful morning and the sunrise of a new day, one was made to rejoice in his heart that they were alive and able to be in the assembly of God's people. Thank you dear God for life and thank you for salvation. After singing a few of the inspiring songs of Zion, Elder Hiram Adkins - New Salem Association introduced the services. Elder Herman West of the Union Association led in prayer.

After brief remarks from our beloved moderator, business then proceeded as follows:

- 1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
- 2. The Clerk read the Bill of Arrangements. By a motion and second they were received and the committee on arrangements was discharged.
- 3. The Circular Letter written by Elder W.P. Deel for our 1981 session was read by him. By motion and second, the letter was received. By the same motion, Elder David Slone is to write a Circular Letter, subject to approval at our 1982 session.
- 5. The Moderator called for the treasurer to report. He reported as follows:

  Balance in bank, August 1, 1980 \$1,159.44

  Church contributions 1980 \$3,225.00

  Picture contributions 1980 \$60.00

  Other contributions 1980 5.00

  Total money on hand August 3, 1980 \$4,749.44

#### 1980 EXPENSES

Printer's fee	\$2,750.00
Secretary's fee	200.00
Secretary's supplies	
Rental fee for safe deposit box	
Traveling expense for Clerk and Assistant Clerk	
Postal Instant Press, printing forms	

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Delivery of 1980 minutes	
Total expense for 1980	\$3,083.78
Balance on hand August 3, 1980	\$4,749.44 56.46
Less 1980 expenses	\$4,805.90
Balance for July 31, 1981	\$1,722.12
Church Contributions 1981	
Picture Contributions 1981	
Money received for 1981	
Balance August 2, 1981	\$5,462.12
Bank Balances, Bank of Louisville	
Checking Account, July 31, 1981	
Savings Account, July 31, 1981	\$1,556.46
Total July 31, 1981	

- 6. By motion and second, the treasurer's report was accepted. By the same motion Elder Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 5,500 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.
- 7. By motion and second, obituaries of deceased members and friends of the Northern New Salem Association are to appear in these minutes. They are to be typewritten and double spaced. A charge of \$10.00 for pictures was approved by the delegates.
- The committee on ministry chose the following Elders to preach Saturday evening and Sunday. Elders Hillard Newsome, W.P. Deel and Buddy W. Carty.

Due to the absence of the Elders chosen by the committee to preach on the stand Saturday evening, the above mentioned Elders were chosen to replace them.

- Called on brethren who agreed to attend Union meetings and Associations for the year 1980 and 1981 to make their report. By a move and second their reports were received.
  - (a) NEW SALEM when convened with the following churches: Little Creek, Pikeville, Caney Creek, Island Creek, Robinson Creek, Re-

becca, Burning Springs and Little Alvie, that agreed to host the Association being held in the permanent building, Minnie, Floyd County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1981 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Baxter Osborne, Ray Hamilton, W.P. Deel, Lonnie Gregory, Ed Shepherd, Herman Thompson, Gordon Reynolds, Don Lawson, Joshua Hicks, Don Mullins, Raymond Stapleton, John M. Mullins, Milton Dye, Ballard Brown, James Branham, Melvin Adams, Jr., Hendricks Hampton, Rich Griffith, C.W. Turner, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, Walt Sturgill, David Slone, Buddy W. Carty, Anthony Hamilton and Sam Lewis. Letter in the hands of Milton Dye.

- (b) UNION when convened with the Little Martha Church, Vansant, Buchanan County, Va. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1981 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Baxter Osborne, Ray Hamilton, W.P. Deel, Parris C. Tackitt, Chris Newsome, Joshua Hicks, Stan Robinette, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton and Walk Sturgill. Letter in the hands of Elder W.P. Deel.
- (c) PHILADELPHIA when convened with the Little Rosa Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Melrose, Worthington, Ky. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in August and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Baxter Osborne, Roy Caudill, W.P. Deel, Parris C. Tackitt, Marvin Potter, Ray Hamilton, Ernie Tuttle, Darrell Parks, Ed Shepherd, Don Lawson, Joshua Hicks, Raymond Stapleton, Howard Parsley, John Mullins, Don Mullins, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, Walk Sturgill, Buddy W. Carty, Marvin Hunter. Letter in the hands of Ray Hamilton.
- (d) SARDIS when convened with the Pilgrim Home Church, Brushy Fork of Johns Creek, Pike County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1981 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Ray Hamilton, Don Lawson, Joshua Hicks, Raymond Stapleton, Pete Hensley, Melvin Watts, Albert Osborne, Forest Osborne, Maynard Ratliff, James Gillum, James Curry, Hillard Newsome, and Paul Adkins. Letter in the hands of Pete Hensley.
- (e) INDIAN BOTTOM when convened with the Mt. Olivet Church who agreed to host the Association to be held at the permanent Association building, Sassafras, Knott County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1981 and continuing the

two following days. Delegates to attend: Baxter Osborne, Ray Hamilton, Lonnie Gregory, Darrell Parks, Bill Ison, Everett Everage, Albert Osborne, Melvin Watts, Gordon Reynolds, Melvin Adams, Jr., Elmer Adams, Covis Tackett, Danny Adams, C.W. Turner, Sam Lewis, Clarence Jenkins, Pete Hensley and Burtchel Short. Letter in the hands of Everett Everage.

- (f) MUD RIVER when convened with the Sara Church, Foster, Boone County, W. Va. Beginning on Friday before the 4th Saturday in Aug. 1981 and continuing the two following days. Delegates: Baxter Osborne and Charles Craft. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne.
- (g) OLD FRIENDSHIP when convened with the Mt. Zion Church, Mohawk, W. Va. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1981 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Ray Hamilton, Roy Caudill, Marvin Potter, Ernie Tuttle, Buford Brock, Don Lawson, Joshua Hicks and Raymond Stapleton. Letter in the hands of Elder Roy Caudill.
- 10. As an advisory and council, it was moved and seconded that we, the Northern New Salem Association say No to the request of the Antioch Church, concerning the Indian Bottom Association in regards to double married preachers. By the same motion it was requested that we have item number 13, page 10 of our 1967 minutes printed in our current minutes.

Item 13, page 10 of the Northern New Salem Association minutes, year 1967:

Then took up the request from the Little Rebecca Church concerning double married preachers. It was moved and seconded that the Northern New Salem Association not to preach them. An objection was made to this move. A vote was taken. 13 voted for the move to stand and 31 voted against the move and to advise the churches as follows: To let the three brothers we now have preach as long as they live. Be it further advised that the Northern New Salem Association will not tolerate the starting of any man that has two living mates to preach from this day on.

- 11. It was moved and seconded that our 25th Annual Session of our beloved Association be held with the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Ohio. The place it was organized in 1957 to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1982 and continuing the two following days. The Little Ruth Church agreed to help host the Association.
- 12. By a move and second, the report from the committee on finding a per-

manent place to hold the Northern New Salem Association was received and by the same motion the committee was discharged.

(a) Due to an error in wording of a motion and second by the Clerk in our 1980 minutes, item number 13-b, page 7 should read as follows:

By a motion and second, the request from the Lilly of the Valley Church was granted, to remove the name of Hershell Blevins from the list of ordained ministers and not to be published in disorder. Sorry.

Bro. Newsome, Clerk

- 13. By appointment by the moderator, Elders Parris C. Tackitt and Hillard Newsome are requested to write a letter of condolence to our Sister, the Old Friendship Association in the passing of their beloved moderator, Elder Hassell Estep.
- 14. By a move and second, Elder Forest Osborne was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at the 1982 session of our Association and Elder Buck Tuttle is to be his alternate.
- 15. By a motion and second, it was agreed to omit the reading of the current minutes.
- 16. By a motion and second, the Association agreed to adjourn to the time and place mentioned in the eleventh item of the current minutes.

The Twenty-fourth Session of the Northern New Salem Association was concluded by Elder Paul Adkins. As the Holy Spirit began to move, Brother Adkins was blessed to preach Christ being the way from earth to heaven. In much rejoicing he preached of his firmness on standing on what the Bible teaches. In humbleness of the spirit Elder Parris C. Tackitt led in prayer.

Done and signed by the officers of the Association.

Elder Baxter Osborne	. Moderator
Elder Roy Caudill Assistar	
Elder Hillard Newsome	Clerk
Bro. C.W. Turner	ssistant Clerk

# SABBATH MORNING, AUGUST 2, 1981

Meeting again for the third and final day of this the Northern New Salem Association were the many faithful believers of the Old Regular Baptist faith. As they began to mingle their voices together in singing songs of praises to the King of Kings one soon forgot the sad hour of parting and the many miles one had to travel to ones place of habitation.

In a very humble and thankful spirit, Elder Bill Hamilton from the New Salem Association introduced the services and led in prayer.

Brother Edwin Hay from the Sardis Association was second on the stand. Reading from the second Epistle of John, after which Brother Hay was blessed to preach the beauties of the church and how we, as God fearing people ought to live. In an humble spirit, he was blessed to preach and bring to light the hidden mysteries of God's word.

Third on the stand was Elder Woody Pack from the New Salem Association. Soon after approaching the stand, he was overshadowed with the holy spirit to tell of the beauties of Heaven. Telling of how the Lord will lead you in a travel from nature to grace and save your soul with an everlasting solution. Give you a cross to carry and a light to shine to the world. Sweet music from Heaven's land, food to a hungry soul, praise the Lord in his holy hills.

Our beloved moderator Elder Baxter Osborne came to the stand in a very gentle spirit. Reading from the 103 Chapter of Psalms. As he began to remind all of the home after this life, our hopes and prospects of our future home was made brighter. The place where we shall forget all our worries and heartaches and only the pure in heart shall be there. In a land where nothing can harm or bring shame on this blessed old Church. Children live humble, keep your lamps trimmed and burning. As an old song of Zion was being sung and handshakes were being exchanged, one could but whisper a prayer, "Lord keep us safe until we meet again, if not here, over in Heaven, the home land of the soul."

Your humble servant, Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk

We the officers, delegates, members and many friends of this grand old Association wish to extend to the members of the Pleasant View Church and all those who had a helping hand to make the load lighter to carry. A special thanks and a prayer that God will bless you for a job well done. To those who ran the vans to and from the place to eat, our thanks to you. To Sister Margie Slone our humble thanks for your hours of time and labor you gave to make all feel welcome and comfortable along with your co-workers and our sisters. Bless you for all your efforts.

We love you, all those who brought campers for the help you provided in caring for the 24th session of the Northern New Salem Association. Your presence meant much and we shall ever be grateful for your thoughtfulness. May God grant you many miles of safe and happy travel.

Our thanks to Sister Dorothy who brought tea to two thirsty children.
God bless and we care.

Your servant in Christ, Bro. Newsome, Clerk

## Circular Letter to the Northern New Salem Association

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association, in whom I feel I have a pure love: Being chosen by you to write a letter for your inspection at our 1981 session. I feel too weak to try a great job like this. Giving it many thoughts, I asked God if it could be His will to direct my mind as I try to fulfill your request.

Now as I begin to write, feeling unworthy to do this, trusting and praying that God will revelate my mind and guide my fingers to write as it would be

pleasing to Him.

My dear Brothers and Sisters, I can read in the Bible where they had great problems in Israel. These problems were caused by their disobedience. When Israel obeyed the commandments, given to them by God, they got along good. But when they did not obey, they got into trouble and had great burdens to bear.

If Israel had kept the law, God would have been pleased. But they did not, therefore. God sent His son to fulfill the law. He took the first and established the second on better promises. Thanks be to God, He stamped His law in our hearts and minds; and His law is a spiritual law.

Brothern, I feel that God's law will teach each and everyone of us how to live and conduct ourselves in this life. It will teach us how to love one and others. It will teach us how to raise our children. And if we are obedient to this law, we can teach them how they can be saved and that mercy is in the Lord.

I teach our children that they must have faith in God; believe in God; lay their life in His hands; and separate themselves from worldly things before they can be saved. Brothern, I feel this is the only way to prove that we love our children. Teach them the way to Heaven. For I am glad He gave us all an equal right to the Tree of Life. And left it up to us and our children and their children to take hold and live forever.

I feel the Lord will never say no to anyone if they will come to His plan. And His plan is to be converted and be born again by the Word of God; which liveth and abideth forever. I feel God gave us this victory in His son, Christ Iesus.

I am thankful He compared us all equal as children and said "my peace I give unto you." I feel He has given us a great witness, His Spirit, to bear

witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.

As I said before, the law of God will teach us how to live and conduct ourselves in this life. It will teach us how to dress and present ourselves before the World.

It has been a practice in the past that if a sister cuts her hair or wears

pants and shorts that we exclude them; and justly so. For this is not a good example before the World. I feel we should not have respect in persons; what about a brother having long hair and wearing short pants? Do we exclude them? Long hair or short pants (on a brother in the church) are the fashions of the World and is unbecoming of one professing Godliness.

I believe that all timber must be prepared in the field; a tree must bloom before there will be any fruit. For as I have often said, before a man can make peace with the Lord, he has to quit dishonoring his head. (Cor. 11-4) "Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoreth his head." And the head of man is Christ.

I feel that if a man or woman has been chosen out of the World, they, the creature, have been redeemed from the things of the World and raised to walk in the units of Life. Therefore, people of the World can see a difference between the Church and themselves. So brothern, when a man or woman offers theirselves to the Church, we should not have to instruct them on how they should dress or wear their hair because they will have already been taught of God.

Brothern, let us keep the ordinances of God. If I went to my home church and kept not the ordinances, I'm afraid it would not be Old Baptist. Because these ordinances is what separates the Church from the World.

The World has changed in its modern ways but the Old Church will never change. The foundation of the Church has never changed. God has never changed nor His plan of salvation. And the plan is, take heed how you build your house. Build on the Stone which the builders rejected. The Stone which became the head of the building. I feel the Stone is Christ Jesus and the building is the Old Church.

For 33 years, I have been at home in the Church. For 33 years, I have seen changes in the Blood Washed Army. I have seen many fall by the wayside in those 33 years and believed that those that fell were never part of the Church.

I am glad that the Church was planted on the mountain top. I am glad She has a voice of a dove. For when I was hunting for Her, I heard Her voice, I knew that voice and She threw Her arms around me and welcomed me home.

So my dear Brothers and Sisters, let us all hold each other high above ourselves. Let us be humble and at each other's feet. Let us not say wrong things about our Brothers and Sisters. For loose talk can spread like wild fire and could cause a great hurt among our brothers and sisters. Let us all look to the high Mountain where our help comes from.

I feel we have a great mansion on the other side of Jordon. Christ said (John 14: 1 & 2) ". . . ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you." He went away to prepare a place for all who love and serve Him.

So my dear Brothern, there is where my Hope is; beyond this veil of tears. Where there is no worries about our loved ones and no sorrows.

I feel this is getting too long and will close this letter with a prayer in my heart. May we all be able to meet on top of that Holy Mountain in the presence of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I hope and pray that we will have a good association. I hope that God will open the windows of Heaven and shower down that dew from Heaven and cause us to look up for His second coming. When He will say to the Pearly Gates, open wide and let my Bride come in.

Submitted by Elder William P. Deel

#### CONSTITUTION

#### OF THE NORTHERN SALEM ASSOCIATION WHEN ORGANIZED IN 1957

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 to keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 2. In the Letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by Letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

**ARTICLE** 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.

ARTICLE 4. The Association when convened shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

ARTICLE 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

**ARTICLE 6.** New Churches may be admitted into this 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.

ARTICLE 7. Every query presented by the Church to the Association, being first debated in their own Churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

ARTICLE 8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

**ARTICLE 9.** The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association.

ARTICLE 10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each Church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper and to send it by their delegates to the Association; and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

**ARTICLE 11.** There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association who shall receive a compensation for his services.

**ARTICLE 12.** The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises, unless the same is dispensed with.

**ARTICLE 13.** Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the union, if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 14. 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.

ARTICLE 15. 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 members, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have power to withdraw from any Church in the union which violates the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; and 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

**ARTICLE 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

**ARTICLE 2.** We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God, and the only rules of Faith and practice.

2nd Peter 1:21, 1st Timothy 3:16, 2nd Timothy 3:16.

ARTICLE 3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace. "For by grace are ye saved through Faith." Isa. 41:1, Eph. 2:8, 2nd Timothy 2:9, 1st Peter 1:23.

**ARTICLE 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

**ARTICLE 5.** We believe that sinners are called to repentance, and believe in the gospel, and regeneration of the soul, 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.

ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 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 1:31-32-33, Romans 6:4, Eph. 4:5.

**ARTICLE 8.** We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour, and that by the use of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming, by His believers.

Luke 22:2-20, John 12:7, 13:7-8, 1st Timothy 5:9-10

- ARTICLE 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.
- ARTICLE 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.
- ARTICLE 11. We believe it is the duty of all church members to contribute money 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.
- ARTICLE 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, Act 8:16-21, Romans 16:17-18, Eph. 4:14-15, Gal. 18:9-10.

- ARTICLE 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.
- **ARTICLE 14.** We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church, and the government thereof is upon His shoulders.

  Isaiah 9:6-7, 22:21-22, Luke 1:33.
- **ARTICLE 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

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

**ARTICLE 2.** The Association shall have a moderator, an assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk, each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 4.** The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.

**ARTICLE 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 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 FOR THE YEAR 1982

#### - APRIL -

PLEASANT VIEW — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Baxter Osborne, Ivan Amburgy, Elwood Cornett, Grover Adkins, Ellis Amburgy, Grover Adkins, Hiram Adkins, Covis Tackett. Communion Time — First Saturday and Sunday in May.

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Baxter Osborne, Roger Hicks, Tennis Sturgill, Jessie Viers, Jr. Mosley, Ralph Howard. Communion Time — First Sunday in June.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second Saturday and Sunday in April. Anthony Hamilton, Ralph Adkins, Teddy Robinson, James Waddles, Buddy Carty, James Branham, Hobart Hamilton. Communion Time — Second Sunday in May.

LITTLE JEWELL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. Stoney Blackburn, Ivan Amburgy, Tennis Sturgill, Elwood Cornett, Paul McClanahan, Jim Fields. Communion Time — Fourth Sunday in June.

#### MAY

ANTIOCH — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Doug McCarty, Eddie Tackett, Birtchel Mosley, Ted Robinson, Bill Dunbar, Hiram Adkins. Communion Time — First Saturday and Sunday in October.

LITTLE ZION — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Carson Wright, Dallis Ramsey, Tennis Sturgill, Jimmy Hall, John B. Hamilton, J.C. Tackett, Frank Newsome. Communion Time — Second Sunday in June.

LITTLE IDA — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Elwood Cornett, Danny Adams, Zee Holbrook, Jr. Mosley, Woody Pack, Hershel Huff, Baxter Osborne, Roy Caudill, Jay Mitchell, Carson Wright. Communion Time — First Saturday and Sunday in June.

MAGGIE HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Savel Combs, Earl Lawson, Russell Hicks, Carson Wright, Bill Collins, Donald Blake Little. Communion Time — First Saturday and Sunday in July.

**LITTLE MEMORY** — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ralph Caudill, Jimmy Hall, Paul Adkins, Ivan Amburgey, Stoney Blackburn, moderator. Communion Time — Second Sunday in June.

LITTLE RUTH — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Buddy W. Carty, Calvin Adkins, Kenny Robinson, James Branham, Offic Bartley. Communion Time — Second Sunday in June.

LILLY OF THE VALLEY — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Doug McCarty, Ralph Caudill, Walter Mullins, Zee Holbrook, Denver Mead, Kenny Robinson, Stoney Blackburn, Bill Collins, Buddy W. Carty, David Slone. Communion Time — Second Sunday in July.

MACEDONIA — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Alex Collier, Stoney Blackburn, Roy Caudill, Hays Chaffins, Hezekiah Osburn. Communion Time — Third Sunday in June.

MORNING STAR — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ray Hamilton, Henry Little, Banner Kid, Alex Collier, Tennis Sturgill, Earl Lawson, Jr. Mosley. Communion Time — Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Bill Dunbar, Johnie Bentley, Ronald Scott, Ralph Caudill, Toby Breeding, Able Johnson. Communion Time — Third Saturday and Sunday in July.

#### JUNE

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Buddy Carty, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, Buck Tuttle, Earl Lawson, Roger Dale Hicks, Charles Newsome. Communion Time — First Saturday and Sunday in July.

MT. ZION — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Amos Williams, Claude Ousley, Patrick Dill, Roy Caudill, Virgil Wicker, H.N. Vanderpool, (moderator and assistant moderator), Communion Time — First Sunday in July.

LITTLE BETHEL — First Saturday and Sunday in June. W.P. Deel, John Paul Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Zee Holbrook, Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Hershel Jimmy Hall. Communion Time — First Sunday in July.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Paul Adkins, Jr. Mosley, Ralph Caudill, Buck Tuttle, Buford Brock, Eddie Tackett, Communion Time — Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Lloyd Ray, Bill Tackett, Roy Caudill, Banner Kidd, Buddy W. Carty, James Branham, Bill Collins, Johnie Newsome, George Mathews. Communion Time — Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE POLLY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. James Branham, Covis Tackett, Doug McCarty, David Slone, Earl Lawson, J.C. Tackett, Charles Newsome, Buddy W. Carty, H.W. Vanderpool. Communion Time — Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ralph Caudill, Paris Tackitt, Ivory Sowards, Hiram Adkins, Grover Adkins, George Mathews. Communion Time — Third Saturday and Sunday in July.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Kenny Robinson, Covis Tackett, Edger Little, Raffel Griffith, Charles Newsome, Johnie Bentley, James Hall. Communion Time — Fouth Sunday in July.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Teddy Robinson, Bill Collins, Ray Hamilton, Birthcel Mosley, Jr., Paris Tackitt, Woody Pack, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins. Communion Time — Fourth Sunday in July.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Walter Mullins, Ralph Caudill, J.C. Tackett, Walk Sturgill, Covis Tackett, Tennis Sturgill. Communion Time — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July.

#### JULY

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Richard Griffith, Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Windill Hamilton, Don Gibson, John Paul Hamilton, Virgil Wicker, Hobert Hamilton. Communion Time — Third Sunday in August.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Baxter Osborne, Woodrow Dye, Jimmie Dye, Tifton Dye, Doug McCarty, Hershel Huff. Communion Time — Fourth Sunday in August.

# **MEMORIAL MEETINGS**

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in August. All orderly Regular Baptist ministers welcome.

LITTLE JEWELL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in October. Ivan Amburgy, Garland Mullin, Baxter Osborne, Carlos Little.

MAGGIE HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in June. James Branham, Anthony Hamilton, Buddy Carty, W.P. Deel.

LITTLE POLLY - Second Saturday and Sunday in August.

MT. ZION — First Saturday and Sunday in September. All Regular Baptist ministers invited.

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Baxter Osborne, Melvin Watts, Ivory Sowards, Patrick Deel, Paris Tackitt, Hiram Adkins, Grover Adkins.

Marcum Memorial — Fifth Sunday in May. Paris Tackitt, Ivory Sowards, Earl Newsom, Anthony Hamilton, Russell Hicks, Lloyd Ray, Elbert Hagerman.

**LITTLE RUTH** — Second Saturday and Sunday in July. Clifford Colley, Bill Collins, Claude Ousley, Joshua Hicks.

LITTLE MEMORY — Second Saturday and Sunday in August.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August.

LITTLE IDA — First Saturday and Sunday in July. All Regular Baptist ministers urged to attend our memorial meeting.

**LITTLE FLOSSIE** — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. To Sister Rachael and Troy Sparkman and deceased members.

LITTLE ZION — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. Clifford Maynard, Thurman Akers, Ron Scott, Lloyd Brown, Edgar Little.

**LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME** — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Estell Hamilton, Jesse Viers, Raymond Mullins, Danny Adams.

**PLEASANT VIEW** — First Saturday and Sunday in June. All Old Regular Baptist ministers invited.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in October.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in March. Paul Adkins, Hillard Newsome, Claude Ousley, James Branham, Bill Collins.

**ANTIOCH** — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Edwin Hay, Roy Caudill, Hendrix Hampton.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second Saturday and Sunday in October. Patrick Deel, Larry Adkins, Sam Franks, Offie Bartley, Clarence Bowersock.

LILLY OF THE VALLEY — First Saturday and Sunday in July.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third Saturday and Sunday in September. All Regular Baptist ministers invited.

MORNING STAR — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Berlin Stevens, Billie Miller, Glen Maddox, Rich Griffin, James Branham, Hezekiah Osburn.

LITTLE BETHEL — First Saturday and Sunday in September. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

**FAMILY OF LOVE** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Memorial of all Regular Baptist deceased members. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First Saturday and Sunday in November. Baxter Osborne, Forest Osborne, Covis Tackett, Robert Haney, J.C. Tackett.

MACEDONIA — Third Saturday and Sunday in October. Alex Collier, Stoney Blackburn, Roy Caudill, Hays Chaffins, Hezekiah Osburn.

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Little Rebecca
Little Jewell, 207 Wheatley
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Little Polly, 19545 Homer Road
Mt. Zion McGuffy, Ohio
Little Flock, Route 1
Little Ruth, Route 3
Little Memory Sunman, Ind.
Little Edna
Little Ida, 4060 Drennen Street Ecorse, Mich.
Little Flossie Lisbon, Ind.
Little Zion, 53181 Romeo Plank Road Romeo, Mich.
Little Pilgrim's Home, Highway 224 Ruggles, Ohio
Mt. Olivet, Route 1 Stockbridge, Mich.
Pleasant View, 3589 Beat RoadLitchfield, Ohio
Little Family, State Route 744 - 1 mile West of Jacksonburg Jacksonburg, Ohio
Little Angel, 5733 Saltgaber Road
Antioch, 1017 Barricks Road Louisville, Ky.
Rose of Sharon, 3744 Carlton Rockwood Road
Lilly of the Valley
Little Children's HomeLaurel, Ind.
Morning Star, 44441 Clay Road
Little Bethel, State Road 228 Greensprings, Ohio
Family of Love Wyandotte, Ohio
House of Prayer
Macedonia

# DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION, 1981

# **CHURCH MODERATORS**

Little Rebecca
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Maggie Home
Little Polly
Mt. Zion
Little FLock
Little Ruth
Little Memory
Little Edna
Little Ida
Little Flossie
Little Zion Roy Hudson
Little Pilgrim's Home
Mt. Olivet
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Morning Star
Little Bethel
Family of Love
House of Prayer Melvin Watts
Macedonia

## STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECOMMENDATION	RESTORED	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	MEETING TIME		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Little Rebecca	1	1	0	0	6	1	1	85	3	\$	185	
Little Jewell	4	0	0	0	5	2	0	65	4		175	
Maggie Home	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	54	1		100	
Little Polly	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	23	2		60	
Little Polly	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	16	1		60	
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	36	3		100	
Little Ruth	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	20	2		100	
Little Memory	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	29	2		100	
Little Edna	10	2	0	4	2	2	0	42	4		100	
Little Ida	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	104	1		275	
Little Flossie	1	3	0	0	2	1	1	31	1		200	
Little Zion	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	60	2		125	
Little Pilgrims Home	0	1	0	0	5	1	0	27	2		85	
Mt. Olivet	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	16	4		100	
Pleasant View	22	2	0	1	1	1	2	90	1		150	
Little Family	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	29	2		100	
Antioch	3	1	0	0	7	0	2	52	4		200	
Antioch	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	1		185	
Rose of Sharon	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	34	2		175	
Lilly of the Valley	1	5	1	0	0	1	0	26	2		40	
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	17	3		100	
Morning Star	6	0	0	0	1	3	0	64	3		200	
Little Bethel	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	22	1		100	
Family of Love	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	26	4		100	
House of Prayer	4	4	0	0	1	2	1	79	1		250	
Macedonia	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	59	3		100	
CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS										\$3,4		
PICTURE MONEY											280	
GRAND TOTAL	72	31	1	5	35	24	15	1155	,	\$	3,740	

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### LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO OUR SISTER OLD FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

To the delegates, members and officers of our sister, the Old Friendship Association, shall we express to you our deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved moderator and our dear highly respected Brother and Elder in the gospel, the late Hassel Estep.

May you continue to carry the torch he carried for many years, strive for the peace he sought for among the brotherhood. That others can remember we passed this way as we shall remember the happy days spent with him and

the hope of seeing him again in the morning of the resurrection.

Northern New Salem Association Elder Parris C. Tackitt Elder Hillard Newsome

### A MEMORIAL DEDICATION TO THE LATE ELDER JOHN D. OUSLEY

It was agreed by the delegates of the Northern New Salem Association that this 24th Session of the Association be dedicated to the memory of our beloved brother, Elder John D. Ousley. A devoted and worthy minister. His passing away has been missed by all who knew him. He was a truly devoted man of God. Always crying for peace in the churches, we feel he has left light shining for anyone who loves the good old way to walk in and some day we will meet him and all the blood washed band on the golden shore.

Your servants, Elder Claude Ousley Elder Hillard Newsome

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#### **OBITUARIES**

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#### MARIE ADKINS

With a loving heart and "precious memories" we will try to write the obituary of our mother, Marie Adkins.

Mom was born December 15, 1924 and departed this life on February 10, 1981 making her stay on earth 56 years, 1 month and 26 days. Mom married Dad, Mack Adkins, on May 3, 1941 and to this union were born five children - Dewey, Billy Edd, Paul, Karene and Terry Allen. Billy Edd and Terry Allen preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband Mack, three children, 2 daughters-in-law, Perla and Pat Adkins, a son-in-law, Dennis Sager, five grand-children, Derek,



Leslie, Matthew, Mark and Brian; four brothers, Leonard, Ercelle, Corburt and Clinton Robinson and a host of relatives and friends.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on April 30, 1972 and was a faithful member, always trying to fill her seat until she got passed going. She always loved to have the brothers and sisters come to her home to sing some songs and hold prayer. Everyone loved her and she never had a harsh word for anyone. She touched the lives of many people and always wanted her children and grandchildren near.

Mom was stricken with the dreaded disease of cancer, but her faith seemed to grow stronger as she became weaker. She would always tell her doctor that she was not afraid of death and that she had a better home to go to. Oh Mom, how we miss you, our lives are so empty since you've gone. But we believe that our loss is heaven's gain. How wonderful to know that you are walking with the Lord in a place where no wheelchairs are needed, no more aches or pains will be upon you and your smile will be just as bright as it always was. We miss you Mom, oh how our hearts ache for your loss. But, hopefully, we can all be together again some day when the Lord comes to take His children home.

Written by her broken-hearted children, Dewey, Paul and Karene

# JASPER BLANKENSHIP

By the help of God and loving memories, I will try to write an obituary of our loving father, Jasper Blankenship. Jasper was born to Conley and Francis Blankenship on August 30, 1910. He departed this life May 7, 1981, making his stay on earth 70 years, 8 months, and 7 days. Jasper leaves a loving wife, Maxie Hamilton Blankenship, whom he met and married on May 22, 1931. To this union was born eight children. Two preceded him in death. Six are still living, 3 boys, Clyde of Lincoln Park, Michigan; Edward Lee and Kenis, both of Teabery, Kentucky; 3 daughters, Evline Herald of Taylor, Michigan; Versie Keathly of Loraine, Ohio



and Ellen Hamilton of Columbus, Ohio; 17 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. One sister, Nannie More of Price, Kentucky, and a host of friends

and neighbors that will miss him, too.

Papaw worked hard all his life in the coal mines to make a living for his family whom he loved so much. He didn't make much money but he seemed to always have food and clothes for his kids. Mamaw, I know you loved him and your lonely days have just begun. But I pray that you will let God comfort you. I believe, if you died today, you would go to heaven. God can make your days and nights less lonely.

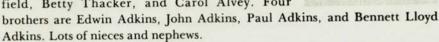
I would like to say to all the children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren, he loved you all very much. He would have given you the last thing he had. It would please him when any of the kids came home. He would meet us on the porch with a big smile and a hug. We were all planning their 50th Wedding Anniversary which they would have had May 22, 1981. Well Papaw didn't make that reunion, but we can all have a reunion in Heaven someday, if all of you will pray to God and ask his forgiveness. I believe Papaw was a praying person by the way he talked and the dreams he told me about having about God. I believe he knew God. Only God knows why he never joined the church. All of his children knew what a kind and gentle person he was. He always had something good to say about everyone. Papaw you will always be remembered. We love you so much. I pray to God that we will meet you in heaven someday where you and Mamaw and the whole family can be together forever.

Written by his son and daughter-in-law, Clyde and Nell Blankenship

#### OLA ADKINS BIBB

It is with many memories and much sadness that I write the obituary of my sister-in-law, Ozeal Bibb. She was born March 11, 1925 and deceased February 20, 1981, making her stay on earth almost 56 years. She was born at Greasy Creek, Kentucky in Pike County. Her parents were Chris and Frankie Adkins. Her father is deceased and her mother lives in Jeffersontown, Kentucky.

Her survivors are her husband, Lewie; a son Montie and a daughter, Vickie all of Charlestown, Indiana. She has seven sisters: Edith Gillespie, Imal Rowe, Reable Coleman, Peggy Adkins, Ruby Caufield, Betty Thacker, and Carol Alvey. Four



Ozeal married and lived in Oklahoma and then they came to Marion, Ohio where her husband had just retired. They moved to Charlestown, Indiana in July, 1980. Her dream was to move back closer to her family and where the weather was warmer. She had been away from her family all of those years. She would call and talk to some of them everyday since she had been back.

Her dream ended on February 20, 1981, after only 8 months. She and Lewie were going to get her daughter at a basketball game and they had a car wreck in front of her home and she was killed instantly and her husband survived.

Ozeal was one that you enjoyed being around, because she made you feel at home. Her doors were always open for you. She didn't make any difference in her relatives, she loved everyone the same. She loved life and the outdoor part of it. She loved to fish and go on picnics. She would drop anything she was doing to go fishing or on a picnic.

Ozeal belonged one time at the Mountain Settlement Old Regular Baptist in Charlestown, Indiana. She got her letter from the church, but never did place it in any church. Her letter was in her Bible when she died. We have great hope in seeing her again, when this life is over.

Written by her brother, Paul and sister-in-law, Doris

#### VIRGIL CAUDILL

In memory of a loving husband and father will write this of Virgil Caudill. Born on November 28, 1914 in Hollybush, Ky. the son of Floyd and Louise Caudill of Hollybush, Ky. Knott County. He departed this life Sept. 20, 1980, Rt. 1, Hamden, Ohio at the age of 65 yrs., 9 months and 23 days.

Was united in marriage to Dellie Johnson on Dec. 24, 1931. To this union God gave 14 children. His love was equally shared to the following: Coshel Caudill of Dundas, Ohio; Denver Caudill of Mc Arthur, Ohio, Rt. 1; Mary Bentley of Rt. 1, Mc Arthur, Ohio; Ella Rowland of Bevercreek, Ohio; Corbett Caudill of Dundas, Ohio; Junie Oney of



McArthur, Ohio; Dee H. Caudill of the United States Marine Corps, London, England; Ruby Booth of McArthur, Ohio; Jimmie Paul Caudill of New Plymouth, Rt. 1, Ohio; Elberta Hayes of Marion, Ohio; Harold Caudill of McArthur, Ohio and Robert Lee Caudill of Hamden, Rt. 1, Ohio.

He was proceeded in death by his father and mother, Floyd and Louise Caudill; two sisters, three brothers, and two sons - Arvin and Afton.

Left to mourn his death are 39 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. All who loved him very much. To all his children, grandchildren and friends and neighbors, he was called BIG DADDY.

Daddy served and preached for the Lord for 40 years. His trials and tribulations were many but he always said, "GOD WOULD MAKE A WAY." When we didn't have money or much food, Daddy would say, "IF IT'S MEANT TO BE, THE LORD WILL GIVE TO US."

Many were the times he'd work all day and go be with the sick until early in morning and was never called in a funeral which he'd not go no matter how far it was.

Daddy's health started failing him in the early 60's. He had several heart attacks. 11 in all. In August of 1980 he had his last one. He was like the book of Job. No matter how much pain he was in he'd call upon the Lord. The nurses would say he was always preaching when we were not allowed in the room with him. One nurse said I bet when he was strong he sure could preach.

Daddy's last words were always about his children. He'd say he was going down to the river and sit and wait on the bank for his children to come by. He loved to talk about Heaven and the streets of pure gold.

Virgil's love for his wife (Dellie) was so deep. He set an example for his children for the way he treated her. They were so close. He is missed so much by her and his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, friends and

neighbors. If ever we want to see daddy again, we're going to have to turn from this world of sins. He's now waiting for us to come by that river bank. He's sitting there waiting for us to come by. He no longer awaits for us at home, I feel he is gone to Heaven waiting for us children to come by. . .

Many were the hours he spent in the hospitals. Us children were with him, Mom was always there by his side even when she herself was in bad health. When some of children couldn't be with him, he'd say "don't worry the greatest Doctor of all is with me, the LORD. . .

Daddy loved to go to church. He loved to have the brothers and sisters come see. No one came to see him much in the last days of his life. One Sunday, a week before he died Troy and Wiola Beverly of Dayton went to hold prayer for, he felt so happy. The last words he said to them looking out the window I'm waiting for my children to come by.

He was blessed to go down in the water with one of his children, alone with his brother. He was so happy to know his brother and one of his children were walking with him and his wife. He preached as he come to the bank of the river saying oh how I'd love to take this walk with all my children.

There was one time while he was in the Holzer Hospital we couldn't get his Bro. of the church to come pray for him. Mom would get on her knees and they would pray together. He would clasp his feeble hands and beg God to have Mercy on his family and friends.

Daddy was an old time Preacher. He always said you were either right or wrong there's no middle of the road in God's eyes. There have been Preachers tell him he was too strict on the church. Daddy would tell them there is no easy way it's only God's way. I'm trying my best to please him.

He has one son in the Marines. Dee said he was proud to serve my country but most of all I'm proud to have a daddy like I've got. He taught us from the time we were little there was a Heaven to gain and Hell to lose. It was up to us after we became grown men and women.

He asked Mom if it was possible he wanted to go home in her arms. Mom was there in the last few minutes of his life she held him like he wanted to go. He said the night before he died I don't have an Aught against any one. I wish everyone could view Heaven as I do. We do believe the angels came after Daddy early in the morning, he just went to sleep. He never suffered.

Daddy's praying hands are now still. It's up to us children to pick up the banner and labor for the Lord the way he did. He is now with the angels. He kept the Commandments. He taught us each the same. "He'd always say Children you can't take the short cuts. It's His way all the way. The Bible is your road map and your guide. If there is anything you don't understand pray with everything that's in you and the Lord will give you understanding. You have to mean it with all your Heart, soul, mind and strength. Don't try and fool the Lord, he knows all, you can't fool him.

#### **BRO. TIP COLLINS**

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints". Many times, we hear the statement after death, but for those that are borned again, it isn't death. It is life after life. Bro. Tip Collins' Spiritual life didn't begin on April 20, 1981, but it began the day God forgave him and came into his life. His old life ended and new life was borned within. Bro. Tip became a member of the Little Rebecca church at Plymouth, Ohio, July, 1950 and was an ordained deacon of that church.

He was borned to Steve and Oma (Oney) Collins May 14, 1904 in Floyd County, Kentucky. Was married to Elizabeth (Terry) Collins for 58



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years. They lived in LaGrange, Ohio for 44 years. God blessed them to have
sons: Clayton and Dessi of Elyria, Ohio, Clyde of Bellevue, Washington and
Glenn of Whittier, California. One daughter, Mrs. Milton (Gwen) Obitts of
Elyria, Ohio. Twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A
brother, Banner of Wellington, Ohio. Sisters: Miss Rudy Collins, Mrs. Bea
(Mel) Bailey and Mrs. Claudia Parks all of Kentucky. Mrs. James (Wilma)
Mallott of Georgia and Mrs. Ernest (Fieedy) Cole of Arizona. He was
preceded in death by three brothers and one grandson.

Bro. Tip had been sick for a long time. He was retired from Timm Spring in Elyria, Ohio in 1968, as a machine operator. His time was spent going to church as long as he was able to go. He always looked forward to the weekends when he could go. Many times, you would think, he would be tired from the day, and would want to stay home and rest. He was always ready to go to the Pleasant View Church at Litchfield, Ohio on Sunday evenings.

Bro. Tip was a great inspiration to others, his life gave them courage to press onward. Just seeing him, obedient in his Christian duty, renewed their strength. He didn't indulge in self-pity and complain. His Spirit of Faith sustained his infirmities.

God didn't intend for these bodies to last forever. Bro. Tip didn't fix his eyes on things he could see, but on the un-seen, which is eternal. The things he saw, he told Bro. Bill Collins and Bro. Buddy Carty about in the hospital, only those that are nearing the gates of gold could view such Heavenly visions. God allows those bodies to waste away, in order to make us willing to go through the valley of death. Inwardly, Bro. Tip was being renewed day by day.

Like sheep that have a good shepherd, so did Bro. Tip. He had a Shepherd that watched over him, day and night. Tho the Lord led him through the valleys, he has now reached the moutain top. . . as the Scriptures

poured from his lips, in the Wellington hospital, he sensed keenly God's nearness. "The Lord is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want." Bro. Tip was satisfied and contented. Contented in the good Shepherd's care, not caring or desiring anything more. Satisfied with the management of his life in the hands of God. The Shepherd wants His flock to be well-fed, satisfied and contended.

I know this obituary is about Bro. Tip, but one would have to speak of his dear and wonderful companion who kept the vows as a wife and mother. All these years, she stood by him, day and night, hour after hour, with patience and understanding. She wanted to make him as comfortable as she could. God will richly bless her and their wonderful children who loved and cared for their Dad.

Bro. Tip said many times while he was sick, he was going home, he waited for his home-going, willing to lay aside his life and to be ushered into the presence of our beloved Jesus Christ. We all here in this community will miss him, for he was a granddad as well as a Dad to many of us. Space would not permit one to write the goodness about Bro. Tip. How wonderful to go through that last valley, leaving behind such a wonderful testimony of all God has done and with confidence that a Glorious life awaits us. God bless his family to remember Dad's advice. His funeral was conducted at the Little Rebecca Church at Plymouth, Ohio and burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery. By God's Grace.

Sister Marjorie Slone

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#### GRACIE P. CAMP

By the help of the good Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my beloved sister-in-law, a Sister in Christ. She was a member of Greasy Creek Regular Baptist Church. She was born May 17, 1902 in Dickinson County, Va. and deceased this life June 14, 1981, leaving her stay on this good earth 79 years, 1 month and 3 days. She is survived by one son, Clarence Prater and a daughter, Marie Verboort. Also a sister, Bertha Bryant, one half brother, one half sister and one sister-in-law, Edna Mall. Also a host of friends and neighbors.

Written by a Sister in Hope Mrs. Edna Mall and Family



### ELMER E. GILLUM

Borned August 17th, 1926. Passed from this life April 20th, 1981, making his stay on earth 54 years, eight months, and 3 days. He was the son of Robert L. Gillum and Angeline Gillum. His father and two brothers preceded him in death.

Left to mourn his loss is his mother Angeline Gillum of Moraine, Ohio; two sons, Jim Gillum of West Carrollton, Ohio and Don Gillum of Celina, Ohio; one daughter Gina Gillum of West Carrollton, Ohio and two grandchildren; two brothers Charles Gillum of West Carrollton, Ohio and Lloyd Gillum of Celina, Ohio; two sisters, Jane Carver of Centerville, Ohio and Lois Baker of West Carroll-



ton, Ohio. Also a host of other relatives and friends. Elmer didn't belong to any visible church here on earth, but we hope he belonged to the invisible church of God.

Written by his sisters Lois Baker and Elder Ellis W. Amburgey

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#### DONA GOODMAN

Dona Goodman was a member of the Little Polly Church. She was baptized into the regular Baptist Church on February 11, 1962 at Stockbridge, Michigan.

The daughter of John and Vina Shepherd. She was born January 30, 1908. She married William R. Halbert and their love for each other was deeply rooted. They had four children, Eugene Halbert, Ethel Halbert, Mary Lou Halbert and Virgil Halbert and loved them very much. Dad passed away on Jan. 25, 1938. He was a good Christian man. Mom worked hard to raise us four children and keep us together. With God's help,



she brought us up the right way. She took us to church whenever she could. She taught us to love and to pray and to be thankful. She put God first and trusted in Him. We heard her praying and just talking to God. She often talked to us about Dad and how he told her he must go, somehow he knew his time for rest was near.

In 1946, she married Jim Goodman and they raised 5 children, Ruby,

Marie, Opal, Alice, and James Jr. Jim preceeded her in death on January 24, 1980. One son, Eugene Halbert, preceeded her in death on Jan. 17, 1977 and two granddaughters passed away. She left eight children, 25 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Words cannot express the feeling of love I have in my heart for my loved ones. And I long to be with them when Jesus calls me to my grave here on earth. And we are all waiting for that glorious morning, when He comes again to call His own, and I can shake hands with my mother again.

Written by her oldest daughter Ethel Halbert (Stephens)

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#### ESTIL HALL

With a sad and aching heart we will try to write an obituary of our beloved husband and father, Estil Hall. He was the son of Bill and Sarah Jane Hall. He was born in Knott County, Kentucky on February 1, 1926 making his stay here on earth 54 years, 7 months and 16 days.

In his early years, he met and married Millie Hall and to this union was born six children, two daughters and four sons. They are: Nadine Simpkins, Joan McGlothlin, Lester, Earl and Danny of Marion and Rick at home. He also leaves ten grandchildren. One grandson preceded him in death. He also leaves besides his parents seven



sisters and three brothers, one brother, Cleveland preceded him in death. He leaves Estia Williams, Ruth Belford, Ethel Goddard, Jean Seiter, Lloyd, Bill Jr., and Evan all of Marion, Mary Ann Romeo fo Kentucky, Joan Welch of Utah, Mona Knight of Virginia.

The last serious talk I had with Estil was right before he was taken sick. He told of how he didn't have to worry about those heart attacks because he was not afraid of dying. He didn't see why he hadn't joined the church and been baptized. So children I believe if you ever want to see your daddy again, you will have to get right with the Lord and be born again.

You are gone from this world of trouble
You won't have to suffer anymore Dad
We won't have to watch you in pain anymore
You have gone to a better home
We are full of sorrow today
We love you so dad
But God loves you better
Sleep on Dad, You are out of all pain and suffering.

Written by a broken-hearted wife, Millie Hall and children

# BRO. JAKE HALL

Psalm 40-1: I waited patiently for the Lord and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

Through God's infinite mercies we will try and write the obituary of a dear brother in Christ, Brother Jake Hall. Jake was born into this life in the home of John Henry and Rebecca Hall, Island Creek, Ky., March 25, 1893. One of four children, having one brother Earl and two sisters, Jane and Elizabeth. He departed this life June 3, 1980, making his stay here 87 years, 2 mos. and nine days. when God sent an angel to call him home. In early life he married Deborah Fleming and to this union were given three children, Nadine, Maurene and



infant baby Lillian died at an early age. Late in life Jake married Margaret Coe who preceeded him in death. Bro. Jake joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, Pikeville, Kentucky and was baptized by the late Elder Frank Hopkins. Jake came to Michigan to live and helped in the building of the Little Ida Church. Later, he brought his membership to the Little Ida Church and was a faithful member at the time of his death. Jake was stricken with arthritis and in late years of his life went to Paintsville, Kentucky here his niece Wilma Meadows, faithfully waited upon him. We remember the years he was on a cane, yet when God blessed, he forgot all pains, dwelling in the Holy Spirit for a season, God letting him forget his painful body. Those that knew him learned to love him for his kind and gentle ways. He was blessed with a long life serving God, til God sent an Angel his way, calling him to a peaceful rest, a land that knows no heartaches or pain, a restful sleep awaiting the appointed time for a glorious change. May all his loved ones take heed, let his life be an example, of a better land to live in. We pray God's blessings will remain and dwell in all of you, and peace be unto each of you.

Your unworthy servants, Ralph and Leona Caudill, Little Ida Church

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### SIDNEY T. FINDLEY

Sidney T. Findley of 915 S.W. Second Street, Okeechobee, Florida, died Monday, February 23 at Raulerson Memorial Hospital, being 75 years old.

Borned in Lynchburg, Pa., he was a retired car man for the C & O Railroad and affiliated with the Baptist Faith.

Survivors include his wife, Mallie Findley of Okeechobee, Florida; sister-

in-law, Dallie Musick of Okeechobee, Florida; brother-in-law, Gomer Sturgill of Valley Station, Ky. He also leaves to mourn his passing, a lot of brothers and sisters and friends of the Okeechobee Regular Baptist Church. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 24 at the Okeechobee Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Monroe Ousley and Elder Ellis Amburgey of the Old Regular Baptist officiating. Further services and interment were held in Ashland, Kentucky.

Sidney had that dreadful disease cancer, and quiet a few of his last days were spent in the hospital. While he was in there, he realized that down through the years, he had been blessed and he also realized he was not ready to meet God in peace. Knowing he had only a short time, he began to pray. Sometime later Brother Monroe Ousley was blessed to hear the wonderful news that God had forgiven him his sins. After that he longed to be baptized and to be able to take a seat with the Brothers and Sisters of the Okeechobee Regular Baptist Church. He never got to do these things because the Death Angel came and took him away. We believe his soul is at rest and we hope to see him again when the saints go marching in.

Written by Elder Ellis Amburbey and Elder Monroe Ousley

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# JOE HAMILTON

With a sad heart and blinding tears, we write this obituary. Our dear husband and father, born October 20, 1903, passed on August 15, 1980. Age 76 years, 8 months and 5 days. He was united in marriage to Francis Akers, who survives. Also left to mourn his loss is one son, Fremon and daughter-in-law Melvina; one granddaughter, Carolyn Sue Newsome. Also surviving, three grandsons, Freemon Jr., Ernie Lee and Randall L. Hamilton, all living in the Greenwich and Ashland area of Ohio. Eight great grandchildren, all who was his pride and joy along with his sister Molly, who still shares our home. Joe loved people and was always



blessed with many friends and visitors. He attended the Old Regular Baptist Church and believed in the old time ways. We truly believe that our loss is Heaven's gain. I pray all our children will repent and be saved before it is too late. Sadly we all miss Pa.

Written by a lonely wife and son

#### MINUS ANDERSON

Psalms: 37:7 - Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.

Through God's Holy Guidance, we will try by request to write the obituary of our Brother in Christ, Minus Anderson. Minus was born into this world June 21, 1916, deceased this life May 4, 1981, making his stay here on God's footstool 64 years 10 months and 13 days. Born to Duran and Frankie Anderson of Wales, Ky, he was one of 12 children, 11 girls and one boy. One sister, Angie Johnson and his mother and father preceded him in death.

Minus met and married Madge Newsome, March 17, 1934, and they had just celebrated their



47th wedding anniversary in March of this year. To this union God gave two children: Nancy (Tackett) and Danny Anderson, six grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Left to mourn his loss is his wife Madge, two childrenand grandchildren; 10 sisters - May Little of Wales, Ky, Minnie Good of Columbus, Ohio, Lillie Johnson of Ormand Beach, Florida, Rose Sellars of Garden City, Mississippi, Flo Casebolt of Newark, Ohio, Lexie Caudill of Raven, Ky, Hazel Greer of Taylor, Mississippi, Cleo Prater of Beavertown, Mississippi, Sybil Little, Wales, Kentucky and Vivian Little, Wales, Kentucky. Minus was afflicted with heart disease and had undergone surgery some years ago to correct it. He was in Wyandotte Hospital, Wyandotte, Mississippi at the time of his death. He left a beautiful hope telling his companion only a few minutes before that call came that he had "made it right with God. I believe in Jesus", and "the children know." He loved to see the children of God come by and would reach out to clasp their hands. Having professed that "born again hope," his life here was a sweet exchange, to a city where there'll be no afflictions, and long hour vigils to keep, but peace and rest for the weary soul. To rise up on that day, to be on that roll call of the living, in Heaven. We know Madge - your hours will be lonely, but that comforting thought of when He said He'd made it, lets you know you'll not be separated always, just for a season. When Joy will relieve the sorrows of earth and nature. To his blessed family and friends, God wants us all to be in one union, as a chain with no end, but as one in Heaven. Let not a link be broken, may all know God, and be united again, beyond the wall of tears, we all must know, in order to live again. God's peace and humble prayers to all of you.

> A Brother and Sister in Christ, Brother Ralph and Sister Leona Caudill

#### SISTER CORA BELCHER

With a heavy heart and lonesome feeling, I will try to write a short obituary of a dear sister in the Lord, Sister Cora Belcher. As her dear husband asked me to write a few lines for Bro. Floyd Belcher and his dear wife were two as humble people as I have ever known. Bro. Floyd and Sister Cora had attended the Little Family Church for seventeen years when sweet Jesus looked down and saw Sister Cora had suffered enough and he needed another flower for His garden. Sister Cora was one of the Old Time Baptist Sisters. She believed in the old time way. I had many sweet talks with her and Bro. Floyd in the hospital. When I would walk in



the room her face would light up that sweet smile, and she would give me that Old Baptist hand shake. I had prayers for her many times in the hospital. Bro. Floyd stayed by her as much as he could, and the children did everything they could for mother, but on September 15, 1979, God called Sister Cora to come on home. She just left a world of trouble to go to a place of happiness, that God had prepared for all that love and serve Him. I love this dear Belcher family. Bro. Floyd looks so lonely when he comes to church now. But bless God Bro. Belcher, it won't be long till you can go to be with Sister Cora again. Where there won't be no sad parting. So in my closing, I want to say to all her children if you haven't made it right with God, make Mother's God your God, and meet Mother in Heaven some sweet day, so children be good to Daddy, and I want you all to feel welcome at the Little Family Church. Bro. Floyd reminds me of my old Dad that's gone so much. I think of Dad every time I see him. So to all the family, may God bless you all, and let us all meet Mother in Heaven some sweet day. I must say all the Little Family Church loved Sister Cora and Bro. Floyd so much. May God bless you all is my prayers.

Written by Elder Roy Caudill



#### NINA SUE HOPKINS

Yes, the war at last has ended and the victory has been won for Sister Sue Hopkins. On September 13, 1980, at 4:30 a.m. God seen fit to send his angel to quite the pains that plagued her body for so long.

Sister Nina Sue Hopkins was born on April 25, 1925, in Pike County Kentucky to the late Whitelaw Reed Ramsey and Adah Ray Ramsey. Sister Sue's mother passed away when she was a very young child. Her aunt, Granny Haste Ramsey raised her.

She leaves to mourn her passing, three sons: Ronald J., Pineville, Kentucky, Randall Ray, Reynoldsburg, Ohio and Ellis Edward of Newark, Ohio; 6 grandchildren, her aunt, Granny Haste Ramsey; one sister, Audrey Wolf, Clairton, Pa., and a half sister, Floriam Damron, Marysville, Tenn. She also leaves a host of friends and brothers and sisters in the church who will miss her very much.

Early in 1958, I began to notice our sister in the Lord begin to bloom like a flower. On the 2nd Sunday in May, 1959, at the close of the meeting, at the Little Ruth Church, Sister Sue raised from her seat and with hands raised toward Heaven, ran into the stand and gave her hand to become a member of the Church. She was baptized the same day by Elder Willie Collins and Elder

Claude Ousley.

Sister Sue had lived a Christian life ever since, although she has had much sickness and many heartaches in the past few years. Her faith in God never faltered, and now God has seen fit to call this flower home.

I would like to say to her children, if you have not made peace with God and you ever want to see Mother again, you had better start now, for it may be later than you think.

Written by a brother in hope, Elder Forest Osborne

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# EFFIE MAY JUDE

With a sad heart but loving memories, I will try to write an obituary of my dear aunt Effie May Jude, who was born September 10, 1895 at Crum, West Virginia. The daughter of the late Joshua and Sarah Bowen Brown. Deceased this life January 13, 1981, making her stay on earth 85 years, 4 months and three days. She was united in marriage in the year of 1912 to Matt Jude, who preceded her in death in December, 1963. She is survived by five children: Matt Jude, Jr., Irvin Jude and Elsie Morris of Melbourne, Florida; Eddie Jude of New Jersey and John Jude of Thacker, West Virginia; one sister, Forence Ferguson of Mt, Zion, West



Virginia, twelve grand-children and several great grand children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. She was granny to the children who grew up around her. She had been a humble loving christian for about sixtyeight years. By the humble christian life she lived, we believe that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her niece and cousin, Bessie Stevens and her daughter-in-law, Vivion Jude

#### AMPLE POTTER

I will try with the help of God to write an obituary of my sweet wife and mother, Ample Potter. She was born July 15, 1918; died November 3, 1980, making her stay here upon earth 62 years, 3 months, and 19 days. She was the daughter of the late Sammy and Rommie Slone Rose. Her mother and father died when she was about five years old leaving her and three more children all alone. Their grandmother, Rachael Slone, took them in and raised them. They were raised in this world not knowing what a mother's and father's love was. Her oldest sister Alpha, died in 1960. In 1939, Ample was married to Bart Potter and to this union was



born 3 children. Ample loved her children for she never knew what a mother's love was. For Ample had no mother to say, "Honey, I love you." I know that I and my children have lost the best friend on earth. No one but God knows how much we love her, I go to the old graveyard very often. I know that Ample cannot hear me, but I talk to her. I tell her how much we love her and how lonesome our homes are since she went away. Ample had that horrible disease, Cancer, for 3 years. She bore her sickness with much patience. I want to say to my children. Mother is gone. You will not see her face here on earth anymore. If you ever want to see Mother, you will have to go to God and beg for mercy and be born again. Then you can go where Mother is, where there will be no more tears, for God will wipe all tears from your eyes. Ample leaves her broken-hearted husband Bart Potter, and her 3 children, Shirley Sue Blake, Wanda Lou Riffel, and her only son Harlon Lee Potter. She leaves her two sons-in-law Doy Riffel and Paul Blake, her daughter-in-law Joyce Potter and her seven grandchildren Kathy, Samantha, and Phillip Blake; Eric, Shane, and Jason Potter; and Patricia Riffel. She leaves one sister Inel Potter, one brother Lundy Rose, to mourn her loss. I hope that our loss here on earth was her gain. I want to thank Brother Alex Collier, Delbert Sanders, Jimmy Dale Sanders, and Orbin Mays. I also want to thank the Pleasant View Baptist Church and all my good brothers and sisters and many good friends for what they did for me and my family, for God knows that I could not have made it without them. May God love you all, and I hope the Good Lord will Bless you all. I must close so sleep on, Ample, for I will soon be with you.

In a silent, lonely graveyard just a few hundred yards away, lies the form of my dear companion who lies sleeping beneath the clay.

No one knows how much I miss her, no one knows the bitter pain. I have lost you in this life forever but I hope to meet you again. Since you have gone first, I remain.

One thing I want you to do,
Walk slowly down that lonely path
So I may walk the same.
For someday down that lonely road,
you will hear me call your name.

Written by her broken-hearted husband, Bart Potter



#### POLLY ANN BENTLY POTTER

With a heavy heart I will try, by the help of God, to write the obituary of a dear sister in the Lord, Sister Polly Ann Bently Potter. She was born November 21, 1905 and died August 27, 1980, making her stay on earth 74 years, 9 months and 6 days. She was the daughter of Elder E.F. Bently and Sabrina Bently. There were 14 children in this family, 7 boys and 7 girls. In early life, Polly met and married Grady Potter. To this union was born two boys, Marvin and Oscar, and a daughter, Enola. At her passing, Dad, Mother, and six brothers had preceded her in death. They were Martin, Bennie, Lebanon, Enoch, Otto Joseph, and A.J.



Bently. Also her loving husband passed away 11 years ago, leaving her very lonely. She leaves to mourn her passing 3 children, Marvin, Oscar and Enola, 14 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren, one brother, Ellis Bently, 6 sisters Tishie, Callie, Malina, Rachel, Percie, and Viola, a host of relatives and friends, and also The Little Family Church.

Oh how this writer will miss that sweet smile and handshake she always had for me. About 52 years ago, Sister Polly Ann saw the need of a savior. She turned to God for mercy and He forgave her of all her sins. She joined the

Elizabeth Church of Old Regular Baptist at Millstone, Kentucky on the first Saturday in November, 1928. She remained a faithful member there until June, 1975, when she brought her letter to the Little Family Church at Jacksonburg, Ohio, where she was a member at her passing.

I don't think I ever met anyone stronger in the old-time faith and doctrine of the Old Regular Baptist than she was. She strictly believed in keeping the rules and practices of Old Regular Baptist. This writer visited many times with her at Brother Marvin's and also at Enola's and had church for her, she enjoyed it so much. She lost a leg early in life and was handicapped in this life. But Bless God in the morning when God comes to gather His children home, she will rise with a glorified body like our Blessed Savior and it won't have cancer or be afflicted. I could write a book about this good sister, but I must cut it short. I visited her many times in the hospital and held prayer for her in her last days. She wanted to take the passover before she died. Thank God she got to take it. I went to Enola's home where she took the Passover. She sat on the edge of the bed and wash Sister Verna Mae's and my wife's feet. She was so happy it reminded me of our Blessed Savior. She wanted to take the passover before she suffered. I thank God that Brother Marvin sowed the flowers while Mother lived. I want to say to Enola and Oscar and all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren, if you want to see Mama again, you must repent of your sins and be born again in this life, and to her sisters if they haven't all turned to God, please turn before it's too late. May God bless all this family is my prayers.

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#### NELLIE PRATER

With such a sad and lonely feeling from inside of us kids and Daddy, we will try to write an obituary of Mother and Wife, whom we all loved so much.

She was born March 8, 1912 at Pike County, Kentucky. Passed away February 16, 1981 at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron, Ohio. Making her stay on earth 68 years, 11 months, and 16 days. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Adkins.

Mother and Daddy (Alex Prater) were married November 27, 1927. They were blessed with seven children. One son - Bennie Ray Prater of Akron, Ohio, and six daughters - Mrs. Ersel Robinson (Kathryin) of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Dallas Jarvis



(Wilma) of Atwater, Ohio; Mrs. Corburt Robinson (Edith) of Litchfield, Ohio; Mrs. Paul Scott (Shelby) of Akron, Ohio; and Mrs. Perry Brady (Faye) of North Benton, Ohio. Baby girl Mary Frances preceded her in death. Fifteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and rela-

tives, and one brother and four sisters.

Mother was loved by all who knew her. She is missed so much by her broken-hearted family. Daddy is so lonesome without her. When we go home now, the house is so empty without Mother, but we know she has a better home now...and won't suffer anymore.

Mother never joined the church, but she loved going when she was able.

She was a good Mother and Wife. She lived a good life.

Mother and Daddy moved to Akron, Ohio, from Greasy Creek, Kentucky to be closer to us children. We are a really close family and our loss of Mother is something we will never get over, for we all loved her dearly, but we still have Daddy to love and care for.

We want to thank all of the members, friends, and the Ministers of the Pleasant View Church. Also the Ministers who came from Kentucky: Elder Frank Thacker, Elder Delbert Sanders, and Elder Orbin May, to preach

Mother's funeral, for being so good to us.

Mother was sick so much. She had a stroke that took her from us. She went into a coma three weeks before she died, and never was able to talk to us, but we knew she never had a pain for the three weeks. By the look on Mothers face the morning she died, we know she is in Heaven.

We feel our loss of her is Heaven's gain, so brothers and sisters, be good to Daddy and love each other as Mother and Daddy always wanted us to do.

Someday, we hope and pray to meet Mother again.

Written by her husband. Alex Prater and children. Asst. by Brother Stoney Blackburn and Hayes Chaffin

Arrangement by Bart Potter

A million times we have missed you, A million times we have cried. If love alone could have saved you, You never would have died. In life we loved you dearly, In death we love you still. In our hearts you have a place That no one can ever fill.

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### MINNIE FRANCES ROAR

Minnie Frances Roar was born March 12, 1895 and departed this life on December 2, 1975.

She was a daughter of Butler and Suzan Baker, and was married to Logan Roar. To this union was born 10 children, 3 which preceded her in death.

She joined the Macedonia Church in 1918 and was a faithful member

and loved by all who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her death her husband, Logan and 4 sons: Earl. Raymond, Joe, and Stanley; two daughters: Mearl and Mary. Her oldest son, Glenn, passed away 1 year and 3 months after her death. She is missed by all who knew her, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by niece and daughter-in-law who is a sister in Christ, Mary Lee Roar.



### MRS. MINNIE (COMBS) THORNSBURY

January 26, 1882, Minnie Combs Thornsbury was born to Kennis and Nancy (Gibson) Combs. She grew up to womanhood and was married to N.V. Thornsbury. God blessed them to have five children. Two sons, John of LaGrange, Ohio, and Herbert of Streetsboro, Ohio. Three daughters, Bessie Slone and Lunnie Collins who are deceased, and one daughter, Hazel Maynard, with whom she made her home. Her husband, N.V. preceeded her in death, in 1960. She has 22 grand-children and 31 great-grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Before coming to Ohio 21 years ago, they lived in Knott and Floyd County, Kentucky. After her husband's death in LaGrange, she remained in LaGrange. Hazel so tenderly cared and watched over her mother. Grandma Minnie was so kind and humble. She believed in what saith the word of God, to call the Elders of the Church to pray for her. No matter what hour of night, she would ask for prayer.

There were days when she was very alert and would laugh, talk and seem to know everyone. Other days, she just sat or remained in bed, sometimes with a smile. I never saw anyone more easier to care for than she was. God blessed her to stay on earth 99 years and 1 week. Surely, that was a "special" blessing from God.

My husband, being her oldest grandson, remembers the "little things" in life about his Grandmother. Grand-parents are very special people to the grandchildren.

Grandma Minnie gave her hand to become a member of the Caney Fork church in Knott County, Kentucky at Raven, and was baptized by Elders Clabe Mosley and Lens Mosely August 17, 1938. She had been waiting many years to go HOME.

Every mountain has its valley, Grandma probably had valleys in her life, but now she has reached the top, by her strength and courage in God.

When the death Angel came to the Wellington hospital after a two-week stay on February 2, 1981, to call Grandma home, the Shepherd wanted her to dwell in the house of the Lord forever. What more could one say, after all these years, except "Thank you Lord" for her stay on earth.

She had nine brothers, eight proceeded her in death. Oscar, Jonothan, Adolph, Melvin, Mont, Claude, Joh, and Canton. Earl Combs and Martha Thornsbury are still living, at Raven, Kentucky. She has one sister, Mousie Collins, deceased.

The Blackburn Funeral Home of Grafton, Ohio, was in charge of her funeral, and church services were conducted by ministers of the Pleasant View Church where her daughter Hazel, is a member. She was then taken to the Caney Fork church at Raven, and burial was made in the Collin's Cementery at Wayland, Kentucky. Elders: Keith Slone, (her great-grandson) Ivan Amburgey, Coy Combs, and Clive preached her funeral at Raven, where

her membership had remained all these years.

To all her loved ones who don't know God in the pardon and remission of sin, if you want to see the same "Shepherd" that Grandma had, you must be born again. Hazel, John, and Herbert would like to "thank" everyone for the visits and flowers, the cards and above all, the prayers during their mother's illness and funeral. May God Bless you all. Memorial Service is preached each year, the first Saturday evening and Sunday morning in June, at the Pleasant View Church at Litchfield, Ohio, by the members and friends of the church. Remember Hazel in your prayers, as she is a widowed lady.

Written by Sister Majorie Slone

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### N.V. THORNSBURY

Since there has never been an obituary of my husband's dad, N.V. Thornsbury, put in the church minutes, I will try with the help of the Lord to write one. Nelson Vincent Thornsbury was the son of John and Jane (Webb) Thornsbury. He was born June 8, 1882 and died Sept. 19, 1960. He was married to Minnie Combs on March 11, 1905. To this union was born five children, as you have read in the obituary of his wife, Minnie Combs Thornsbury, in this minute. You will also read the grandchildren he had.

Grandpa and Grandma, as they were called by many who knew them, lived a life that was an example to their children and those around them. Grandpa never joined the local church here on earth, but he was devoted to the Old Regular Baptist Church. He loved to sing and go to church. His son, Herbert, my husband, had two dreams about his Daddy. In one dream, they were standing together, separated by a lake of fire and his Dad was reaching out to help him across to safety. In the other dream, Herbert saw a group of people, standing, singing, Grandpa was among them and had on a long white robe.

Grandpa was a gentleman and walked as a "Child of God". When I joined The Regular Baptist Church, I went to visit Grandma and to tell her the good news. She took my hand and said, "It's wonderful" to be baptized. Now they are gone and have been laid to rest in a mountain graveyard in

Kentucky. They will sleep there until our most high God calls them to raise out of that mountain and be reunited with their souls, which we believe are at rest with the Lord.

Written by a daughter-in-law who loved them and a Sister in Christ, Violet (Maynard) Thornsbury

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#### ALICE TUCKER

"Precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of His Saints". Death is only a gateway that we all must pass through. For the children of God, they don't die, they just fall asleep. It is the beginning of final rest for them.

So it was with Sister Alice (Wright) Tucker of North Ridgeville, Ohio, formerly of Jenkins, Kentucky. She was in the Fairview hospital, in Cleveland Ohio, when the Death Angel came. On January 24, 1981 she passed away. She was the daughter of Ben and Sarah Wright, was married to Joseph Tucker. God blessed them to have sons, Truman, with whom she made her home the last few years



she lived. Hobert, of Chicago, Charles of Los Angeles, and Ben of Campbell-ville. Kentucky. Two daughters, Mrs. Dixie Byrd and Mrs. Dorothy Upshaw, both of California. Nine grandchildren. Her husband, Joseph, died in 1966. Sister Alice was 75 years old and had been ill for some time. She was in and out of the hospital quite frequently.

She had brothers and sisters, two sisters, Elsie Fields of Pound, Va., and Hattie Oaks of Shelby Gap, Kentucky. Gap Wright of Bute, Montana. Wiley Wright preceded her in death.

Sister Alice was a "firm believer" in God. "About the goodness of God was her conversation," when you visited her. She often said that material things and money weren't the important things in life, but God was. Living and devoting one's life to Him. She often told me of how dull things would look to the natural eye at times, but she would pray and ask God for deliverance in her trials and troubles. She put her FAITH in ACTION.

The last few years, Sister Alice made her home with her son, Truman and Sister Opal here in Ohio. Sister Opal treated her just like a Mother. Sister Alice often told me how good Sister Opal was to her. She had patience and understanding, but not out of pity, but because of genuine respect for those that walked life's pathway before her, endured its trials and waged its battles. Truman loved his mother and she loved him. Her biggest desire was to see him live for the Lord. She had waited 40 years to go HOME, where she was prepared to go.

Sister Alice was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Pound,

Va., in the Bethal Association. Her funeral was conducted there, at the Fairview Regular Baptist Church, where she had her membership. Burial was made in the Ratcliff Cementery in Shelby Gap, Kentucky. The Baker Funeral Home of Pound, Va. was in charge of her funeral. To them, to the church, and the Pleasant View Church, Truman and Opal would like to "thank all of you", for the visits, the cards, the flowers, and most of all the prayers, during her illness and the funeral.

Sister Alice will be remembered each year, the first Saturday evening and Sunday Morning at the Pleasant View church, during their yearly Memorial Services for the deceased.

God Bless each and all, Written by her daughter-in-law Sister Opal Tucker, and a Sister in Christ, Majorie Slone

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# JAMES VANDERPOOL

With much weakness I will try to write a short obituary of a loving brother, Elder Jim Buck Vanderpool. He was 87 years old, born in 1893, Mid, Kentucky, McGoffin County.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lula, in 1919. To this union one daughter was born, Mollie Stephens, of Plymouth, Ohio, where he spent the last  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years.

In 1967, he was preceded in death by his second wife, Millie Shepherd. To this union three sons were born, Monroe of Hippo, Kentucky, Hayes of Lebanon, Ohio and Lonzo preceded him in death.



He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 65 years and was very dedicated. He was always ready and willing to take the stand and declare Jesus. He was truly a devoted man of God and was loved by all who knew him.

He left 28 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all his relations and many, many friends.

I believe with all my heart that Brother Jim Buck fell asleep to rest from all his labor. So many times he has told me, "I'm just waiting for Him tocall". As much as I knew him, I believe is now waiting for the Lord to come to get his Bride, the Lambs wife. Sleep on, Jim Buck, we will soon meet again where there will be no more parting.

Written by his brother in Christ Elder Claude Ousley

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### JENNINGS WHITE

I will, with the help of the Good Lord, try to write an obituary of our beloved Brother in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother Jennings was born in Whitewood, Va., on Nov. 22, 1941, and departed this life on Aug. 12, 1980. He was the son of Sam and Virgie White and on May 9, 1966, he was married to Alice Hicks who stood by him, giving him the best loving care she could. Unto them was born three sons, Jennings, 11 years old, Ronnie, 10 years old, and Michael, 9 years old. Also surviving are his parents, Sam and Virgie White and a sister Frances and her family and a Grandfather.



Brother Jennings joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on Nov. 22, 1970 at Pleasant View, Ohio. In April 1979, he moved his membership to the Little Flossie Church at Lisbon, Ind.

He wasn't able to attend Church very regularly, but he really enjoyed having the church members come to his home and have services for him.

As long as he was able, he looked forward to having visits from his family, friends, and members of the church, who sang and prayed with him in his home. Although he bore his sickness with the greatest of patience, he knew his life was coming to an end and he wanted to stay at home with his young family as long as possible.

We know its hard to lose a loved one from this earth, but we feel it is Heaven's gain and from the beautiful things he spoke of, we feel he is finally at rest with Jesus.

In our parting remarks, we would like to make mention of Brother Raymond Hicks and Sister Carma Hicks, his father and Mother-in-law who stood over him so faithfully for the past 16 months, helping give him the tender loving care he needed. May God Bless them as they approach their later years and May God Bless every member of his heartbroken family who are left to mourn his great loss.

Written by Elder Rayful Griffith and his Wife and Mother and Father.

#### EDITH NEWSOME

With the help of God, I will try to write an obituary of my mother, Edith Marcum Newsome. She was born November 25, 1918 to the late Samuel and Julia Marcum in Martin County, Kentucky. She had seven sisters and two brothers, one brother preceded her in death. She was married to Golden Newsome on December 24, 1935. To this union was born five children; two sons and three daughters. Floyd Newsome, Vinton, Ohio; Kenneth Newsome, Ewington, Ohio; Betty Comer, Reynoldsburg, Ohio; Marlene Fuller, Vinton, Ohio; Lucy Adkins, Vinton, Ohio, Also one foster son Timothy Newell at home. Our mother joined the



Little Flock Church July, 1973. She was a good faithful member as long as her health was good. She was afflicted with cancer for many years. On April 3, 1981 God called her home. Sadly missed by her husband and five children.

Written by her daughter, Lucy Adkins

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# LOUEMMA ROBINSON

Louemma Robinson, 63, of Lima, Ohio, died on March 5, 1981 in St. Rita's Hospital, Lima, after an extended illness.

She was born in Knott County, Kentucky, on November 27, 1918. She was the daughter of Robert and Jane Slone Perry and was married to Herbert Robinson on April 30,1938. Mrs. Robinson had been a member of the Mt. Zion Old Regular Baptist Church of McGuffey, Ohio for 26 years.

Surviving her are her husband, Herbert Robinson; two sons, H. Junior Robinson, and Clifford Robinson, both of Lima, Ohio; two daughters, Bertha Thomas of Kenton, Ohio and Betty Cooper

of Marion, Ohio; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Also surviving are two brothers, Willie Perry of Knott County, Kentucky, and Carlis Perry of Oberlin, Ohio; two sisters, Haley Sexton of Walcottville, Indiana, and Edna Perry of Oberlin, Ohio.

Unknown by any of her family until discovered after her death, she had written in her Bible that when this life was over, she "was going to that beautiful garden." She wanted all of her children to live a good life so they could be

with her and she wanted them to "be as good to Dad as he was to me."

My wife and I had tried to be together all the time, so if you saw one of us you would have probably seen the other. I have written this obituary with the greatest love I've ever had for anyone on earth.

Written by her husband, Herbert Robinson

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#### **KEATHLEY RAY MULLINS**

A few words in memory of Keathley Ray Mullins. The son of the late Preston and Ida Bell Gillespie Mullins. Born Dec. 28, 1913 in Pike Co., Kentucky. He resided on Greasy Creek, Kentucky until he moved to Columbus, Ohio several years ago, where he departed this life February 21, 1981. God blessed this our dear one to live upon His good earth 68 years, one month and 24 days. He was a retired miner.

He leaves to mourn his loss two sisters, Frankie Adkins of Louisville, Ky, Hattie Adkins of Winchester, Ky. Four brothers, John of Hamden, Ohio, Clarence of Powhatan, Va., Eugene of Ft. Pierce, Florida and Howard of Virgie, Kentucky.



Ray called for his nephew Elder Paul Adkins a few months before his death. He told Bro. Paul, "He felt the Lord had heard his prayers and saved his soul and he would continue to pray as long as he lived." He also told Bro. Paul, "He wanted him and Bro. Ralph Adkins to preach his funeral and lay him to rest in the beautiful hills of Eastern Kentucky, his native state. He was laid to rest in the Johnson Memorial Park, Pikeville, Kentucky to await the morning of the resurrection. When we hope to meet this our dear one again and then go home to ever be with the Lord.

Yours in Christ, Bro. Hillard Newsome

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#### **BETTY SMITH**

Betty Smith went to be with the Lord on July 15, 1981 at 7:40 p.m. She was a loving mother and friend who will be missed by all that knew her. She was a member of Mt. Zion Church at McGuffey, Ohio. She attended regularly until sickness kept her from going any longer. She was a light to her children and the community. The life she lived here will long be remembered.

Betty was born Nov. 10, 1904 at Four Mile, Kentucky, the daughter of Alex and Rhoda (Hicks) Wicker. She married Adam Smith in 1920 who passed on in 1935. To her was born 8 children, 25 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Hoson-Neely Funeral Home in Alger, Ohio with burial in Preston Cemetery, Alger, Ohio.

Written by her son, Grady Smith

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#### CLAUDE TACKETT

Obituary of a loving husband and father, Claude Tackett was born April 24, 1918. Deceased April 6, 1981. Claude was one of eight children born to Abel and Susann Tackett of Floyd County, Melvin, Kentucky.

He was employed at Whitehead & Kales, River Rouge, Michigan. Sickness forced him to retire in September, 1978.

He was in Seaway Hospital, Trenton, Michigan, at the time of his death.

He was married to Vanecie Newsome on May 28, 1935, who he leaves to mourn his loss. Also two daughters, Adarene Mullins, Shelba Jean Tackett;

daughters, Adarene Mullins, Shelba Jean Tackett; one son, Donald Ray Tackett; four grandchildren, Glenn, Rita, Vonita, and Donald Ray, Jr.,; two great-grandchildren, Holly and Wendy; two sons-in-law, Milton Mullins and Foster Tackett; one daughter-in-law, Anna Mae Tackett; one sister, Mendie Tackett of Melvin.

He told his wife and two ministers that Heaven would be his home.

He was the sunshine of our lives and is sadly missed by all, his wife and family.



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### SELDON (NICKY) RUNYON

Friend after friend departs; Who hath not lost a friend? There is no union here of hearts That finds not here an end. Were this frail world our only rest Living or dying, none were blest.

Seldon Nichas Runyon, son of Albert, Jr. and Lorna Sue Jeffers Runyon, was born December 21, 1957 and departed this life May 7, 1981. Making his stay on earth 23 years, 4 months, and 16 days. He attended Wilkesville Elementary and Vinton Co. High Schools, finished high school while stationed



in the U.S. Army. Nicky was married to Pamela AnnAllbritten June 7, 1978. To this union was born a daughter, Tina Louise. His death was the result of a traffic accident at Angelton, Texas. He was employed by the Arrowhead Drilling Co. in Texas. He is survived by his wife and daughter of Leesville, La. Mother and father of Radcliff, Ohio. Two brothers, Sgt. Teddy A. Runyon of the U.S. Army in Germany, and Kenneth Edward at home. Two sisters, Debra Lynn Prater of Radcliff, Ohio and Pamela Sue at home, Maternal Grandparents, Mrs. Mary Walker of Wellston, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Jeffers of Huntington, W.V. Paternal Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Runyon of Glouster, Ohio.

We cannot understand why this tragedy should happen to a young man in his prime but we know that someday, somewhere, we'll understand. We trust that he fell before an all wise and merciful Savior. Sadly missed by friends and family.

#### GARFIELD HAMILTON

Garfield Hamilton born Jan. 9, 1916 deceased June 28, 1981. He was 65 years old. He was born at Craynor, Kentucky. He was the son of the late John Hamilton and Betty Hall Hamilton.

He was united in marriage to Edna Tackett Hamilton. Unto this union was born five children. They are: Goldie Hunter, Genieve Stafford both of Wellington, Ohio; Thomas Hamilton, Mentone, Indiana; Ernest Hamilton, Piketon, Ohio; and Danny Hamilton, Elyria, Ohio.

Other survivors include twenty grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Two sisters: Polly Freasure, Dayton, Ohio and Littlie Sluss, Wyan-

dotte, Michigan. Two brothers: Raymond Hamilton, Harold, Kentucky, and Butler Hamilton, Wyandotte, Michigan.

He was a retired coal miner. He was better known as Gar. Daddy was good to momma and the children. He worked hard all of his life. There was a change in Daddy's life in the last year. He was always good to little children and they liked him.

Daddy seemed to be so happy the last few days he lived. He did not struggle or punish. His last words was, "I'm alright."

We feel and believe that he is alright. Children and grandchildren that has not made peace with God, you should start living for Jesus so that you can meet Daddy again.

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