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Northern New Salem
Association
of Old Regular Baptist
of Jesus Christ



In Session Assembled With
Little Rebecca Church
August 1, 2, 3, 1997

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Dedication to the memory of the Late Elders, Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association

As the seasons come and go, so do our loved ones, leaving us with lasting memories of happy days spent with them here, and the hope of seeing them again in a land of perfect peace. They laboured here in the vineyard of the Lord, sowing seeds of love and kindness, now they reap the joys of their labour as they rest in peace, waiting for our coming.

We wish to dedicate this 40th Annual Session to the memory of our deceased Elders, Brothers and Sisters who have expired since our last assemblage.

Your Clerks,
Bro. Newsome
Bro. Turner

A smiling face collects flowers, while frowns causes them to wilt



Officers: (Left to right) Eld. Roy Caudill, Moderator, Eld. Paris Tackitt, Asst. Mod., Eld. C. W. Turner, Asst. Clerk, Eld. Hillard Newsome, Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS

Of The
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The Church of Jesus Christ
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Friday Session, August 1, 1997

As soft pillows of fluffy white clouds sailed gently in the far distant sky, causing an overcast. Yet it didn't prevent pilgrims, that had journeyed countless miles to assemble in this part of the moral vineyard. To attend this Fortieth Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association, being hosted by the Little Rebecca Church, where on these grounds forty years ago, a band of faithful believers of the Old Regular Baptist faith and order, gathered to organize this grand old Association.

To many it was an inspiration to see and hear the words of God proclaimed by our well-abled bodied young Brother, alternate Eld. Scott Hamilton. To many of us, his Elder Brothers in the gospel it brought back memories of when we were young and drafted into this great army. Bro. Scott was well blessed to preach good sound doctrine, after which he prayed a prayer seasoned with God's goodness.

Chosen by the delegates at our last setting, Eld. Jeff Dillon came forward to deliver the Introductory Sermon. Proclaiming that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that He is the only way for poor fallen man to gain eternal life. He urged all to read the 3rd Epistle of John.

The Introductory Sermon being delivered, the Moderator asked the delegates to assemble in the house to conduct the business of this 40th Annual Session. Asked those who were not delegates to remain at the pavilion where preaching services would be conducted.

Assembling in the house, after singing one of Zion's songs, Eld. Tommy Dials, Assistant Moderator of the Sardis Association was called on to make remarks. Good advice and counsel was given, reminding one and all that we will long be remembered by the hurt and discord one causes among the brotherhood. To be careful how we talk and address a brother or sister, for the world will long remember how one conducts themselves in the house of the Lord. Prayer was offered by same.

Eld Roy Caudill, Moderator, came forward and announced that the Fortieth Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, August 1, 1997

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed in to the Clerk. On motion

by Eld. Johnie Bentley, second by Eld. Ralph Caudill, the letter from the Little Rebecca Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt to receive the letters and seat the delegates. By the same motion, all queries and requests were referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist faith organized by electing the following officers to serve the next year. The following Elders were appointed to take the vote: Ellis Holbrooks, Murl Caudill, Herman West. Officers elected:

Moderator Eld. Roy Caudill
 Assistant Moderator Eld. Paris Tackitt
 Clerk Eld. Hillard Newsome
 Assistant Clerk Eld. Coeburn Wayne Turner

(a) Noted by the Association concerning our finance committee and was moved and second that our finance committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers. The committee appointed Elders: Hiram Adkins, Ray Hamilton and Ralph Caudill.

3. By a motion made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Bro. James Hall, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. On motion by Eld. Buddy Carty, second by Eld. Forest Osborne, reading of the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum were omitted.
5. Called for legally organized 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 by letter and delegate.

(a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: Rongly McCarty, Forest D. Hall, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Squire Hamilton, Carlos Akers, Chuck Hall, Ellis Holbrooks, Offie Bartley, Walter Akers, Monroe Jones, Hiram Adkins, Don Vanderpool, James Tuttle, Charles Mullins, Woodrow Dye, Jimmy Dye, Johnny Thornsberry, Jack Adkins, Woody Pack, Jason Lowery, Clyde Lewis, Don Adkins, Jimmy Hall and Deffort Thornsberry. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hiram Adkins. A motion was made by Eld. Russell Hicks, second by Eld. Doug McCarty to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.

(b) **Union** — Represented by the following delegates: Franklin O'Quinn, Arvid Blevins, Thomas Thacker, Jesse L. Williamson, Danny Belcher, Garry Sanders, Herman West, Clyde Blankenship, Gene Johnson, Earl Hill, Estill Hamilton, Charles Newsome, Alex Collier, Savel Combs, Bobby Johnson, Robert Clay, Chester Yates, Homer Compton, Bill Isom. Letter in the hands of Eld. Arvid Blevins. A motion was made by Eld. Ralph Caudill, second by Eld. Albert Hamilton, to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.

(c) **Philadelphia** — Represented by the following delegates: Harlan E. Barney, Paul Morrison, Charles Barney, John Paul Clark, Lowell Adkins, Walter Morrison, Wayne Caudill, Ira Adkins, Howard Adkins, David

Tolliver, Paul Moore, J. R. Blevins, Gary Blevins, Luther Ramey, Gary Adkins, Willis Tolliver, Claude Coffee and Michael Hicks. Letter in the hands of Bro. Walter Morrison. A motion was made by Bro. John Adkins, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.

- (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Chester Cochran, James Barney, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Jim Cochran, Thomas J. Dials, Lester Cochran, Edwin Hay and James Branham. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hobart Hamilton. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Eld. Jeff Dillon to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegates: Phillip Estep, Doug Reed, Woodrow Whitt, Leonard Coleman, Stark Coleman, Acie Matney, Curtis Crouse, Monroe Matney. Letter in the hands of Bro. Stark Coleman. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Russell Hicks to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — Represented by the following delegates: Leo Slone, Murl Caudill, Claren Williams, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Rodney Slone, Arnold Whitaker, Paul Back. Don Gray. Letter in the hands of Eld. Arnold Whitaker. A motion was made by Eld. Danny Carty, second by Bro. Dan Thornsberry to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
7. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of the delegates from the Little Rebecca 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: Friday evening — Elders: (1) Chester Cochran-Sardis; (2) Gary Blevins-Philadelphia; (3) Woodrow Dye-prayer by Eld. Jimmy Dye, both of New Salem. Saturday A.M.-Elders: (1) Philip Estep-Old Friendship; (2) Richard Staton, Sardis; (3) Herman West-Union; (4) Murl Caudill-Old Indian Bottom; (5) Roger Hicks-New Salem.
 8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Karrel Addington, E. B. Hicks, Kilby Deel, Conley Daniels, Rufus Slone, Denver Meade, Robert Wallen, Randy Poe.
 9. A motion was made by Eld. Ralph Caudill, second by Mike Hiatt that we the Northern New Salem Association correspond by letter and delegate with the following Associations and the Clerk prepare the letters to our Sister Associations: (a) New Salem; (b) Union; (c) Philadelphia; (d) Sardis; (e) Old Friendship and (f) Old Indian Bottom.
 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 Associations. Committee to meet back at the house at 2:30 p.m. Friday evening.
 - (a) Eld. Johnie Bentley made a motion, second by Eld. Buford Brock that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 2, 1997.

Saturday, August 2, 1997

Met pursuant to adjournment after singing the glorious songs of Zion. Eld. Frank O'Quinn, Moderator of the Union Association, was wonderfully blessed to introduce Jesus as the Saviour of the world. Saying, "If you love the Lord, you will keep His commandments, and His commandments aren't grievous." An humble and well uplifting prayer was offered by Eld. Willis Tolliver, Moderator of the Philadelphia Association. Begging God to be our chief advisor and counselor as we gather this day to do His work.

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
2. The Bill of Arrangements was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Bro. Henry Campbell, second by Eld. Buford Brock to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Eld. Ralph Caudill for our 1997 Session was read by him. A motion was made by Bro. Henry Hobson, second by Eld. Johnie Bentley to receive the letter and have it printed in our 1997 Minutes.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday. Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Hiram Adkins, Ray Hamilton and Ralph Caudill reported as follows:

1997 Church contributions	\$5,751.00
1997 Money for Pictures	645.00
Other contributions	31.00
Total money received for 1997	\$6,427.00

A motion was made by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Eld. Doug McCarty to accept the report of the finance committee and discharge them of their duties.

5. The Moderator called for the Treasurer, Bro. Newsome to give his report as follows:

Treasurer's Report

A.		
Balance August 2, 1996		\$1,683.98
1996 Church contributions		5,700.00
1996 Picture money		425.00
Other contributions		740.00
Total money on hand August 4, 1996		\$8,548.98

1996 Expenses

B.		
Printer's Fee		\$6,194.00
Secretary's Fee		200.00
Postage, U.P.S. freight		176.36
Supplies and Miscellaneous Expense		18.88
Total Expenses for 1996		\$6,589.24
Total of A		\$8,548.98
Less Total of B		6,589.24
Balance		\$1,959.74
Plus Interest Earned		25.27

Balance August 1, 1997	1,985.01
Plus money received for 1997	<u>6,427.00</u>
Total money on hand August 3, 1997	\$8,412.01
Money sent by the Sister churches of the Northern New Salem Association to the Little Rebecca Church in helping host the 1997 Session ..	\$7,550.00

6. Eld. Ralph Caudill made a motion, second by Bro. Henry Hobson to accept the treasurer's report. By the same motion Eld. Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 4,500 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. Eld. Roy Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Don Mullins to have obituaries of deceased members and friends of the Northern New Salem Association printed in the current minutes. They are to be typewritten and double spaced. A charge of \$15.00 for pictures is to be submitted along with obituaries to be printed.
8. The following ministers were chosen to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Saturday evening; Elders: (1) Wayne Turner-Northern New Salem; (2) Jack Adkins-New Salem; (3) Estill Hamilton-Union; (4) Woody Pack-New Salem. Sunday, August 3; (1) Hillard Newsome-Northern New Salem; (2) Edwin Hay-Sardis; (3) Paris Tackitt and (4) Roy Caudill, both of Northern New Salem.
9. On motion by Eld. Joshua Hicks, second by Eld. Albert Hamilton, the report of the Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the year 1996 and 1997 were given by the Elders.
10. In compliance with Item #9 of Friday's work, we the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond by letter and delegate with the following associations.
 - (a) **New Salem** — When convened with the host churches. To be held at the Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1997 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Duane Graves, Loyd Hall, Scott Hamilton, David Slone, Paris Tackitt, Buford Brock, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, Roy Caudill, John Mullins and Ballard Brown. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hillard Newsome.
 - (b) **Union** — When convened with the host churches. To be held at the Association Building, Ashcamp, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1997 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Loyd Hall, David Slone, John M. Elkins, Paris Tackitt, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, Bart Potter, Marvin Potter, Doug McCarty, Johnny Newsome, Karrel Addington and Herman Belcher. Letter in the hands of Eld. Paris Tackitt.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the New Mount Olive Church, at the Association Building, Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1997 and continuing the two following

days. Delegates to attend: Duane Graves, Dan Thornsberry, Buford Brock, John M. Elkins, Paris Tackitt, Kelby Deel, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Turner, Doug McCarty, John Mullins, Ezra Thornsberry and Don Lawson. Letter in the hands of Bro. John Mullins.

- (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the Pilgrim Home Church, Varney, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1997 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Raymond Gilman, Paris Tackitt, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, Doug McCarty, John M. Elkins, Larry Dixon and Wilbur Nichols. Letter in the hands of Eld. Paris Tackitt.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the North Spring Church, Wolford, VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1997 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buford Brock, Paris Tackitt and Roy Caudill. Letter in the hands of Eld. Buford Brock.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Little Home Church, Red Fox, Knott County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1997 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Duane Graves, Delman Hall, Dan Thornsberry, Buford Brock, Paris Tackitt, Wayne Turner and Ezra Thornsberry. Letter in the hands of Eld. Wayne Turner.
11. A motion was made by Eld. Glynn Maddox, second by Eld. Don Lawson, to grant the request from the Little Ruth Church to add Eld. Bill Statens' name to the list of Assistant Moderator of said church.
 12. On motion by Eld. Doug McCarty, second by Eld. Buford Brock, the request from the Little Angel Church was granted, to remove the name of Eld. Birtchel Mosley, Jr. from the list of ordained ministers.
 13. Eld. Doug McCarty made a motion, second by Bro. John M. Elkins, to grant the request from the Little Family Church to have Items No. 15-1964 Minutes, Item No. 17-1970 Minutes and Item No. 12-1980 Minutes reprinted in the current minutes and to be reprinted in our minutes in the proceeding years.
 14. On motion by Eld. Doug McCarty, second by Eld. Stoney Blackburn, the request from the Rose of Sharon Church, concerning establishing a charitable foundation for the Northern New Salem Association was answered in this manner: A volunteer committee consisting of Elders Larry Newsome, Billy Miller and Jeff Dillon agreed to meet and work with Eld. Ray Hamilton, Moderator of said church concerning their request and to report their findings at our next setting.
 15. On motion by Eld. Scott Hamilton, second by Eld. Albert Hamilton, the request from the Family of Love Church in reference to the Mt. Zion Church changing the way they take communion by using real wine instead of fruit of the vine, which is grievous to an elder brother of said church. It was agreed to send a committee to the Mt. Zion Church to try and resolve the difference. There was an objection vote taken. 40 voted to send a committee, 9 voted against. Committee appointed: Ralph Caudill, Paris Tackitt, Buddy Carty, Sam Franks, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome and Roy Caudill.

16. Bro. Ballard Brown made a motion, second by Bro. Dan Thornsberry, to grant the request of the Pleasant View Church, requesting the honor to host the 1998 Session of the Northern New Salem Association.
17. By a vote of the delegates, Eld. Billy Miller was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon. Eld. Joshua Hicks is to be his alternate and Eld. Scott Hamilton is to write the Circular Letter for our 1998 Session.
18. On motion by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt, the Clerk was asked to write a note of condolence to our sister Associations and also remember our deceased Elders and members.
19. Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Albert Hamilton, to omit the reading of the current minutes.
20. Eld. Johnie Bentley made a motion, second by Bro. Dan Thornsberry, that we the Northern New Salem Association, adjourn until Friday before the 1st Saturday in August 1998 at the Pleasant View Church, 3589 Beat Rd., Litchfield, Ohio.

Eld. Ellis Holbrooks, Assistant Moderator of the New Salem Association was blessed to preach on the goodness of God and His many blessing toward the children of man. An humble and uplifting prayer was offered by Eld. Chuck Hall of the New Salem Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association

<u>Eld. Roy Caudill</u>	Moderator
<u>Elder Paris C. Tackitt</u>	Ass't. Moderator
<u>Eld. Willard Newsome</u>	Clerk
<u>Elder Cedron Wayne Turner</u>	Ass't Clerk

Sabbath Morning, August 3, 1997

As a new day was dawning, and darkness was giving way to a bright sunny morning, sweetened with the fresh morning air. The sanctuary of the Little Rebecca Church began to fill with the faithful believers, in search of some spiritual food to strengthen them as they journeyed here to their several places of abode. Making melody in their hearts by singing the songs of Zion, after which the services for the morning were introduced by your unworthy servant, Bro. Newsome and prayer by same. Second on the stand was Eld. Edwin Hay of the Sardis Association, followed by Eld. Paris Tackitt and Eld. Roy Caudill. The closing prayer was offered by Eld. Hendricks Hampton of the Northern New Salem Association. Begging God to watch over us on the tedious highways as we journeyed home.

To you the members and friends of the Little Rebecca Church we wish to extend to you our appreciation for your kindness, love and hospitality you showed to one and all while we were labouring in that part of the vineyard. May your blessings be many, your troubles few.

Was it ever so good to see our friends in Campers Village. Bringing us love and sunshine, just like neighbors of yesterday. As you move on down the road, and wherever you travel, wherever you go our thoughts and prayers will be with you, that you will reach your destination safe, so we can enjoy your company at Pleasant View come August '98. Thanks for your thoughtfulness in leaving a contribution of \$150.00 for the Little Rebecca Church.

Best wishes,
Bro Newsome, Clerk

Circular Letter by Elder Ralph Caudill

To the ministers and messengers of the Northern New Salem Association and to all the Saints that are in Christ Jesus:

Being chosen at our 1996 session to write the Circular Letter for your inspection, I pray that the Lord will lead me by His spirit and His grace will abound in my heart, to write this letter to the family that I love so dearly. There is nothing I love and enjoy more than talking about our Lord and this Old Regular Baptist Church. My heart's desire is that I might say something that will strengthen the unity and peace amongst God's people. As I try by the grace of God to write this letter, I have on my mind the **Foundation of God**.

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 3:11. Thanks be until God that the foundation is already laid, and all man has to do is work toward this foundation. "Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." Matthew 7:24-27.

Now the difference in these two houses was the foundation. The foolish man could have changed the house in many ways, and it still would not have stood. Regardless of how big you build it or how many you get to follow it, if it is not founded upon Christ and His love, it will not stand.

Luke 12:16-20 tells us of a rich foolish man that built upon another foundation: "He said I will pull down my barns and build greater; and there will I bestow my fruits and my goods. But God said unto him, *Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee.*" "Except the Lord build the house they labour in vain that build it," Psalms 127:1

There is but one Lord, one faith and one truth. If we all cherish and live by the

one faith, keeping our focus and affection on the one Lord, we can love one another and walk together in unity and peace and build on this great foundation, which is love. We are born of love.

The great and new commandment He gave us was not to set up some great Othing but made it very simple: to love one another. *"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this, all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."* John 13:34-35.

Many years ago, I saw the light of this old church. I saw it had something I did not have and that was the love of God in my heart. I did just what every person must do to have this love and that is to forsake the world, repent of their sins, and be born again. When I came into this family of God, I didn't understand all her order and practices, but I trusted that the church was telling me the truth. In these many years that I have been blessed here to study God's word, and the experiences I have had while in this old way, I have found it to be just as I was taught. My confidence in this old church has not diminished, because I believe we have the truth and are on the foundation of God.

It is written our Saviour Jesus Christ *"who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."* Titus 2:14. Now if we are a peculiar people and a city set on a hill that cannot be hid, then there must be a vast difference between the church and the world and the foundations they are set upon. *"Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his."* II Timothy 2:19. For Jesus said *"I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and are known of mine. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."* John 10:14 & 10:27. As we come to the 1997 session of this Association, let us follow that voice that only comes from the good Shepherd.

As I come to the close of this letter, I want to say that this old church is very dear to me, and I count it a great privilege to be a part of this family. We are not perfect, but it is still the greatest family on earth. Some may say we need a change. It has been my experience that if a change tried to come to the order of this church, it didn't bring change but only caused divisions. Our Elder Brethren, we have gone on to glory, left it as such that we wanted to be a part of it. So let us strive to leave it as we found it for our children and loved ones.

Farewell Brethren. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

Your Unworthy Servant,
Elder Ralph Caudill

Year 1964-Item 15: By move and second the association agreed to answer the request from several churches touching upon the question of sisters cutting their hair, using make-up, etc. as follows: It is the duty of every moderator of every church to exercise strict disciplinary action toward the violation of established practices. To insist on strict compliance with what sayeth the scripture concerning a woman of righteousness. Make them that would creep in the assembly just to destroy the peace and salvation of the church.

Year 1970-Item 17: The request from the Little Ruth Church "Asking for advise on how should a minister who has been excluded from preaching with sects and orders contrary to Regular Baptist principals can be received back into the fellowship of a Regular Baptist Church". We as an advisory council say to all our churches that you may restore such one upon strict examination, BUT not to return to them their credentials until they have been reexamined by legal presbytery.

Year 1980-Item 12: By a motion and second, the request from the Little Rebecca Church was granted to correct Item #13 of our 1979 minutes to read as follows:

We, the Little Rebecca Church of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ having met at our regular meeting time being found in full love and fellowship of all members present agreed unanimously to send the following request to the Northern New Salem Association when convened with the Little Ida Church on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1979. "We, the Little Rebecca Church request the Northern New Salem Association to adopt a resolution against members of our churches belonging to secret orders such as Masons, Odd Fellows or any other related worldly organization that is an offense to our sister associations as well as our own brethren." This question has produced friction far too long in our union and we feel it is contrary to our fundamental Christian beliefs and our church principals as we are not to be a part of worldly kingdoms. And farther that we advise all of our churches having such members to rid themselves of any members that refuses to disassociate themselves from such organizations. (And not preach with any preacher that belongs to a secret organization.)

CONSTITUTION

OF THE NORTHERN NEW 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 dele-

gates 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 them 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 deviates 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 the 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 of the 1611 Authorized King James version of the Bible are the written words of God, and the only rules of Faith and practice.

2nd Peter, 1:21, 2nd Tim. 3:16

ARTICLE 3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace. "For by grace are ye saved through Faith."

Acts 15:11, Titus 2:11

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. 3:6, 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 Tim. 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 Tim. 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. 3:13-16, John 1:31-33, 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.

Matt. 26:26-29, Mar 14:22-25, Luke 22:20, John 13:7-8, 1st Tim. 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. 15:51-53, Luke 24:46

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel, except such as are regular baptised, 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 13:2-3, Romans 1:6, Titus 1:5-9

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, Acts 8:16-21, Romans 16:17-18, Eph. 4:14-15, Gal. 1:8-10

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.

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, Ch. 22:21-22, Luke 1:33

ARTICLE 15. None of the 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 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 decorum.

ARTICLE 11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Moderator 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 reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 1998

April

PLEASANT VIEW — First in April. Jeff Dillon, Thomas Thacker, Terry Bryant, Covis Tackett, Paris Tackett.

ANTIOCH — First in April. Claren Williams, Teddy Robinson, Buddy Carty, Hiram Adkins, Gary Compton, Danny Belcher.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second in April. Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staten, Scott Hamilton, Doug McCarty, James Barney, Willis Tolliver.

NEW MT. ZION — Fourth in April. Tad Huff, Robert Haney, Matt Slone, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

May

MAGGIE'S HOME — First in May. Jeff Dillon, Scott Hamilton, Buford Brock, David Slone.

LITTLE RUTH — Second in May. Willis Tolliver, James Branham, Karrel Addington, Hillard Newsome, Jeff Dillon, Kenny Robinson.

LITTLE IDA — First in May. Willis Tolliver, Woody Pack, Ursel Huff, Wavis (Red) Alley, Edwin Hay, Jimmy Hall (McDowell)

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First in May. Chuck Hall, Buddy Carty, James Watts, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Joshua Hicks, Don Lawson, Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE ZION — Second in May. Stoney Blackburn, Buford Brock, Earl Hill, Hobert Justice, Karrel Addington.

LILY OF THE VALLEY — Third in May. Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Hobart Justice, Estill Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Edgar Howell, Squire Hamilton.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third in May. Bill Dunbar, Wayne Turner, Danny Carty, Arnold Whitaker, Haston Whitaker.

MORNING STAR — Third in May. Hillard Newsome, William B. Holbrook, Hobert Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Terry Ratliff, Earl Hill.

MACEDONIA — Third in May. Alex Collier, Orvin Mays, Paul Coleman, Paul Stapleton, Oley Tackett, Tennison Sturgill.

June

MT. ZION — First in June. Robert Haney, Estil Hamilton, Matt Slone, Jr., Ed Kidd, Dennis Kidd, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

LITTLE BETHEL — First in June. Johnie Bentley, Scott Hamilton, Bill Blevins, Willis Little, Paris Tackett, Clifford Newsom, Chuckie Hall, Karrel Addington.

LITTLE POLLY — Second in June. Larry Newsome, Scott Hamilton, David Slone, William B. Hamilton, Billey Miller, Gene Johnson.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second in June. Hillard Newsome, Johnie Bentley, Karrel Addington, Russell Hicks, Edwin Hay, Buddy Carty, Morris Wicker.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second in June. Wayne Turner, Murl Caudill, Sam Franks, Scott Hamilton, Danpy Carty.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third in June. Hillard Newsome, Wayne Turner, Jimmy Dye, Edwin Hay, Morris Wicker, Johnny Thornsberry, Claren Williams.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth in June. Covis Tackett, Billy Miller, Raymond Gayheart, Estil Hamilton, Russell Hicks.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth in June. Johnie Bentley, Johnie Newsome, Doug McCarty, Hillard Newsome, Tennis Sturgel.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth in June. Woody Pack, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Turner, Karrel Addington, Edwin Hay.

July

LITTLE FLOCK — Third in July. Russell Hicks, Arnold Whitaker, Morris Wicker, Gary Blevins, Richard Griffith, Herman West.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth in July. Jeff Dillon, Gary Compton, Woody Pack, Bill Cotton, Richard Staten, D. Osborne, Jason Lowery.

August

TRUE VINE — Third in August. Thomas Thacker, Karrel Addington, Hillard Newsome, Jeff Dillon, Offie Bartley, David Slone.

November

LITTLE MELROSE — First in November. Roy Caudill, Willis Tolliver, Paul Boggs, Johnie Bentley, Murl Caudill, Paris Tackitt, Ellis Holbrook.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA — Third in August. Russell Hicks, Jimmy Hall, Buddy Carty, Johnie Bentley, Danny Adams.

MAGGIE'S HOME — First in June. Don Blake Little, Willis Tolliver, Sam Franks, Gary Blevins.

LITTLE POLLY — Second in September. Jeff Dillon, Clarence Owens, Bill Dunbar,

MT. ZION — First in September — Jeff Dillon, Fred Charles, Morris Wicker, Steve Borders, Gary Compton, Charles Nitchie.

LITTLE FLOCK — Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Richard Staten, Hobart Hamilton, Danny Carty, Hiram Adkins.

LITTLE RUTH — Second in July. Buddy Carty, Otes Williams, Kenny Robinson, Hargis Tuttle.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth in August. Matt Slone, Larry Newsome, Mike Slone, Kenny Robinson, Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE IDA — First in July. Buford Brock, Murl Caudill, Arnold Whitaker, Scott Hamilton, Stoney Blackburn, Morris Wicker.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First in September. Estil Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Danny Adams, Phillip Mosley.

LITTLE ZION — Second in August. Bill Blevins, Estil Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Charles Newsome, Herman Belcher.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second in August. Tennis Sturgel, Scott Hamilton, David Slone, Squire Hamilton and Moderator.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth in August. Jeff Dillon, Estil Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Virgil Fields, Russell Hicks.

PLEASANT VIEW — First in June. David Slone, Alex Collier, Danny Adams, Curtis Hall, Roger Hicks, Assistant Moderator Stoney Blackburn.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second in October. Arnold Whitaker, Paris Tackitt, Buddy Carty, Willis Tolliver.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth in March. Hargis Tuttle, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Turner, Karrel Addington, Larry Newsome, Scott Hamilton.

ANTIOCH — First in June. Willis Tolliver, Roy Caudill, Woody Pack, Jimmy Waddles.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second in October 1997. Roger Hicks, Dee Osborn, Bill Bevins, Lowel Mullins, Ray Hamilton, James Branham.

LILY OF THE VALLEY — Third in July. Danny Hamilton, Larry Newsome, David Slone, Jeff Dillon, Ray Hamilton.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third in September. Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Rick Akers, Glyn Maddox.

MORNING STAR — Third in July. Johnie Bentley, Glyn Maddox, Clarence Owens, Covis Tackett, Hobert Justice, Lon Beverly, Paul Dye.

LITTLE BETHEL — First in September. Hargis Tuttle, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Robert Wallen.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth in October. Russell Hicks, Danny Adams, Morris Wicker, Philip Mosley, Kelley Slone, Burton Ratliff, Paul Vance.

MACEDONIA — Third in September. Alex Collier, Orvin Mays, Paul Coleman, Paul Stapleton, Oley Tackett.

TRUE VINE — Third in October. Garfield Thacker, Jessie Pack, Hargis Tuttle, Scott Hamilton, Stoney Blackburn, Raymond Gayheart.

NEW MT. ZION — Fourth in July. Hayes Chaffins, Steve Borders, Part Potter, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

LITTLE MELROSE — First in May. Sam Franks, Wayne Turner, James Barney, Garland Deel, Harrison Runyon, Richard Lowe, Ray Hamilton.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

LITTLE FLOCK-MARCUM MEMORIAL — Fifth Sunday in August of 1998. Ministers called: Paris Tackitt, Harrison Runyon, Russell Hicks, Willis Tolliver, Edwin Hay.

LILY OF THE VALLEY-THOMAS AND MARGEL BEVINS — Third Sunday in August, 1998. Ministers called: Matt Slone, Larry Newsome, Jessie Pack, Chester Newsome and Scott Hamilton.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Little Rebecca

Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-9501
Elder Danny Carty	5346 St. Andrews, Westerville, OH 43802	(614) 899-9815
Elder Donel Gibson	Box 84, New Haven, OH 44850	(419) 935-4165
Elder Monroe Hicks	159 Nichlos St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-3865
Elder Faris Tuttle	505 St. Rt. 603, Shiloh, OH 44878	(419) 896-3569

Maggie's Home

Elder Don Mullins	DePue Road, Hamden, OH 45634	(614) 596-4946
Elder Jerry Runyon	Rt. 4, S.R. 143, Pomeroy, OH 45769	(614) 992-2687
Elder Paris Tackitt	344 3rd St., Beaver, OH 45613	(614) 226-6343

Little Polly

Elder Jerry Griffith	13753 N. Dr. South, Marshall, MI 49092	(517) 767-4601
Elder Richard Griffith	19545 Homer Rd., Marshall, MI. 49068	(616) 781-7771
Elder James Poe	19549 Homer Rd., Marshall, MI. 49068	(616) 781-3776
Elder Thomas VanZandt	11346 Wildwood Dr., Marshall, MI 49068	(616) 781-8191

Mt. Zion

Elder Michael K. Slone	4247 Gumlick Rd., Liberty, KY 42535	(606) 787-0144
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Little Flock

Elder Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd., Thurman, OH 45685	(614) 682-6533
Elder Mike Fortner	2476 Centerpoint Rd., Oak Hill, OH 45656	(614) 682-6236
Elder Sam Franks	1412 Jones Rd., Vinton, OH 45686	(614) 388-9009
Elder Joshua Hicks	Rt. 6, Royalton Rd., Lancaster, OH 43130	(614) 696-2988
Elder Don Lawson	204 2nd St., Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	(614) 468-2203
Elder Raymond Stapleton	73600 Stapleton Ln., Box 322, Vinton, OH 45686	(614) 669-5055

Little Ruth

Elder Scotty Little	6279 Glade Dr., Galion, OH 44833	(419) 462-1726
Elder Bill Staten	1111 Twp. Rd. 208, Marengo, OH 43334	(419) 253-5906
Elder Raymond Vanderpool	142 Sandusky St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-5061
Elder Amos Williams	150 Riley St., Newark, OH 43055	(614) 344-1073

Little Edna

Elder Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, OH 44001	(216) 988-3809
Elder Hobert Justice	4555 Sumner St., Sheffield Village, OH 44054	(216) 277-9547
Elder Denver Meade	953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield, OH 44054	(216) 949-6048
Elder Jessie Pack	12620 Grimsly Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135	(216) 251-1825
Elder David Slone	5128 Orchard Ave., Lorain, OH 44055	(216) 233-5580

Little Ida

Elder Herman Belcher	123 Batavia, River Rouge, MI 48218	(313) 841-2277
Elder Ralph Caudill	1594 Wilson, Lincoln Pk., MI 48146	(313) 381-3710
Elder Clark Damron	60 Stoner, River Rouge, MI 48218	(313) 841-7137
Elder Billy Miller	672 Cora, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-0208
Elder Arthur Mitchell	1712 Electric, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-2423

Little Flossie

Elder Larry Dixon	8070 N. Angling Rd., Kendallville, IN 46755	(219) 347-8082
Elder Elbert Hagerman	P.O. Box 173, Kendallville, IN 46755	(219) 347-6894
Elder Russell Hicks	11971 N. Angling Rd. 57 Wolcottville, IN 46795	(219) 854-2413
Elder Morris Wicker	5510 E. 1150 N. 57 Wolcottville, IN 46795	(219) 854-9475

Little Zion

Elder Rick Akers	58253 Culpepper, Washington, MI 48094	(810) 781-9321
Elder Glyn Maddox	3463 Poplar St., Warren, MI 48091	(810) 754-2124
Elder Clarence Owens	33632 Cheryl St., Clinton Twp., MI 48035	(810) 791-2135

Little Pilgrim's Home

Elder Danny C. Hamilton	367 Twp. Rd., 1031, Nova, OH 44859	(419) 652-2485
Elder Eddie Wallen	330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090	(440) 647-3539
Elder Robert Wallen	123 Main Street, Rochester, OH 44090	(440) 647-4052

Mt. Olivet None

Pleasant View

Elder Stony Blackburn	1013 Jackson St., Vermillion, OH 44089	(440) 967-9389
Elder Hayes Chaffins	403 S. Center St., LaGrange, OH 44050	(440) 355-8461

Elder Conley Daniels	3624 W. 114th St., Cleveland, OH 44111	(440) 251-0709
Elder Raymond Gayheart	14061 Twp Rd. 215, Lakeville, OH 44638	(330) 378-9008
Elder Larry D. Newsome	2216 Brownhelm Sta. Rd., Vermillion, OH 44089	(440) 967-5877
Elder Matt Slone	5426 Lake Rd., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	(440) 949-5174
Elder Hargis Tuttle	4494 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	(440) 839-5113

Little Family

Elder Roy Caudill	6143 Paulin Dr., Middletown, OH 45042	(513) 423-2381
Elder Hendricks Hampton	40 Deardoff Rd., Franklin, OH 45005	(513) 746-7533
Elder James D. Watts	1719 Edgelawn Dr. Mt. Sterling, KY 40353	(606) 498-6232

Little Angel

Elder Milton Dye	3737 Abney Rd., Columbus, OH 43207	(614) 491-3415
Elder John Jude	1609 Fallbrook Rd., Columbus, OH 43223	(614) 274-7122
Elder Forest Osborne	3425 Kitzmiller Rd., New Albany, OH 43054	(614) 855-7955

Antioch

Elder Karrell Addington	501 Micawber, Louisville, KY 40245	(502) 254-5961
Elder Hillard Newsome	3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, KY 40213	(502) 452-1197
Elder Edsel Slone	9508 Maple Rd., Louisville, KY 40229	(502) 968-8778
Elder Coeburn Wayne Turner	1888 Finchville Rd., Shelbyville, KY 40065	(502) 834-7608

Rose of Sharon

Elder Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-2983
Elder Jeff Dillon	7939 Adair, Casco, MI 48064	(810) 329-4368
Elder Ray Hamilton	18610 Toledo Rd., Brownstown, MI 48192	(313) 282-2343
Elder William B. Holbrook	13388 Parkway Blvd., Carleton, MI 48117	(313) 654-6883

Lily of the Valley

Elder Evan Hamilton	5733 Washington Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004	(216) 992-4621
Elder Scott Hamilton	794 S. Broadway, Geneva, OH 44041	(216) 466-3534
Elder Junior Jent	3120 Mill Rd., Dorset, Ohio 44032	(216) 293-5018
Elder Chester Newsome	5908 Ogden Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004	(216) 992-5640

Little Children's Home

Elder Buford Brock	1494 N. County Rd, 50 E, Danville, IN 46122	(317) 745-5228
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Morning Star

Elder Danny R. Adams	24858 Champaign, Taylor, MI 48180	(313) 292-8759
Elder Bill Blevins	23400 Manor Rd., N., New Boston, MI 48164	(313) 753-5869
Elder Ishmal Hall, Jr.	36876 Thinback, Wayne, MI 48184	(313) 728-0194
Elder Willis Little	4541 Grace, Wayne, MI 48184	(313) 728-4486
Elder Covis Tackett	4143 St. Rt. 103 S., Willard, OH 44890	(419) 933-4539

Little Bethel

Elder Paul Dye	Box 122, Tyro, OH 44887	(419) 347-5064
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Family of Love

Elder Clifford Bradley	18003 SH 231, Nevada, OH 44849	(614) 482-2095
Elder Buddy W. Carty	18 High School Ave., Shelby, OH 44875	(419) 342-4143
Elder Rufus Slone	224 Deffiance St., St. Marys, OH 45885	(419) 394-5146

Macedonia

None

True Vine

Elder Steven Borders	770 Wooster Rd. N., Barberton, OH 44203	(330) 745-7377
Elder Bart Potter	9096 Speith Rd., Litchfield, OH 44253	(330) 723-5267
Elder Kennis L. Robinson	1947 Tonawanda Ave., Akron, OH 44305	(330) 794-8821

New Mt. Zion

Elder Fred Charles	4981 Southfield Dr., Orient, OH 43146	(614) 875-3121
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Little Melrose

Elder Terry Hall	713 Barefoot Rd., Wilmore, KY 40390	(606) 858-9127
Elder Albert Hamilton	3819 Randall Rd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043	(904) 284-6046
Elder Doug McCarty	P.O. Box 2018, Keystone Hgts., FL 32656	(352) 473-3424
Elder Johnny Newsome	6402 Bowdoin Ave., Keystone Hgts., FL 32656	(352) 473-9206

1997 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Little Rebecca	James Hall, Dan Thornsberry, Danny Carty
Maggie's Home	John Mullins, Harold Prater, Don Mullins
Little Polly	Rich Griffith, James Poe, Dennis Halcom
Mt. Zion	Bobby Patton, Ted Slone, Henry Campbell
Little Flock	Joshua Hicks, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton
Little Ruth	Bill Staton, Bill Smith, Adron Counts
Little Edna	David Slone, Raymond Gilman, Elmer Edwards
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill, Herman Belcher, Billy Miller
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Larry Dixon
Little Zion	Glyn Maddox, Rick Akers, Ermon Smiley
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Chester Compton
Mt. Olivet	William B. Holbrook, Elbert Hagerman, Kelsey Mullins
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome, Stoney Blackburn, Omer Slone
Little Family	Hendricks Hampton, Marvin Potter, Ernie Tuttle
Little Angel	Ballard Brown, Ezra Thornsberry, Wilbur Nichols
Antioch	Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, Melvin Adams, Jr.
Rose of Sharon	Jeff Dillon, Johnie Bentley, Ray Hamilton
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton, Roger Newsome, Glen VanBuren
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock, Henry Hobson, Mike Hiatt
Morning Star	Bill Blevins, Ishmall Hall, Jr., Randall Parks
Little Bethel	Ernest Owens, Paul Dye, Glinn Conley
Family of Love	Buddy W. Carty, Delmas Hall, Reed Triplett
Macedonia	Ernest Middleton
True Vine	Steve Borders, Ernie Gay, Price Blamble
New Mt. Zion	Fred Charles, Roby Patton, Aaron Slone
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty, John M. Elkins, Albert Hamilton

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Church	Clerk	Address	City, State	Telephone
Little Rebecca	Frank Holt	1049 Springmill Rd., Apt #17	Mansfield, OH 44960	(419) 747-4552
Maggie's Home	Amos E. Reffitt	34108 Old Dixon Rd.	McArthur, OH 45615	(614) 596-4525
Little Polly	Thomas Vanzandt	11346 Willwood Dr	Marshall, MI 49068	(616) 781-8191
Mt. Zion	Ben Sturgill	3507, CR44	Ada, OH 45810	(419) 634-4236
Little Flock	Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd	Thurman, OH 45685	(614) 682-6533
Little Ruth	Adran Counts	3645 TWP Rd. 26	Cardington, OH 43315	(419) 946-6621
Little Edna	Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Pk. Rd	Amherst, OH 44001	(216) 988-3809
Little Ida	John Johnson	15649 Fordline	Southgate, MI 48195	(313) 246-0769
Little Flossie	Fred Jones	5042 W-500, S	Wabash, IN 46992	(219) 563-5001
Little Zion	Rick Akers	58253 Culpepper	Washington, MI 48094	(810) 781-9321
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny Hamilton	367 TWP Rd. 1031	Nova, OH 44859	(419) 652-2485
Mt. Olivet	Carl Ousley	425 E. Bellevue	Leslie, MI 49251	(517) 589-8736
Pleasant View	Eldon Hall	928 Livermore Ln	Elyria, OH 44035	(216) 365-3459
Little Family	Marvin Potter	7492 Hopkins Rd	Maineville, OH 45039	(513) 683-2492
Little Angel	Forest Osborne	3425 Kitmiller Rd	New Albany, OH 43054	(614) 855-7955
Antioch	Melvin Adams, Jr.	495 Overlook Rd.	Louisville, KY 40229	(502) 957-2417
Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd St.	Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-2983
Lily of the Valley	Carl E. Hall	17249 Stocking Rd.	Madison, OH 44057	(216) 298-1490
Little Children's Home	James D. Wagner	17201 Stone Ch. Rd	Laurel, IN 47024	(317) 698-2316
Morning Star	Willis Little	4541 Grace	Wayne, MI 48184	(313) 728-4486
Little Bethel	Ernest Owens	833 Fennimore St.	Fremont, OH 43420	(419) 334-4344
Family of Love	Reed Triplett	Box 155	Tira, OH 44887	(419) 347-7028
Macedonia	Frank Sturgill		Grahn, KY 41142	(606) 286-4914
True Vine	Steve Borders	770Wooster Rd.	Barbertown, OH 44203	(330) 745-7377
New Mt. Zion	Dwayne Slone	321 Twp. Rd. 350	Sullivan, OH 44880	(419) 736-3531
Little Melrose	John M. Elkins	6809 Ferncreek Way	Keystone, FL 32656	(352) 473-7896

CHURCH MODERATORS AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

Church	Moderator	Asst. Moderator
Little Rebecca	Buddy W. Carty	Robert Wallen
Maggie's Home	Paris Tackitt	
Little Polly	Rich Griffith	
Mt. Zion	Mike Slone	Tad Huff
Little Flock	Joshua Hicks	Sam Franks
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	Bill Staten
Little Edna	David Slone	Hobart Justice
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill	Herman Belcher
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks	Morris Wicker
Little Zion	Glyn Maddox	Clarence Owens
Little Pilgrim's Home	Robert Wallen	Danny Hamilton
Mt. Olivet	Elbert Hagerman	William B. Holbrook
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome	Stoney Blackburn
Little Family	Roy Caudill	Hendricks Hampton
Little Angel	Hiram Adkins	Paris Tackitt
Antioch	Hillard Newsome	C. W. Turner
Rose of Sharon	Ray Hamilton	Jeff Dillion
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton	Evan Hamilton
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock	Hendricks Hampton
Morning Star	Covis Tackett	Bill Blevins
Little Bethel	Covis Tackett	Paul Dye
Family of Love	Buddy W. Carty	Rufus Slone
Macedonia	Burl Sturgill	
True Vine	Kennis Robinson	David Slone
New Mt. Zion	Mike Slone	Bart Potter
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty	Johnnie Newsome

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Church	Address	City	State
Little Rebecca	Henry Road, Ph. 419-687-8838	Plymouth	Ohio
Maggie's Home		Dundas	Ohio
Little Polly	19545 Homer Road	Marshall	Michigan
Mt. Zion	5874 St. Rt. 309, Ph. 419-634-1501	Ada	Ohio
Little Flock	Route 1	Ray	Ohio
Little Ruth	Route 3	Marengo	Ohio
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain	Ohio
Little Ida	4060 Drennan Street, Ph. 313-386-9350	Ecorse	Michigan
Little Flossie		Lisbon	Indiana
Little Zion	63181 Romeo Plank Road	Romeo	Michigan
Little Pilgrim's Home	Highway 224	Ruggles	Ohio
Mt. Olivet -	M-52, 4 miles N. of	Stockbridge	Michigan
Pleasant View	Box 48, 3589 Beat Road, Ph. 216-723-5345	Litchfield	Ohio
Little Family	S.R. 744, 1 mile west of	Jacksonburg	Ohio
Little Angel	5733 Saltgaber Road, Ph. 614-492-0010	Columbus	Ohio
Antioch	10817 Barricks Road	Louisville	Kentucky
Rose of Sharon	5665 Carolton-Rockwood, Ph. 313-379-4870	S. Rockwood	Michigan
Lily of the Valley	Rt. 534-600, Kawanis Pk. Dr.	Geneva	Ohio
Little Children's Home		Laurel	Indiana
Morning Star	44441 Clay Road	Belleville	Michigan
Little Bethel	S.R. 228	Greensprings	Ohio
Family of Love	Ph. 614-482-2434	Wyandotte	Ohio
Macedonia		Grahn	Kentucky
True Vine	7992 Cleveland Mass Road, Ph. 330-658-4924	Clinton	Ohio
New Mt. Zion		Shelby	Ohio
Little Melrose		Melrose	Florida

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	44	3-E 3:30	\$400.00	July
Maggie's Home	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	33	1-M	125.00	July
Little Polly	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	2-E	150.00	July
Mt. Zion	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	22	1-M	50.00	July
Little Flock	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	3-M	200.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	21	2-M	175.00	June
Little Edna	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	18	4-M	125.00	July
Little Ida	2	1	0	0	2	1	2	94	1-M	450.00	June
Little Flossie	0	3	0	0	0	3	2	33	1-E	250.00	June
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	25	2-M	250.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	2-M	175.00	July
Mt. Olivet	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	9	4-M	125.00	July
Pleasant View	12	0	0	1	2	5	1	93	1-E	350.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	23	2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	4	1	0	0	0	3	2	59	4-E	450.00	Aug.
Antioch	1	0	1	0	3	1	2	30	1-E	325.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	39	2-M	400.00	May
Lily of the Valley	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	17	3-E	125.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3-E 2:00P.M.	150.00	July
Morning Star	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	3-M	300.00	June
Little Bethel	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	1-M	150.00	July
Family of Love	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	31	4-E 3:30P.M.	200.00	July
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	3-M	150.00	June
True Vine	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	3-M	200.00	Sept.
New Mt. Zion	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	11	4-M	50.00	Oct.
Little Melrose	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1-M	150.00	Jan.
1997 Church Contributions	\$5,751.00										
1997 Money for Pictures	645.00										
Other Contributions	31.00										
Grand Total	37	15	1	2	18	16	26	832		\$6,427.00	
M — Saturday morning services											
E — Saturday evening services											

Obituaries



Elbert "Rickey" Adkins Jr.

ELBERT "RICKEY" ADKINS JR.

With the help of the Lord, we will try to write an obituary of our little brother, Rickey. He was born April 20, 1958 and left this life as a result of an automobile accident on May 20, 1995. Brother is survived by his children, Melissa, Joshua and Christina. Also left to mourn his loss is his dad, Elmer Adkins; brothers Johnney and Michael; sisters, Wanda, Mary, Gail and Diane. He will also be sadly missed by his aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

BABY BROTHER

When we see the morning light with a kiss of dew, we'll think of you.

When we see the sun so bright, we'll think of you.

When we see the rain fall on the flowers you love, we'll think of you.

When we see a rainbow cross over the sky, we'll think of you.

When we nail or saw a piece of wood, we'll think of you.

When we toss our fishing pole line in the Ohio River, we'll think of you.

When the men go hunting on a cold winter morn, we'll think of you.

When we watch a funny movie, we'll think of you.

At night when we look up at the stars so bright and
pick the brightest out, we'll think of you.

So now little brother, even though you're gone,
in all our hearts, you'll still live on.

Soar like an eagle, fly like a dove, because,
little brother, you go with our love.

Written in love for our baby brother, Rickey.

We will surely miss you brother. Run, walk and play in God's hands.

Written by his brothers and sisters

ELMER ADKINS

With a loving heart and "PRECIOUS MEMORIES" we will try to right the obituary of our loving and beloved daddy, Elmer Adkins.

Daddy was born in Pikeville, Kentucky on October 25, 1926 and departed this life August 6, 1996. Daddy met and married mommy, Magalene Adkins on December 23, 1945. To this union was born 8 children. One child died in infancy. Daddy was also preceded in death by his youngest son, Rickey, and our blessed mother Magalene.

Dad attended the True Vine Church in Clinton, Ohio. He was regular in his attendance and also attended faithfully the Pleasant View Church in Litchfield, Ohio. He was so respected and loved by all who knew him.

Daddy is survived by sons, Johnney and Michael both of Akron. Daughters: Wanda Williams of St. Mary's, W. Va., Mary Hennon and Donna G. Gay of Akron and Diana Borders of Barberton, OH. Many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Oh how we miss you dad. We believe that you, mommy and Rickey are resting in the arms of Jesus. Never more to have sorrow or sadness fill the days.

To all of us children, I know you would say, "If you want to see us again, you must be born again." Trust in the Lord with your heart, mind, soul and strength and someday we may all be together again, in Beulah Land.

Rest on daddy, we will see you when the Lord sees fit to take us on home.

Written with love by your broken-hearted children

OUR DAD ELMER ADKINS

With hair so white, and a smile so bright, for all of our lives you were such a
delight. A hard working man all of your life,
now daddy you can rest and feel no more strife.

Because you went on to Heaven, to be with the ones you love

Wife, son, grandsons, Jesus, dad, mother and brother.

We'll miss you dad, but we all understand,
you just wanted to be in that Heavenly land.

Where all is love, and there is no pain. A beautiful crown was yours to gain.
What would you say our daddy so dear, to all of your children that are still down
here? That we're not promised a minute, a day or a year!

Just to love Jesus and each other, our sisters and brothers in church.

So we can all get to Heaven and rejoice together.

Oh daddy where has all the time gone? The seasons change and life goes on.

But daddy what hurts so much is you left us down here all alone.

We'll think of you daily and sometimes we'll smile,
just remembering the good times we've had for a while.

We'll always love you, you'll be in our hearts,
so walk with mother and brother because someday
we'll all meet again,
NEVER TO PART.



Elmer Adkins

FRANKIE "MOM" ADKINS



Frankie "Mom" Adkins

When the 19th century was only two years old, long before good roads, automobiles, airplanes, railroads, telephones and electricity came our way, to better the lives of the people of rural Eastern Kentucky. In a land where virgin timber stood tall, casting its shadows on the steep mountain-side, over the valleys and hollows in Pike County. On March 5, 1902, a little baby girl graced the home of the late Preston and Ida Gillespie Mullins. They chose to call her Frankie. Here she grew up with her little brothers and sisters, when times were hard and love in the home was shared by all. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers: Jack, Johnny Bab, Ray and Willard. Sisters: Hattie, Sarah Ann, Julia and Ada. Survived by the following brothers: Eugene Mullins of Pike

County, KY, Howard Mullins, Bowling Green, KY, and Clarence Mullins of VA.

Early in life, in 1918 she was married to the late Criss Adkins, who deceased this life in 1945, leaving her with several small children to care for. In the days when welfare and food stamps were unheard of, it was her determination to keep her children together, and this she did by hard work, love and discipline. She became a loving, caring and devoted mother to her children. Four sons: Edd and Bennett Loyd Adkins of Louisville. Daughters: Edith Gillespie of Charlestown, IN, Rebel Coleman of Grundy, VA, Peggy Adkins, Ruby Caulfield, Betty Thacker and Carol Jean Alvey all of Louisville. Preceded in death by sons: Eld. Paul Adkins and John Adkins; daughters: Imal Rowe and Ozell Bibbs. Also survived by 45 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren and many great-great grandchildren.

In a little community in Pike County, KY, known as Greasy Creek, it was here Mom watched her children grow from little girls and boys into teenagers and adulthood. It was here when things got hard, like Naomi leaving her native land of Bethlehem-Judath, going to the land of Moab to better her livelihood. In 1953 Mom left her native land of Greasy Creek, the lovely hills of Eastern Kentucky, and came to Louisville. It was here she brought her children. It was here they found work, from the land where things were hard. It was here her children married husbands and wives, worked and raised their families. Yes, it was here Mom came from her native land in 1953. Now it is here she takes her flight to a far and better land on Heaven's shore. Leaving behind her children, and their children, a legend and because of her the Adkins generation will go on and on. You children and grandchildren would do well to walk in her footsteps, pattern your life like her, the lady from Greasy Creek, who came to this city years ago, and because of her, now you are here. Hold your head high and with a loud voice say, "Yes that woman from Greasy Creek, who left when times were hard was my Grandmother and she taught me much."

In the year of 1956 Mom was baptized into full love and fellowship of the Old Regular Baptist Church. In 1966 she came in an arm to establish the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church here in Louisville. Here like Ruth she gleaned in the fields

of the Antioch Church, gathering spiritual food for her hungry soul. It was here Bro. Paul, Bro. Edd, Sister Imal, Betty and Peg stopped by to gleam in the fields with Mom. It was here she set good examples for all to see that she was different from the world. An old fashioned mother, one who worked hard to raise her children in the days of depression. One who her children can rise and call her a virtuous woman, and because of her we are blessed. The fashions, pride of life and the changing of the world, even though it was the 90s, never worried her. Just a simple lady, who dressed modestly, yet beautiful. How well I remember her sitting on the front set of the Antioch Church, in her beautiful hat. Often I have seen her rejoice in the God of her salvation, when her cup would run over. No Mom wasn't ashamed of her church, its beliefs, orders and practices, or of her mountain heritage. A meek, humble sister, who didn't expect much in life, yet gave a plenty. Here is the writings of Sister Adkins she gave me several years ago. *"I love all my good brothers and sisters, I love the Antioch Church, it is my pride and joy, my life. I don't want anyone to bring shame upon her, just go on in the good old way. I love all my children. When I am gone be good to one another, visit each other, and call on the Lord while life affords, don't wait too late."* Signed Mom Adkins.

After journeying here on Life's Pathway, for over 95 years, seeing so many changes, going through many a storm, traveling over many rough roads, yet she never complained. No she waited patiently for the old ship of Zion to come by, and with its sails held high, on it she would sail peacefully to the other shore. Sometime in the night of May 1, 1997 the angels came to her bedside, they didn't even disturb her. Whispering to her saying, "Here Mom put this robe around you, have no fear, you don't need to say good-bye. We've come to take you to a land of perfect peace. Here in this land you will never grow old, weary or tired, be lonely or sick anymore, and here you will live forever. There's so many there waiting to welcome you home. Here in this city you will see the good shepherd, and little children will play around your feet, as you stroll down the streets of gold. Yes Mom, it is far better than your expectations, your home down here wasn't of the finest built, now you have a mansion, everything is furnished, Mom this is heaven."

Let's not grieve at the loss of this our beloved one, be thankful we had the privilege and honor to have known her. She taught us much, she leaves us with much memories. Memories of a precious mother, grandmother, friend and sister in Christ. Poor in earthly riches, yet rich in the Lord. It's not good-bye Mom, it's not farewell, no it's just for a little while, then we hope to meet you in a land of perfect peace, and there in that good land you will exchange your hat for a crown of glory. While we your loved ones remain here, we will always be thankful for the 95 years, the good advice and council you gave us, the examples you set for us to follow. By those examples our lives have been enriched, you inspired us by the life you lived, because you were special.

One by one their seats were empty,
One by one they went away.
When the angels carried you,
To a land of perfect day.

Precious Memories, Bro. Newsome

BROTHER MACK ADKINS



Brother Mack Adkins

With the help of the Lord, we will try to write the obituary of Mack Adkins of Doylestown, Ohio.

Mack was 73 years, 10 months, 13 days when he went to be with the Lord on September 27, 1996. He was born on November 14, 1922 to Lee and Roxie Adkins in Pikeville, Kentucky.

Mack retired from PPG Industries Inc. after 31 years of loyal service. He was a Veteran of WWII where he served as a member of the US Army from 1941 to 1945. When he was a young man living in Kentucky, he was employed in the coal mines.

Mack was a member of the True Vine Church in Clinton, Ohio which he loved so much. He worked very hard for the church as clerk and served as Deacon for many years. He loved all the

Brothers and Sisters of the True Vine Church, and all of the Churches everywhere. He loved his wife, children, and grandchildren.

Mack was a devoted husband and dad. He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Marie H. Marks West Adkins. His children: Dewey (Sue) Adkins of Doylestown, Ohio; Paul (Pat) Adkins of Rootstown, Ohio; Karene (Gary) Miller of Barberton, Ohio; stepchildren: Francis (Rhonda) West of Akron, Ohio; Richard (Jerrie) West of Barberton, Ohio; Diane (John) Shrigley of Atwater, Ohio; Evelyn (Gary) Dye of Barberton, Ohio; 20 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. Brother Robert Adkins of Akron, Ohio; Sister Reable Charles of Wadsworth, Ohio. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Homer and Elmer; two sons, and their mother.

Honey, we love you very much and will miss you every day of our lives. We will see you again in that beautiful home with God.

All Of Our Love

Your Loving Wife and Children

IN MEMORY OF MY DAD, MACK ADKINS

Dear Daddy,

To sit and try to think of something to say about you in memoriam is one of the hardest things I've ever attempted to do. But to you, I must say, I love and miss you.

When I was little, I used to sit on your knee and I'd ask, how old do I have to be before I can't sit here anymore. I remember you said, "When your feet touch the floor." Even until the day you left this earth, I would hold my feet off of the ground, because I never wanted not to be able to sit there. I miss the time we spent together Dad, it seemed like such a short time. So many things have happened. New babies have come into our family and sometimes I think you must know that Krystina Linette Adkins, Ty Allen Moore and Taylor Elizabeth Ware are here. We had to give up a great one to get them (you) and although we hurt so much, we have a little happiness in our lives now. A new generation of you is arriving and we all feel so blessed. These precious little ones will know their great grandpa because you left such a legacy behind. What a wonderful feeling to be able to look into the face of these small angels and see their grandfather in them.

You can be proud dad, and I promise you that I will tell them about the good

things God can do for them. They will always know, that their great grandpa was a God-fearing man.

I miss you so much daddy. I love you and wish we could sit and talk for a while. But I hope to see you again someday.

Written with love, Your daughter, Karene

MAGALENE ADKINS

This is the obituary of our dear beloved mother Magalene Adkins. Mom was born in Pikeville, Kentucky on October 11, 1929 and departed this life January 13, 1997. She was 65 years old when the death angel came and took mommy home to be with him.

Mommy met and married Elmer Adkins on December 23, 1945. To this union was born 8 children, one of whom passed away in infancy. She will leave to mourn her loss, her husband Elmer; sons, Johnney and Michael of Akron, OH, Elbert Adkins Jr. of Newport, OH; daughters: Wanda Williams of West Virginia; Mary Hennon of Akron; Donna Gay of Akron; and Diana Borders of Barberton. She will be sadly missed by her 17 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Mommy attended the True Vine Church of Clinton, Ohio and was faithful in her attendance and was dearly loved by all who knew her.

If mommy could leave one legacy to her children, I know it would be for her children and friends to go to church and live right. I can see her standing in the kitchen at home and hear her singing praises and shouting to the Lord when she thought no one was there but her. She was never ashamed of the Lord, and many are the times that she would call and be shouting and singing the beautiful songs of Zion.

Brothers and sisters, if you want to see mommy again, you must live right and serve the Lord.

Walk on mommy, we will live with the hope that we will meet you again on that wonderful morning when God calls us home.

Written by her broken-hearted children

A MESSAGE TO MOTHER MAGALENE ADKINS

Dearest mother now you're gone. You left us down here all alone. You've went on up to heaven above, to be with the one you must love. Oh! How you suffered down here below. But now you're wearing a crown and a robe.

Mother we can imagine just what you've seen, are you walking with Jesus by the bright crystal sea? Tell us mother are you walking in a garden too beautiful for words. Talking to Jesus and watching the birds? Or mother are you walking down a street of gold? Talking with all the prophets of old. We know you've seen things too beautiful to behold.

Mother what you've taught us is easy to describe, like to put our trust in Jesus way up on high! To always be good to one another, our church, daddy, friends, sisters and brothers.



Magalene Adkins

But the last thing you taught us we all had to know, you taught us all how to let go. You taught us all what we had to do if we wanted to be with Jesus and you.

So look out for us mother from up on a far, take care of your children until we get there.

Jesus you took one of the sweetest roses from the garden down here, take good care of her for we all loved her so dear.

From Broken-Hearted Daughters and Sons

FREDA MAE AMBURGEY

In early spring, on April 3, 1920 in the lovely hills of Eastern Ky. Jackson, Breathitt County. A little girl graced the home of the late Jessie and Julia Brewer Oaks. Into their home they welcomed this little girl, as well as her other brothers and sisters. They chose to give her the name, Freda Mae. Here she brought them joy and happiness, going to a one room school, playing in the streams, roaming the hills, meadows and fields, picking wild flowers and listening to songbirds sing as they made music in early spring. Her days of childhood, along with the memories of her playmates, brothers and sisters, were treasures she kept for low these many years, in her memory bank. In days to come, when she was sad and lonely, she would walk back down Memory Lane, on Life's Pathway. Meeting with those of yesterday, it's then she would smile as her clouds of sadness, would be replaced with sunshine, thoughts of days when she was young and carefree. On Thursday, December 19, 1996, she gathered her robe around her, alone in the quietness of her home. She slipped away, after being blessed to live upon God's good earth 76 years, 8 months and 16 days.

As days slipped away into weeks, weeks into months, and months into years, that little girl known as Freda Mae, became a fine young lady. Leaving her native land, coming to Louisville, it is here she resided, along with her husband Bill Amburgey. Whom she taken by the hand to become his devoted, caring and loving wife, on February 15, 1947. They showered life's heartaches, sorrows and disappointments, along with its joys, happiness and pleasures for almost 50 years. God trusted into the hands of this devoted wife 3 sons. It's then she became a loving and caring mother. Preceded in death by one son Phillip. Survived along with her husband Bill, is two sons, George of Cincinnati, OH, Paul of Louisville, KY, four grandchildren. Three brothers: E.C. of Arkansas, Loyd of Indiana, Jessie of KY; three sisters, Nell Bundy and Ruby Fortner both of OH; Bessie Gross of KY. Loved ones who I am sure will miss the love and friendship of this precious wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

Freda was a faithful attender of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church. It was here she was warm and friendly, becoming our friend, one that we enjoyed having in our services, one that we will miss. How well I remember Freda bringing food on the Sundays when dinner was served. Her gingerbread was a treat. I must confess, although I didn't feel condemned. I would hurriedly hide me several pieces to enjoy the following week. Since Freda is gone, yet I am sure she would say, "That's all right Bro. Newsome, just don't let Sister Newsome catch you." She was my friend and a special friend to the Antioch Church. Many times I would talk to her on the phone, telling me that she was praying, and so often she would say, "I

love you." She wasn't ashamed of her heritage, a simple lady, the changing ways of society didn't bother her. We had her yesterday, now she belongs to the ages, and as those ages roll on, and time slips away. We will have memories she left with us to comfort us in our time of sorrow.

We will not say, "Good-bye or farewell to you our dear one, only good night, good night." Sleep in the arms of Jesus, until the resurrection morning, it is then you will awake, and we trust take your flight with the holy angels to a land of pure delight. Where separation, sickness, sorrow or death will never come. In a low whispering voice we say, "Good night, good night dear one." In the stillness of the night, we will think of you, in early dawn, when the song birds sing, and a cool breeze is causing the flowers to sway in the meadows, we will again whisper, "Good night, good night, good night Freda."

Your friend, Bro. Newsome

MARGEL BEVINS

It is with much sadness and a broken heart, I with the help of the Lord, will try to write this obituary of our precious mother, Margel Bevins. She was born on August 25, 1911, and departed this life on January 27, 1997, making her stay on earth 85 years and 5 months. I believe on that cold Monday morning in January, around 3:30 am, the Lord sent his Angels to take our loving mother home to live with him in Heaven.

She was the daughter of the late Harmon David and Martha Thacker of Pikeville, Ky. She was married to a loving and wonderful husband, Thomas Jefferson Bevins, who preceded her in death in 1980. To this union was born seven children: 3 boys and 4 girls; Faye Slone of Sheffield Lake, Ohio; Denzil Bevins of New Lime, Ohio; Cornelius Bevins of Rock Creek, Ohio; Rush Bevins of Rock Creek, Ohio; Patty Causey of Cleveland, Ohio; Ermel Jackson of Rock Creek, Ohio; and Madge Bevins of Mentor, Ohio. Three sons-in-law: Matt Slone, Ed Causey and Jay Waddell. Three daughters-in-law: Carol Bevins, Bonnie Bevins and Barbara Bevins. She also leaves 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Three sisters: Callie Coleman, Naomi Halloway and Magdelene Lafferty; two brothers: John Thacker and Ulan Thacker, who preceded her in death and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1981. She belonged to The Lily of the Valley Church in Geneva, Ohio.

Mother was loved by all who knew her. She was loving and kind to everyone. She loved sewing and being out in the garden. So, mom you were a beautiful Rose the Lord picked to take home to his garden.

Mother loved her Church and Brothers and Sisters. I want to thank each and everyone for being so kind and loving to our Mother and for being there in our time of sorrow.



Margel Bevins

Mom loved her family so dearly. I want to say to the family, "If you haven't made peace with Jesus, you will have to repent and be born again by Jesus Holy Devine Spirit, if you want to live with Mother and Grandma again." So, sleep on Mother and take that peaceful sleep where we will be together soon, where no sickness, pain or heartache will ever come again. It is so sad and lonesome without you, Mother. We Love You So Much!

Written by your broken-hearted daughter
Sis. Faye Slone

THOMAS JEFFERSON BEVINS



Thomas Jefferson Bevins

It is with much sadness and a broken heart, I will try to write an obituary of our precious and loving father, Thomas Jefferson Bevins. He was born on January 9, 1903, and departed this life on April 11, 1980. He was born at Lower Pompey, KY. Dad was a coal miner and a farmer. He was a loving and caring person who worked hard all his life. He was the son of James and Molly Bevins, who preceded him in death. He married a loving wife, Margel Thacker and to this union was born seven children: Faye Slone of Sheffield Lake, Ohio; Denzil Bevins of New Lime, Ohio, Rush Bevins of Rock Creek, Ohio, Cornelius Bevins of Rock Creek, Ohio; Patty Causey of Cleveland, Ohio; Ermel Jackson of Rock Creek, Ohio; and Madge Bevins of Mentor, Ohio. Three

daughters-in-law: Carol, Bonnie and Barbara; three sons-in-law: Matt, Ed and Jay. Seventeen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren. He also had 4 brothers: Lonnie, Preston, Jerry and George; three sisters: Martha, Stella and Emmy, all who preceded him in death; one sister, Marie, who is still living.

Dad was always helpful and kind to all who knew him. He loved going to Church and praying to his Lord Savior Jesus Christ. Dad, you left us 17 years ago, it seems like only yesterday you were here with us. We miss you so much! We loved you so much Daddy! So, sleep on daddy and mother till we meet you again in Heaven, where there will be no more sickness or death over there with Jesus. So, to the children and grandchildren, make peace with Jesus, so you can live with mommy and daddy again someday!

I would like to thank everyone at the Lily of the Valley Church in Geneva, Ohio for being so kind to dad and for being there in our time of sorrow.

Written by your broken-hearted daughter,
Sis. Faye Slone

MAXIE (BRANHAM) BLAIR

Sister Maxie was born into the family of Newton Branham and Rosa (Tackett) Branham on June 1, 1920. Her sisters are: Katie Flanery of Columbus, Ohio; Silvia Justice and Sarah Jane Hankins of Port Saint Lucy, Florida; brothers: Abel Branham of Medina, Ohio; Virgil Branham of Unceeda, West Virginia; and Burnis Branham of Akron, Ohio. Sister Maxie's mother died when she was very young, and she became "a mother" to her brothers and sisters. She always enjoyed their visits.

Sister Maxie was married to Jack Blair who preceded her in death. They were blessed to have three daughters and one son: Rosa Lee Bailey, Helen Ferrell and Lucelle Blair (with whom she made her home) all of Clyde, Ohio; and Don Blair of Van, West Virginia.



Maxie (Branham) Blair

Sister Maxie announced that she was saved and had her passport to Heaven by the blood of Jesus (Ephesians 2:8-9). She didn't want any excuse for not being born again. The conclusion was between her and God. Being a Christian first, she desired a "church home." She said, "We all need one another." As the mouth needs the eye and the eye needs the hand, we serve one another with LOVE and submission. Ephesians 3:14-19. She said, "God taught me to love what He loves and hate what He hates." To love Him is to give Him first place in our hearts. God looks for brokenness and humility, not spiritual perfection.

On July 7, 1991, she chose the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church as her "home church". She was willing to obey whatever rules they required to be a member. She was baptized that Sunday along with her sister-in-law, Sister Pauline Branham (her brother Abel's wife).

I visited Sister Maxie when she told me how she regretted not obeying the Lord sooner in her life. How much we all take for granted! She said, "I go to church and I can barely hear the ministers; my eyes are growing dim, and I can hardly see them; I am so afflicted I seldom even get to go." With tears running down her face, she began to tell me all she had missed and how merciful God had been to her. She said one day, "I know I am odd; even the doctors know that. They examine my heart and can't find it. God made me different (as He did all of us really)." Her heart as on her right side, not the left.

Her funeral was conducted August 28, 1996, at the Mitchell Funeral Home in Clyde, Ohio, by Elder Larry Newsome of Pleasant View Church. Burial was made in Greenlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery. The family thanks all of those who took time to share their sorrow on behalf of their mother.

To her daughters and son: May each of you have a "Christ-centered" relationship with your Mom's God. To go to Heaven it is necessary to have a personal relationship with God (1 Corinthians 1:1-9). One cannot just know about Him, but we must know Him in the pardon and remission of sin. When that Wednesday morning in August of 1996 came, Sister Maxie was able to say, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus. I am ready to go."

God bless all of you.

In Christian Love, Sister Marjorie Slone

ANNA MAE BRYANT



Anna Mae Bryant

With the help of the Good Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my precious mother. Mom was born at Hot Spot, Kentucky, on November 3, 1918, and passed away March 2, 1997, making her stay here on earth 78 years, 3 months, and 26 days. Funeral services were held at the Rose of Sharon Old Regular Baptist Church. She was laid to rest in the Friendship Cemetery in Waynesburg, Kentucky.

She was the daughter of Henry and Nancy Jane Fields Whitaker. In August 1935 she met and married my father Homer Mitchell Bryant. Survivors include three sons: Homer Mitchell Bryant, Jr. of Orange, Texas; Eugene Bryant of Eubank, Kentucky; and Wayne Caudill of Dayton, Ohio; and six daughters: Donna Yocum of Kings Mountain, Kentucky; Judy Nothstien of Eubank, Kentucky; Jennifer Bryant of Danville, Kentucky; Billie Blair of Lodi, Ohio; Shirley Ashley of Del Rio, Tennessee; Sara Jacobs of Waynesburg, Kentucky.

She also leaves two sisters: Cindy Adams of Pikeville, Kentucky, and Roma Brock of Eubank, Kentucky; 25 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer Mitchell Bryant; her parents; a son, James Charles; two daughters: Janie Sue and Brenda Louise; and eight brothers: Rufus, Tom, Solomon, Hendrix, Orbin, Granville, George, and Alton Whitaker.

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. (Proverbs 31:10-31). I truly feel my mom was a virtuous woman. Many times I have seen Mom scrub on a washboard and iron for other people to buy food and clothes for her family. She worked so hard and was always there for us to share in our joys and sorrows. I never heard her complain. She always had a smile and a good sense of humor for everyone to share. One would never have known that her life was so hard, and her sorrows so plentiful.

Although Mom never attached herself to a church, she was so faithful to go. She had a church to go to every Sunday except the first. This was the Pleasant View Church time, so she always waited patiently every Sunday for me to call to tell her about how good our meeting was, who preached, and if there was anyone who joined. I was always anxious to tell her. It was like having her there with me at church. She told me many times of wanting to and dreaming of going into the water to be baptized and how bad it hurt her at communion time. I believe she missed a lot of the joy of salvation, but I believe she gained all the joys of Heaven.

I want to beg all of you children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors, who do not know the Lord as your personal Savior, to fall out with sin and make plans to walk down those streets of gold in that great morning, hand in hand with Mom and our sweet Savior the Lord Jesus Christ.

To Brother Larry Newsome and Brother Hargis Tuttle, Mom loved to hear you sing and preach. I know she would have loved knowing you were there. We did.

So Mom, sleep on, and some day, with the help of the Lord, I will meet you in the morning.

Written by her broken-hearted daughter,
Sister Billie Blair

LEE CAUDILL

With a sad and aching heart, I will try to write an obituary of my beloved husband, Lee Caudill. He was born November 28, 1926 at Elciemoal, Kentucky. He was a twin and the seventh son of Wesley and Millie Caudill. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Centa (Kresenz), one son, Robert Caudill of Miamisburg, Ohio, two grandchildren, Melissa Caudill Land of Franklin, Ohio and Robert Wayne Caudill of Middletown, Ohio, and two great-grandchildren, Kristi Lee Land and Terry Joe Land. Also surviving are three sisters: Lula Caudill of Whitesburg, Kentucky; Nora Fields of Franklin, Ohio; and his twin sister, Bertha Anderson of Tenille, Georgia; and one brother, Roy Caudill of Jacksonburg, Ohio.



Lee Caudill

He served his country from 1948 to 1952. While stationed in Germany, Lee met and married Centa (Kresenz) Holzleitner. He joined the Little Family Church in 1954 and was a charter member when it was organized in 1956. He loved to attend church every week when he was able. As all who visited the Little Family Church knew, Brother Lee had a special way of making everyone there feel welcome. With a kind word and a warm handshake, he heartily greeted all who entered the doors of the Little Family Church. He loved all of God's children and enjoyed telling about the Lord and His Goodness. Brother Lee had a special love for little children and was often seen singing, playing, and talking with them. He was a good and kind man who enjoyed visiting with his Brothers and Sisters and many friends. Brother Lee loved singing the Old Songs of Zion and was frequently asked to sing wherever he traveled.

He was an employee of General Motors for thirty years, having retired in 1980. After a diagnosis of cancer in 1978 and surgery in 1980, Brother Lee was able to live a normal life until 1994. At that time, his condition gradually worsened until July 20, 1996, when the Lord said "You have suffered enough, Little One, come on home." He left this world of sorrow for a world of peace. We miss his sweet smile and kind words, but we know he is resting and waiting. Children, Papaw told you many times to repent, be born again, and go to church. If you do this, you can meet Papaw in heaven some sweet day.

Written by his wife and sister in Christ,
Centa Caudill

MAUDIE TRIPLETT CORDER



Maudie Triplett Corder

With many precious memories, and by the help of my Lord, I will write the obituary of my aunt, Maudie Corder.

Maudie Triplett Corder of Ray, Ohio passed away on August 3, 1996 after being in failing health for awhile. She was born May 2, 1921 in Garret, Kentucky making her stay here 75 years. She was born to the late Zack and Elizay Martin Triplett, a homemaker and a member of the Little Flock Old Regular Baptist Church.

Also preceding her in death was her husband Charles Elliott Corder (Jan. 30, 1993) and two sons Charles and Gregory, and one sister Girlie Triplett Warrens; eight brothers: Lacy, William Lee, Savalis, Otis, Curt, Freddie, Dave, and Mitchell. Survivors include one son, Jack Corder of Circleville, Ohio, and one daughter Louise Durphey of Warren, Michigan; two brothers: Reed Triplett of Tiro, Ohio; and Creed Triplett of Florida; four sisters: Mary Wiczuk and Lucille Marlow of Port Charlott, Florida; Margaret Farrar of Palmetto, Florida; and Edith Justice of Galion, Ohio. Seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was an aunt, best friend, and my sister in the Lord, and her death cannot take away all the good memories the family has of her. We miss Maudie, but some day our hope is to be together with all our loved ones gone on before us.

Written by a sister in the Lord,
Janice Graves

EMMA (STEPHENS) COYER



Emma (Stephens) Coyer

With much sadness and great loss, I will write the obituary of our dear Mother and Grandmother, Emma Coyer. Mom was born in Floyd County, Kentucky May 26, 1911 and passed away on May 28, 1997 making her stay here on earth 86 years and 2 days.

She was the daughter of the late Samuel and Rachel Stephens. She married Gene Coyer on September 13, 1930. Dad passed away on June 28, 1984. Those left to mourn the loss of their dear Mother were two sons: James Coyer and John Coyer of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Six daughters: Mary Fugate, Share Frost and Billie Tuttle of Garrett, Indiana; Sue Ann Rowe of Butler; Bertha Morgan of Fort Wayne; and Patricia VanGessel of

LaOtto. Two children preceded her in death: Denver (Max) Coyer of Elkhart, Indiana and Emogene Cover, an infant. Thirty-six grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Mom was a member of the Little Flossie Church where she was baptized. We will all miss her greatly, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain. Mom had been so ill the last few years, we know she is at rest now. She is not hurting or sick anymore. But how hard it is to give you up. We will always remember the times she wiped a tear or told a story and made us all feel safe. Mom we all love you very much and miss you with all our hearts.

Written by her daughter, Billie Jo Tuttle

ALVIN DALES

With much sadness, we will try to write this obituary of our dear one. Husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He left us so quick we did not get to say goodbye.

Alvin was born March 24, 1915 at Maxie, Virginia and died November 15, 1996 at Middletown Regional Hospital at Middletown, Ohio.

His parents were Basil H. Dales and Melvina (Mellie) Elizabeth Fields Dales. Both preceded him in death. Also one sister Gusta Stacy and five brothers: Garland, Beldon, Charlie, Hazel and Kelly. He has three sisters living: Ethel Delaney and Opal Looney, both of Grundy, Virginia; and Lexie McCoy of Arcadia, Florida. One brother-in-law, Earl McCoy and two sisters-in-law, Ollie and Margaret.



Alvin Dales

Left to mourn his loss is his wife, Stella, of 52 years. Two sons: Steve A. Dales of Ft. Worth, Texas and John E. Dales of Lebanon, Ohio. Five grandchildren: Donna Hudgel, John P. Dales, Tonya Bevens, Steve A. Dales, Jr., and Amanda Dales. Two great grandchildren: Travis and Lauren Hudgel. All whom he loved dearly.

He was a veteran of World War II. Alvin joined The Little Family Church of Old Regular Baptist at Jacksonburg, Ohio on June 9, 1982 and was baptized June 27, 1982 by Elder Roy Caudill and Elder Hendricks Hampton. He loved the church and all of the members, and sometimes he went when he wasn't able to go. He never, never wanted to be late going to church.

We all miss him so much, but believe he is in a better place. He would be happy to hear, since he left us we have two additions to the family. The oldest grandson, Steve, got married and a little great-grandson, Cole Andrew Dales was born to our grandson, John Paul.

We love you Dear, and hope you are happy. We sure do miss you.

Written by his wife, Stella and family

VIRGIE ELSWICK



Virgie Elswick

It is with many loving memories and much sadness that I write the obituary of our sweet and dear mother.

Virgie was born October 8, 1907 and went to be with Jesus on July 8, 1996. She was the wife of Dewey Elswick of Pikeville, Kentucky, who preceded her in death on November 4, 1991. They were married on November 27, 1924, and were blessed with eleven children: two deceased, nine living including four sons: Ollie, Craig, Joe and Homer; five daughters: Blanche Little, Rosa Pickett, Wanda Fox, Jewel Flanery and Ethel Gentry. She was a member of Caney Creek Old Regular Baptist Church for many years before coming to Louisville and joining Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church.

She attended faithfully, along with my dad, who was not a member of the church, but of God's family. He told his children many times of his experience with the Lord. Mom loved the Lord with all her heart and loved going to church and "filling her seat".

Mom was loved by all who knew her and will always be remembered for her loving kindness and sweet smile. On the day she went to be with Jesus, there was a bright light that shone around her. That experience was a testimony to many people and that testimony is still being shared. Her life was truly a light to all who knew her.

We had a loving mother and miss her very much. My memories of mom are very special.

From the life she lived, we have no doubt that our loss is Heaven's gain.

From her loving daughter, Blanche Little

COLEMAN FIELDS



Coleman Fields

With a sad and lonely heart I will attempt to write an obituary for my beloved husband, Coleman Fields. He was born June 25, 1917 in Dongola, Kentucky. He died February 2, 1997, making his stay on this earth 79 years. He was the son of Ambrose and Rebecca (Wells) Fields. They, along with 3 brothers and 1 sister, preceded him in death.

He served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII from 1940 to 1945.

Coleman met and married Nora Caudill in 1941 and to this blessed union five children were born. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife of 55 years, Nora; two sons: Virgil Emory and Coleman Isaac, both of Middletown, Ohio; and three

daughters: Millie Colene Stewart, Naomi Faye Stafford and Constance Anne Patrick, all of Franklin, Ohio. Along with these children and their families he leaves a brother, Joe Fields of Louisville, Kentucky. This brother was so good to him. He and his wife, Laura spent Coleman's last days with him and were so tender and caring for him. Their reward awaits them in heaven. Coleman was a good husband and dad. He leaves a 96-year-old stepmother, Minnie Fields, of Ermine, Kentucky. He also leaves a host of friends, relatives and Brothers and Sisters in the church to mourn his passing.

Coleman joined the Little Family Church of Old Regular Baptist in 1959. He was a faithful member the rest of his life. He served the church as a deacon and as the clerk for many years until his hearing became so bad he asked to be relieved. He dearly loved the church and all his Brothers and Sisters in it. He loved to have them come home with him from church and have fellowship with him.

In 1984 he was diagnosed with that dreaded disease, lung cancer. He was successfully operated on and given treatment. God gave him about 14 more years of life. About 2 years ago he was diagnosed again with lung cancer in his upper rib cage. He suffered greatly, gradually getting worse and worse until God said, "It is enough," and He called him home. I miss him terribly but I would not wish him back to this old world.

Dearest children and grandchildren, he loved you all and prayed for you daily. If you ever want to see daddy again, take his advice. Repent and be born again and live for Jesus and when this life is over you will see your dad in heaven.

Written by his wife, Nora Fields

FORREST D. GARRETTSON

Brother Forrest D. Garrettson, 84, of Lorain died Tuesday, September 17, 1996 at Amherst Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Sutton, W. VA, he moved to Lorain in 1949.

He served in the Army during World War II as a military policeman.

Mr. Garrettson was a laborer with the Norfolk and Western Railroad for 22 years, retiring in 1975.

He was a member of Little Edna Old Regular Baptist Church in Lorain and enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Edith Jane (nee Smith); a son: Kenneth R. of Lorain; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a sister: Dora Hawkins of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Huey Garrettson and Lucy (nee Davis); and brothers: Wade and Huey Garrettson.

Written by the family and Elder Elmer Edwards

JAMES GREEN JR.



James Green Jr.

Remembering so many good times we had at our family gatherings and our yearly family reunion, we will attempt with the help of our Dear Lord to write an obituary of our Dear departed brother James Green Jr., who Jesus called home on January 17, 1997.

He was born on July 26, 1927 to the late Elder James Green and Hannah Jane Ratliff Green. About a year before he learned he had cancer we could see him making a big change in the way he lived. It pleased us more than anything that could have happened because he was a rowdy young man. We all prayed so long for him to change and was so pleased when his wife said he was praying a lot.

He loved family gatherings but a few months before he died he would steal away from the crowd, and I think the only thing that would have pulled him away from the crowd was to talk to God. He was a member of Mt. Olive Holiness Church of Londonberry, Ohio.

Besides his Father and Mother he was preceded in death by four brothers, two sisters and two daughters. He leaves to mourn his passing his dear devoted wife Margie Hall Green of Londonberry, Ohio, who cared for him patiently through the three months of his sickness. Also, one son, one daughter and 4 grandchildren, five sisters, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. We miss him very much but would not wish him back to this sinful world.

Written by the Family

ARNOLD HAMILTON



Arnold Hamilton

It is with deepest sorrow that I will write this obituary for our dear grandfather. He passed away September 21, 1996 at Anchor Lodge Nursing Home in Lorain, Ohio. He was 76 years old.

He was born November 2, 1919 in Galveston, KY and moved to Lorain in 1959. He was the eldest son of Addie Hall and Troy Hamilton, who preceded him in death. He married his wife of 58 years, Melvina Hamilton, October 8, 1936. Through this union were five children. One surviving son, James Reeves of Lorain, Ohio; two daughters: Myrtle Jean Anderson, and Darlene Hamilton, both of Lorain, Ohio; two sons: Cordell Hamilton of Clinchco, VA and their infant son, Donald Ray Hamilton, which all preceded

his death.

He has a sister, Virginia Conn that preceded his death; three surviving brothers:

Ira, Orville, and Vernes of Kentucky; and four surviving sisters: Arzella Keathley, Clara Hamilton, both of Kentucky; Ovene Hamilton of Lorain, Ohio and Cleo Collins of Maryland. Also left to mourn his death are nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Grandpa was a member of the Little Edna Old Regular Baptist Church in Lorain, OH. He and his wife were active members of that church for over 30 years, where he began his journey to salvation. Grandpa was an active Deacon, and also participated in communion preparations and along with fellow members, helped his wife bake the bread. Through his years at Little Edna, he established many lasting friendships that will never perish.

When I think of grandpa, I think of goodness and many fond memories. His rosy cheeks and smile could light up any room. He would constantly tell us stories about his years of life and his future here after, and would tell us how to join him there someday. He had such a way about him. Everyone he met became his friend. He was kind and thoughtful and also knew how to make us laugh. It breaks my heart to know he is gone. However, if we follow the path he chose to follow, I know we will all be united again as a family in heaven.

Forever Loved & Sadly Missed, Love his Grandchildren
Written by Granddaughter, Angela Anderson

RAYMOND HICKS

It is with prayer and a sad heart that I attempt to write the obituary of our dear father, Raymond Hicks. Dad was born December 11, 1919 in Carretta, West VA to the late Elder John and Clara Hicks. Dad deceased this life December 31, 1996, being 77 years and 20 days old.

Dad and Mom (Carly Mae) were united in marriage October 25, 1938, bringing forth to this union eleven children. Two infant daughters preceded him in death, also one granddaughter, three brothers, and one infant sister.

Surviving are Mom and nine children. Five sons: Russell Hicks of Wolcottville, IN; Joshua and Amos Hicks both of Paynesville, WVA; Ronald Hicks of Cromwell, IN; and Harrison Hicks of Topeka, IN. Four daughters: Clara Johnson, Alice Johnson, and Evelyn Roberts of Ligonier, IN; and Fronie Payne of Whitewood, VA. Also surviving are one brother, Elder Joshua Hicks of Amanda, OH; and five sisters: Lucinda Vance, Mae Bailey and Leah Hagerman, of Payneville, WVA; Edith Hagerman of Ligonier, IN; Cynthia Slone of Hazard, KY. 20 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Dad was a member and Deacon of the Little Flock Church of the New Salem Association. Dad loved the Little Flock Church.

Dad supported his family by working hard in the coal fields until he was forced to retire due to injuries and failing health. In the past ten years Dad became worse with Parkinsons Disease. He found it very hard to accept his sickness.



Raymond Hicks

Dad was very pleased when family, friends, Brothers and Sisters would come to visit him. He always had his hand extended to greet them.

We miss Dad, but it gives us great peace to know he is not suffering now and will never be lonely again.

In loving memory, Elder Russell Hicks-Son

DESSIE JOHNSON HAMPTON



Dessie Johnson Hampton

This morning the Lord woke me and told me to write this. With the help of our Lord, I will try and write the obituary of Sister Dessie. She was born August 1, 1916 to Lorenzo and Anna Johnson at Speight, Kentucky. Sister Dessie died February 12, 1997. Making her stay on earth 80 years, 5 months, 12 days.

Dessie grew up in the beautiful mountains of Eastern Kentucky. Where as a beautiful young lady, she met a young handsome gentleman named Hassel Hampton. He stole her heart, and on November 30, 1932 they were married. This marriage lasted more than 64 years, and it was always full of love. To this marriage was born 5 children. Two sons: Leo and Robert Lee. Three daughters: Ruby, Ola Mae and Pauline.

The family lived in Eastern Kentucky most of their young years. In 1953, they moved to River Rouge, Michigan, where she lived until her death.

Sister Dessie found the need for a Savior. She was saved and became a member of Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church on July 4, 1948. She was a member for over 49 years. I believe if she could talk to her family, she would say "Come and see me in my new home." As long as I knew her, she always had a hug for me and told me how much she loved me. Not only me, but everyone that knew her.

Sister Dessie is survived by her loving husband, Hassel Hampton. Also her children: Leo and Carolyn Sue Hampton, Robert Lee and Jacqueline Hampton, Ruby and Richard Dike, Ola Mae and Edgar Hampton, Pauline and Clell Tackett, and her 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild, also a host of family, friends and neighbors. All of whom will never forget her.

Children, always remember the LOVING MEMORIES that MOMMY gave you.

Written by her sister in christ,
Spicie Belcher

MAGGIE FRANKLIN HOLBROOK

It fills my heart with sadness and my eyes with tears, as I begin to write about my devoted and beloved wife. Maggie Franklin Holbrook passed away in our home in Lincoln Park, MI on the 19th day of December, 1996, making her stay here on earth 72 years, 10 months, and 12 days. Maggie was born February 7, 1924 to the late Ben J. Franklin and Sarah Jane Craft in Millstone, KY. Maggie and I were married on August 31, 1943 in her parents home in Millstone, KY. She was a devoted wife and loving mother. She had many interesting things she enjoyed doing, she loved to take pictures of her family and to watch them grow. Maggie's family was her life. She never forgot to thank God for all the blessing He gave her family. She trusted Him to take care of all things.



Maggie Franklin Holbrook

Maggie had accepted the Lord many years ago. She served Him faithfully all her days. We will all miss her very much. Maggie was a member of the Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church of Ecorse, MI. We thank God for giving us the precious gift of Maggie as a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, sister and friend.

Maggie will be missed most of all by Remus Holbrook, her husband of 53 years of marriage. They were blessed with three children: Loraine Cox of Romulus, MI; Jimmy Holbrook of Dearborn, MI; and Patricia Ann Martin of Lincoln Park, MI. We also have ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Maggie was also survived by four brothers: Enoch Franklin of Little River, SC; Johnny Franklin of Johnson City, GA; Jessie Franklin of Somerset, KY; and Billy Franklin of Pebbles, OH. Also she had four brothers to precede her in death: Andrew Jackson Franklin, Archie Franklin, Watson Franklin and Bennie Franklin. Two sisters who preceded her in death as infants: Polly K. Franklin and Sabrina Ruth Franklin. Maggie will be missed by all who knew her. But, if she could, she would say: "Don't worry about me, I've gone home with a friend."

With all our love, Your loving husband,
Remus Holbrook and family

TO MAGGIE:

It breaks my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone.
For a part of us went with you, the day God called you home.
He saw you getting tired, when a cure was not to be found.
He put His arms around you, and whispered: My child come home.
Now asleep in God's garden, away from sorrow and pain.
When life's journey is over, we shall meet you again.
Our thoughts and prayers are always with you.
Your Loving Friends.

ELLA JARRELL



Ella Jarrell

With a sad and grieving heart, I will attempt to write an obituary of my precious and loving Mom, Ella Jarrell.

Mom was born on March 24, 1913 in Floyd County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Lee and Nannie Conn. Mom departed from this life on March 5, 1997, making her stay on earth eighty years, eleven months, and five days. Mom married Dad, Kellie Jarrell, on May 16, 1931. Dad died on July 6, 1978. Mom and Dad were blessed with eight children: Nanalene, Thomas, Pat, and Rhonda. Preceding her in death were Jackie Lee, Tavis, Ella Rae, and Paul.

Mom came from a big family. Five sisters and four brothers preceded her in death. Left to mourn her are her sister, Luddie Salisbury, and brother, Darvene Conn.

Also left to mourn the loss of Mom are three sons-in-law: Fred Jones, Ron Kata, and Dave Jerome; one daughter-in-law: Christine Jarrell; sixteen grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mom joined the United Baptist Church at Banner, Kentucky about forty-eight years ago. After she moved to Michigan she attended the Regular Baptist Churches. On June 9, 1974 Mom joined the Little Zion Church. The members of Little Zion Church became her family. Mom was ill a lot. The members were always there for her. Brother Owens and Sister Owens gave her a ride to Church many many times. In Mom's last days her brothers and sisters from church were there with the family. I don't know what we would have done without their support and faith.

Mom was such a wonderful Mother and friend. She had such a strong faith in Jesus. We love you mom.

Written by daughter Pat and Family

LUTHER JOHNSON



Luther Johnson

With a sad and heavy heart I will try to write the obituary of our dad, Luther Johnson. He was born February 2, 1907 and deceased February 7, 1997, making his stay here on earth 90 years and 5 days. He was the son of the late Tom Johnson and Roseannie Cook. He had eight brothers which are all deceased. He went to work in the early year of 1924 at Elcorn Coal Company, which later was Inland Steel Coal Company. He worked over 47 years in the mines. He met our mother, Polly Jane Tackett and they were married December 31, 1925. To this union were born nine children, two which are deceased. Three sons living: Estill of Crofton, Kentucky; Johnny of Wood-

haven, Michigan; and Gary of Taylor, Michigan. Four daughters: Bernice Bates of Taylor, Michigan; Georgine Johnson of Wheelwright, Kentucky; Virginia Hicks of Leburn, Kentucky; and Carol Lenahan of Elizabeth, Indiana. After our mother's death, he met and married Beatrice Johnson in 1948. To this union there were four children born. Russell of Wheelwright, Kentucky; Luther, Jr. of Wheelwright, Kentucky; Katheryn Collins of Jeffersonville, Kentucky; and Fayette Cole of Melvin, Kentucky. In 1953 he married Velva Hall and had one son, Homer of Bevinsville, Kentucky. He had five stepdaughters: Hazel Wright of Marshall, Michigan; Lillie Johnson of Bevinsville, Kentucky; Sue Burke of Martin, Kentucky; Fay Hall of Kite, Kentucky; and Mollie Snyder of Hillsdale, Michigan. He had forty-two grandchildren, seventy-two great-grandchildren, and a host of step-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends to mourn him. He loved having Church in his home and family and friends coming to visit. He wanted everyone to eat before they left. He joined Little Rock Regular Baptist Church in Jacks Creek, Kentucky on September 9, 1992 and was baptized that day. He told us Brother Able Johnson baptized him twice, once in his dream, and once in the natural water. We called him on his birthday, February 2, 1997, he told Claud and I he was ready to go, he was just waiting on the Lord to take him home. I believe with all my heart Daddy is at peace. He has gone home to live with Jesus. Daddy will not have any more pain and suffering. He was always ready to help Little Rock Church. Daddy we all love you so much and will miss you deeply. Our loss is heaven's gain. Daddy we hope to meet you on that bright day.

With all our love, Your Children.

Written by your daughter,
Bernice Bates, Taylor, Michigan

DELLA KING

On May 30, 1913, in the hills of Floyd County, KY a little girl was born to the late Dillard and Nellie Collins. They called this little girl Della. After her dad passed away, her mother became disabled to care for her and she found a home with her uncle, Siefas and Artie Collins and became one of their children. As she grew up and started to climb this hill, called time, bringing love and happiness to so many she met on her way home. On this journey, she met a fine young man from her native land, Henry King. They took their holy vows in marriage November 2, 1930. Together they shared pleasures, joys, and happiness, along with heartaches, disappointments, trials and troubles of this life for 46 years, until God called him home.



Della King

God trusted in the hands of this fine couple 3 little girls: Ellaree Jones, Printer, KY; Linda Slone and Brenda Caudill, Willard, OH; 4 little boys: Ivan and Romeo, Plymouth, OH; Lee Roy, Galion, OH; Jerry, Columbus, OH. 10 grandchildren, 9

great-grandchildren. One son, Ballis, one grandson, Roy, one brother, Madison Collins, and her husband preceded her in death.

As Della continued to climb up this hill, she realized she needed someone to help her instruct and raise her children. Her soul was troubled, she became sick, she started to seek and pray and search for a cure. She met a man named Jesus, who said to her, your sins which are many I freely forgive, now go tell the world you met me. So many years ago she gave her hand to become a member of the Pilgrim Rest Church in KY where she kept her membership there all the rest of her life. Jesus gave her a little light to lead her through the darkness so she wouldn't stumble up the hill. He put in her heart a little ticket, so she'd never lose it, cause she would need it, when she gets near the river, and the old ship of Zion passes by.

The changing ways of this world, pride and fashions of this life never worried her. She loved to garden, sew, make quilts and spread her table with delicious food for one and all who would stop by.

Leaving her native land she moved to Plymouth, OH to be near her children. She talked to me about her children, she prayed for them and hoped someday that they would get their eyes open and meet this man. When she lived with our mom and dad, she looked after me like I was one of her children. She was our big sister. Her prayers may have brought you children home many times.

As she neared the top of the hill, she became so tired and worried, she felt she was no good to anybody anymore. The house she lived in began to deteriorate, she couldn't see through the windows as she did in years gone by. She couldn't have her pets and ramble the hills like she used to do.

On July 5, 1997 she neared the top of the mountain after climbing for 84 years. She felt the breezes from the other side of the river and she wanted to go with this man Jesus. She heard him say, here child, put your hand in mine, have no fear, remember I told you I would never forsake or leave you. You've been struggling for so long up this hill and you were never ashamed of me. You never had too many material things as you climbed this hill. Now you won't want for anything.

As the ship of Zion got closer, Jesus saw the ticket stamped in your heart with his precious blood. You calmly went to sleep where nothing will disturb you or awake you until the morning of the resurrection where you will reach that land of peace, joy, and love and have a new body that will never grow old.

One of her daughters said that she was the best mother ever, a heart of gold. She loved children of all ages. Her door was always open. Mom left a lot of broken hearts.

She would want us to tell you, children come see me in my new home. Listen for that low still voice.

God Bless You,
Verda Shepherd, Hazel Pullum

ELMA LAFERTY

It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of my beloved mother.

Mom died Thursday, March 7, 1996, at her residence in Huston Nursing Home. She was 90 years of age. She was born May 17, 1905, in Carter County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Floyd and Vinnie Carter Holbrook.

Mom was a homemaker and a member of Maggie's Home Church. She is survived by four sons: Edward Laferty of Hamden; Bobby, Harold Dean, and Harlis Ray, all of McArthur; two daughters: Wanda Slone, of Albany Route 3; Vivian Withrow of McArthur Route 2; four half-brothers: Junior Holbrook of Richmond, Kentucky; Charles Holbrook of Whitesburg, Kentucky; Albert Holbrook of Centerville, Georgia; Bill Holbrook of Softshell, Kentucky. 16 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.



Elma Laferty

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Laferty in 1974; two sons, Charles and Archie; two sisters, Velda Martin and Eula Mae Holbrook; and two brothers, Vondon and Edward Holbrook.

MEMORIES OF OUR MOTHER, ELMA LAFERTY

Some of the good memories we will never forget. In the last months of her life, we would go to the Nursing Home and see her. They would tell us Mom has been singing and whistling all day.

We would go to the bedside and ask Mom to sing us a song. Her favorite was Jesus Loves Me and then Mom would say her prayers for us (Now I lay me down to sleep. . .). We had both tears and joy over the little things that she would say to make us laugh, even in her pain.

These are some of the great memories we have of our mother while she was in the Nursing Home. Mom said she wanted all her children to meet her in Heaven one day. She will be sadly missed by all her loved ones. Mom, we will meet you in Heaven someday.

Sadly missed by all her children

Mom,

Only one year since you passed away.

Sometimes to us, It seems like yesterday.

We watched you suffer, Mom, and often had to cry,

For we knew that soon, We'd have to say goodbye.

God gave us the strength to face it in the world below.

But what it meant to lose you, No one will ever know.

To know your pain is over, God gave us the strength to say,

Goodbye for a little while, Mom, We'll meet you again someday.

Sadly missed by all her children

CHARMA PEARL MIDDLETON



Charma Pearl Middleton

OH, Charlene Bear of Olive Hill, KY and brothers Troy Holbrook of Mansfield, OH, Homer Holbrook of Alliance, OH, and Clabe Holbrook of Olive Hill, KY are left with only memories.

She attended Macedonia Old Regular Baptist Church with her husband Ernest. Mama was always there for our problems and I guess she still is, only in our hearts. She gave everything she had when someone needed her. There isn't a day that goes by without reminders of what she has done for us.

This has been a very hard time for all of us, but we know that she is no longer in pain and that she is somewhere where there is only love and she's looking down on us and guiding us.

We only know that we were blessed because we were loved by her.

Written by her family

GEORGE MONROE MOORE



George Monroe Moore

It is with a heavy heart and much sadness that we write an obituary for our caring and loving husband, father and grandfather, George Monroe Moore. He was born in Webbville, Lawrence County, Kentucky, on February 18, 1910. He passed away from this earth December 12, 1996 at Alliance Community Hospital, in Alliance, Ohio, making his stay on the earth 86 years, 10 months, and 12 days. He was the son of the late Joseph and Melissa Young Moore, of Cherokee, Kentucky. He is preceded in death by four sisters: Elizabeth Graham, Susie Young, Amy Ramey and Golda E. Burchet, and two brothers, Noah "Doc" and John.

Mr. Moore lived in Alliance for most of his life, and worked at American Steel Foundries as a sand conveyor operator, and

retired in 1972. He was a member of the Grahm Baptist Church in Grahm, Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife, Lola Jane (Holbrook), whom he married on December 2, 1935; and through their union of 61 years of marriage had five daughters: Delores Hickman of Homeworth; Christine Morgan of North Canton; Linda Utterback of Stow; Vernal Middleton of Alliance; and Ann Plottner of Canton. He is also survived by a brother Henry of Webbville, Kentucky; 11 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Some of the special memories we have of our husband and father include his daily reading of his bible that he read from for many years, and his great enjoyment of singing his favorite hymns. Also visits from family members, especially the grandchildren, and great-grandchildren which he enjoyed greatly. He will be sadly missed by his loving wife Lola, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends.

Written by his granddaughter,
Kristina Middleton

JOHN MOORE

This is the most difficult task I have ever attempted to do. With the Lord's help I will try to write an obituary of my sweet husband John Moore. He died peacefully at home June 20, 1997 at 3:00 p.m.

We were married on July 5, 1952 at Leslie, MI and I thank God for lending him to me for 45 years.

He was the son of Arlin Moore and Gracy Shepherd of Floyd County, Kentucky. His mother, father, one brother Jimmy, two sisters, Polly, and an infant, and one step-brother Woodrow Burchett preceded him in death. Surviving is a stepmother, Della Rowe of Salyersville, KY, two sisters, Eva Nolan, Pearlie Jones, stepbrother, Carlus Burchett, seven nieces, and six nephews.



John Moore

John retired because of bad lungs and had to use oxygen for 11 years, and I thank God he was still happy.

He didn't have his name in a church book, but I believe the day the Lord saved his soul at home and his name was put in the Lambs Book of Life. When the Brothers visited him, he made it known that God had saved his soul. He didn't get strong enough to be baptized but wanted to be, and become a member of my home Church.

I want to say to everyone, if you want to see John again get saved and live your life for the Lord while you are living on earth.

Sleep now Honey when the Lord calls my name we will never be parted again. God will watch over me. Goodbye Honey for a while. I love you so much and my little home will be lonesome without you.

Written by your wife, Magline Moore

JOHN B. MULLINS



John B. Mullins

John B. Mullins died unexpectedly in his home on January 23, 1997. We, his family, are sad and lonely without him but we rejoice that he repented and was baptized on December 7, 1996 and taken into the membership of Maggie's Home Church at Dundas, Ohio. John made the comment after his conversion that by God's grace he was received into His kingdom at the eleventh hour.

John was born in Greasy Creek, Kentucky on January 6, 1906 to the late William Preston Mullins and Ida Gillispie Mullins. He grew up in the area and mined coal there as a young man. He took the hand of Edna Bertrand on September 13, 1941 to be his devoted wife for 55 years. With World War II in full swing, John honored his country by joining the Army on June 16, 1942 and serving in the European Theater, when he received severe frostbite and where he saw action in one of the worst battles of the war, The Battle of the Bulge. He was decorated with several medals for outstanding service for his country. Upon his return to civilian life on October 12, 1945, he again worked in the Pike County area in the coal mines and was a small grocery store owner in Greasy Creek, Kentucky. He moved with his family to Vinton County, Ohio in 1952, where he was a timber cutter and farmer for many years. In later years John and Edna moved to Columbus, Ohio where John worked in the maintenance department at Ohio State University. After retirement, he moved back to Vinton County to a farm adjoining the farm he originally owned, settling down with Edna to enjoy their retirement years.

Besides his beloved wife, Edna, he is survived by his devoted daughter, Virgie Rose, and two loving grandsons, Anthony G. and Gary T. Rose, two great-granddaughters, Kelcie and Ashley Rose. Also surviving are three brothers: Clarence of Richmond, Virginia; Eugene of Virgie, Kentucky; Howard of Glasgow, Kentucky; and one sister, Frankie Adams of Louisville, Kentucky.

John knew the bitterness of losing a child, with the death of his twelve year old son, John Brent Mullins, in a drowning accident and with the death of eleven brothers and sisters that preceded him.

John loved the outdoors and enjoyed hiking on his farm frequently, he loved to cut and split firewood. Warm thoughts of him enjoying his little farm and the beauty of nature and the outdoors prompt the writing of the poet:

To everything there is a season,
And a time to every purpose under the heaven.
A time to plant and a time to harvest.
As God sows and reaps each tiny seed in the soil,
He cares for us from first light and far beyond our earthly toil.

RONNIE BRUCE MULLINS

It is with a sad heart and the help of God that I attempt to write an obituary of our brother, Ronnie Bruce Mullins.

Ronnie Bruce was the only living son of Bethel Burke Mullins and Bonnie Mullins. He entered this life the 22nd of November 1949 at Myra, KY and left this world the early evening of March 5, 1997 at his home in Conover, North Carolina, making his stay upon God's earth 47 years, 3 months and 5 days.

Ronnie Bruce married Anita LaBell of River Rouge, MI on July 3, 1967. To this union was born two sons, Richard Bruce and Ronnie Don, both of North Carolina. Ronnie Bruce also has another son going by his father's name, Ronnie Mullins, also of North Carolina.

He leaves behind his wife of 30 years, Anita, three sons, two daughters-in-law, three grandchildren all of North Carolina; his mother, Bethel Bentley and a grandmother, Carrie Mullins, both of Myra, KY; three sisters, Molly Bailey of Knightstown, IN; Lillie Johnson of Romulus, MI; and Gay Tackett of Melvindale, MI, and a host of friends and loved ones. His father and a brother preceded him in death.

Ronnie left a hope for us that we will see him again but only the Lord and Ronnie know for sure. I believe Ronnie tried to change his life in the year he lived after he got cancer. I believe he tried to make up for his life of sin and tried to get closer to his loved ones. Sleep on baby brother, our world is more lonely without you.

Written by his sister, Gay Tackett



Ronnie Bruce Mullins

LUCY NICKLES

Lucy Nickles, 82, died at 12:55 p.m. June 2, 1997 at Lima Memorial Hospital. She was born September 14, 1914 in Fourmile, Kentucky to Bee and Rosie Belle Hicks Wicker. On March 17, 1933, she married Hubert Nickles, who died November 21, 1988.

She was a member of Mount Zion Old Regular Baptist Church for 15 years. She attended Mousie Regular Baptist Church, Mousie, KY, for 50 years.

Survivors include seven sons, three daughters, thirty-four grandchildren, forty-one great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Ralph and James Nickles; a daughter, Judy Nickles; two brothers, Marion and Baslee Wicker; and five



Lucy Nickles

sisters, Hattie and Hettie Wicker, Gypsie Stevens, Ellen Wallen, and Olive Wicker.

This is a letter that was written by her daughter, Dallie Thomas, and was read at the funeral in honor of her loving mother.

Dear Mom,

The morning of the last day of your life, I combed your hair for you. Bethel had just left after spending the night and feeding you your breakfast. MaryLou was there with you. We all enjoyed so much doing the things that we could for you, and we counted it a blessing and a privilege that God granted us the past few years with you.

After the nurses gave you your bath and I had fixed your hair, we sat you in a chair by the window. This was the first time in eleven days that you had been out of bed. I thought you looked so pretty sitting there, and I was so pleased that you were feeling better. It was a cloudy day and I remember telling you that I wished the sun was brighter for you as you looked out on a new day. Little did I know that at that time, the "real Son" on that day had not rose yet to do the work He had planned for you that day. For the "Son" that was to shine for you that day would bring a brighter day than the natural sun has ever known.

Mom, all my life, I guess, I saw you as a frail, dependent, and little lady that needed a lot of protection. Sometimes we look so hard with these natural eyes that we fail to see the real strength and character in the ones we love. Dad also saw you as someone who needed a great deal of protection and he dreaded so much to go before you in death and leave you behind. He would always say, "What will happen to your mother when I am gone?"

But today as I read again the instructions you had me write down a couple of years ago about how you wanted your funeral to be, I found a lady of extreme rugged strength and strong character. I realized that the wisdom of each of these decisions and choices was far beyond the human mentality and reasoning, to understand your instructions, as they were dictated in the wisdom of the Spirit of God that is far above human reasoning. In your great wisdom, you knew that with ten children there would be ten different opinions and by telling us what you wanted, you would eliminate a lot of confusion.

Your first instruction was that you wanted to be taken to your little church in McGuffey. In this decision, you were pointing your children to the way home and eternal life. And that way home and eternal life is only given through the church of the living God.

Just as our natural mother who gave each of us children our natural life, you knew that we needed a spiritual mother to have eternal life and that spiritual mother is the church. "No Child of God is born any other way except through God's church." You were saying to us, "as your natural mother I can no longer be with you children, but let me point you to another mother." We are all here mom, yes, at least once you got us all in church together.

Your second instruction was to have Brother Morris Wicker to open with prayer and sing "Sweet Beulah Land, How I have longed for you." Prayer was the sustaining force in your life. I remember as a little girl as we lay on our bed at night and all the lights were out, hearing you call out to God in prayer boldly and unashamed for God to save the souls of your children. Your constant willingness to call on Jesus carried you through the battles and valleys of your life. Today as always, you wanted everything to begin with prayer. From the day we

are saved and realize the reality of that beautiful place "Beulah Land", our hearts longed to be there. I know you hated to leave your children and grandchildren, but all through your life I could see that your "heart" belonged in Beulah Land.

Next, you said that there were other songs you wanted sung but could not remember the names of them. You told me the few words you could remember and with the help of sister Johanna Sturgill we came up with the names of the songs. A few of the words you could remember were, "So many long years I traveled this road. So wearisome and tired I've carried this load." All of us who love you so dearly and knew the details of the trials and troubles you have suffered know how you can identify with the words of this song. But God said that Heaven has joy for those who have suffered down here. Heaven will surely be sweet for you, Mom.

You wanted Brother Mike Sloan to help with your funeral and to sing a song. I have always heard you talk about death as a time when you would just go away with Jesus. So I have asked Brother Mike to sing the song, "Gone Away With a Friend". You always stayed with your children no matter how rough the times got, and stated many times that you would never leave them and you never did in this natural life. Now that you are gone, the only comfort that can ease this piercing pain in my heart is to know that you had to go away and that you went away with a friend — and that friend is Jesus.

Another song was, "I'll Fly Away". It is amazing to me how God can comfort our hearts when we feel that we can never be comforted again. Mom, after you passed away that day, the nurses brought your body back to your room to allow your children and grandchildren to have a few minutes with you. We cried so hard; all our hearts were broken. I remembered sitting there thinking that surely nothing can ever mend this pain and anguish in my heart. Then I saw the small gift that Brother E. B. Hicks and sister Alice had brought to you. It was a small bird case with roses growing out of the wire bars. I had seen this little bird cage for 3 days, but really never saw it. God allowed me to really see it for the first time using this to comfort my heart. I realized that the little bird was not inside the cage as would be normal, but it was on the outside of the cage. God's spirit then brought the words of the song "I'll Fly Away" to my heart. "Like a bird from these prison bars I've flown, I'll Fly Away". God was saying to me and giving me hope there in my time of hopelessness and that he had separated the prison bars of that small frail earthly body that had kept your soul a prisoner in this world. He had reached in with a tender hand and taken that precious soul that belonged to him and allowed it to soar freely to heaven and eternity. Thank you Jesus for his promise that although our heart will be broken, He will mend it again.

Another song was "Sinner, You Are Crossing That Awful Deadline". The only words you could remember were "you were too busy to pray, you were too busy to go to Church on Sunday." Many times you had counseled your children that we need to take time to go to church and pray. After much inquiring, I learned that Brother Buddy Carter sang this song. I called him and asked him if he would come and sing this song at your funeral. He graciously said he would be there if it was the Lord's will.

The last song that you wanted was "I'll Be Watching By the Window". Mom, Heaven will be blissful and all who want to meet you there by the window can.

You spent your life working on the field of Harvest for God, trying to bring your children to the Lord. Those of us who know the Lord need to take the time to work the field, for like you mom, everyday many Saints are leaving for glory, for they are through with their work here below. Their work is finished, and those of us who are saved and remain need to continue the labor; working earnestly for time is running out. "The Harvest Is Ripe, But The Laborers Are Few, And Today In The Harvest Field Of Winning Souls Of This Family To The Lord Is Less One Faithful Laborer. For God Said To Her, You May Rest."

Mom, your instructions were to open my funeral service with a prayer for my children and grandchildren, and with the words of the song that tell of my longing for that sweet Beulah Land, and to end the service with the promise that I will be waiting by the window.

Mom, you are a wise and virtuous woman whose price is far above rubies.

Love, Your Daughter, Dallie
"I will meet you by the window"

SISTER OCTAVIA O'QUIN



Sister Octavia O'quin

With the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of Sister Octavia O'quin. She was born November 12, 1912, died May 6, 1997, making her stay on earth 84 years, 5 months and 24 days. She was the daughter of Silas and Lydia Margaret (Deel) Coleman of Buchanan County, Virginia. She is preceded in death by one son, Clement O'quin, 5 brothers, one sister and two grandchildren.

Sister Octavia leaves to mourn her death her husband William Harrison O'quin; 6 sons and two daughters-in law, Donnie and Judy Stiltner of Virginia, Charlie O'quin, Arthur O'quin, Steve and Della O'quin, Elmer O'quin and Clinton O'quin all of Ohio; a daughter Jettie Shortridge of Virginia; 11 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Kenny and Starlin Coleman of Virginia; one sister Rosie Coleman of Virginia; and a host of friends and loved ones.

Sister Octavia joined the Little Ruth Church of the Old Regular Baptist August 10, 1975 and was baptized by Elders William P. Deel and Freeland Yates. In 1983 she moved her membership to the Family of Love Church where she remained a good and faithful member until her death. She was a wonderful person and my best friend. She bore the mark of a Christian and lived the life of an Old Regular Baptist.

Sister Octavia suffered for many years with diabetes that caused severe pains in her feet and legs. In spite of all her pain, she was always ready to go to church; anytime and any place we were going. Many times I would think she would not be able to go but she always made the effort by pushing aside her pain. It was about a year ago when she found out she had cancer. We all were heartbroken to hear the sad news but Sister Octavia was always in good spirits and optimistic that she "would get better."

She was so pleased to see any of the church people come to see her and to sing some songs and hold prayer. When I told her they were coming to see her, she was very pleased. When we arrived, we could tell she had waited the entire day for the brothers to arrive. She told us she left off her medicine that day so she would not miss any of the songs; the strong pain medicine would put her to sleep. The Lord blessed her with his spirit and she lifted up her hands to his glory and honor. She looked so sweet to me that evening.

Oh how we all loved her. It will be so hard for me not to have her to talk with. I feel she will be missed by all her good brothers, sisters and friends throughout the Old Regular Baptists family. Sister Octavia's suffering and worries are over and we know she is at rest. She said she wanted to go home to be with sweet Jesus. We will miss her very much. Tuesday morning about 7:00 a.m. she went to sleep.

I want to say to all her loved ones who don't know God in a pardon and remission of your sin; if you want to meet her in heaven you must be born again.

Written by: Sister Flossie Deel

ELVINA OSBORN

It is a great honor for me to write the obituary of my mother Elvina Osborn.

Mother was born to Mose Burke and Elizabeth Tackitt on December 12, 1907 in Pike County, Kentucky.

When she was a young girl she met a young boy by the name of Newton William Osborn and they were married on September 13, 1926 to this union was born 13 children, 9 of them preceded her in death, 8 of them being infants. She and Dad raised 5 children they worked hard to see that we had what we needed. We were raised in a good Christian home Dad would call us around before we went to bed and sing and have prayer. It seems like I can still hear them praying. Dad

passed away in 1960 Mother never got married she just lived a good christian life and talked to us children about the Lord and how good He was. I joined the church in 1967 and was blessed to wash her feet many times. We have had some good times together. Mother was sick and had to be waited on and taken care of the last seven years of her life. My sister took her in after her husband died and took good care of her. Mom was a loving mother and grandmother she was always worrying about her family. Mom had a lot of hardships in her life but she always had the Lord on her side and she said that as long as the Lord is with me I have no fear. Mom was good to everyone and had a lot of friends both in the church and out. She was mom to a lot of people. Mom was in the hospital the last three weeks of her life she bore her pain and did not complain. One of the family was with her 24 hours a day she was never left alone. I don't know how much she knew before she left this old world but she never forgot the Lord. She would mumble and we didn't know what she was saying, but you could ask her if she was ok and she would nod her head yes. And she would say O Lord she was



Elvina Osborn

praying for Him to come and get her. I was with her when the last breath left her body I was helping get her ready for bed. But instead I helped get her ready to meet Jesus she died in my arms I always thought I would be afraid to be in the room with someone that was dying but if they have that hope you can rejoice that they are safe at Home with Jesus.

God has been good to us and let us keep her here for 89 years. All those 89 years was not easy for her but she never forgot where she came from. We carried out her last request and had her at The Little Angel Church the last night she was here on earth. There was singing and preaching and it all sounded beautiful but not as beautiful as she was. When God called her home he really got a jewell and a beautiful flower for his garden. This all sums it up. She went away with a Friend. She leaves two daughters: Naomi Stanley of Columbus, Ohio; Georgia Miller of Osgood, Indiana. Two sons: Newton William Osborn Jr. of Cardington, Ohio; and Baxter Osborn of Vevay, Indiana. One son preceded her in death: James Edward Osborn and her good companion Newton William Osborn Sr. She leaves several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; one brother: Arlin Burke of Bellville, MI.

Since Mom has gone home her two sons, a daughter-in-law, grandson and granddaughter-in-law has given their lives to Jesus. I know Mom was happy when she seen them come home because she would pray for all of us but the ones she worried about was the ones that was outside the circle of safety. I have a hope that someday I will see her and all the loved ones that have gone home. But most of all I want to see the One who died on the Old Rugged Cross for all of us. I feel 30 years ago he gave me a new name and the right to call him Father.

May God bless all that reads this I wish you could have known my Mom. She left a light shining in the window for all to see. I pray that the rest of the family will fall out with sin and be prepared to meet Jesus when He comes for them. Then they can go to sleep in Jesus' arms like Mom did.

Written by her daughter and Sister in Christ
Georgia Miller, I love You Mom

HERMAL OUSLEY



Hermal Ousley

With many precious memories, and God's help I will try to write an obituary of my Brother, Herman Ousley, with I try to say of Jesus Christ of Maggie's Home Church. Which he was also a precious Uncle to me.

Hermal was 64. He died at his home on Old Dixon Road, McArthur, Ohio on Wednesday, December 2, 1996.

He was born February 24, 1932 in Floyd County, KY. The son of the late Mike and Sarah Ousley. He was a self-employed timber cutter. A member of the Maggie's Home Church in Dundas, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Rita Moshier Ousley; one daughter, Mary Lou Thacker; three sons: Richard Dean, Fred, and Ralph Whittington. He

also leaves three sisters and three brothers. He was the grandfather of six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Hermal loved hunting and all the outdoors. He never met anyone that he didn't try to be a friend to.

But when the angels came to take him home to rest I could not see the angels but could feel the spirit follow them so far away. He had someone with him to carry him across. But I still miss Hermal day by day. So farewell good brother until we meet again on HEAVEN'S BRIGHT SHORE.

There are so many more things I could write but time and space won't permit.

Written by nephew, Amos E. Reffitt

LEONA PERRY

In loving memory and by the help of the good Lord, I am honored to fill the request of Sister Leona by writing the obituary of one whom I loved so dearly. Sister Leona was born June 7, 1929 in Whitesburg, Kentucky. Making her stay on earth 67 years, 7 months and 18 days. She left this world on January 25, 1997 and entered her home of eternal rest.

Sister Leona and Brother Charles were united in marriage January 29, 1947. To this union were born eight children. Billy Wayne died when he was only 17 days old. Seven children and Brother Carlos are left to mourn her loss. Four sons: Clarence, Robert, Lee and Samuel all of Oberlin, Ohio and Roger of Cleveland, Ohio. Three daughters: Mrs. Carmel (Jeanetta) Gibson and Mrs. Thomas (Nadine) Malinoski both of Cleveland, Ohio and Mrs. David (Geneva) Schirato of Columbia, South Carolina. Fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Four brothers: Wade Sexton, Myra, Kentucky, John and Wilburn Sexton and Elmer Bates all of Whitesburg, Kentucky. Two sisters, Cora Walker of Hamilton, Ohio and Betty Rather of Peewee Valley, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by her parents, Riley and Levnia Sexton and four sisters and one brother.

Sister Leona joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Pleasant View on September 14, 1980. She remained a member there until a few years ago. She moved her membership to the Little Edna Church. Our church has lost a precious sister. She always filled her seat at church as long as she was able to go. Her and Brother Carlos loved going to all of the Associations. They always went together. They were blessed to spend 49 years together. They would have been married 50 years on January 29, 1997.

Sister Leona was a kind, caring and loving person. She always had a smile for everyone and was loved by everyone who knew her. She was a humble sister who loved church and the old time way.

She and Brother Carlos were so close and had such great love for each other. He took the best care of her until she died. My husband and I would go over and



Leona Perry

see her and Brother Carlos would be sitting right by her bed doing everything he could for her. He didn't want to leave the house, just wanted to be right by her side in case she needed him for something.

Sister Leona loved traveling, cooking and gardening. The doctors told her they couldn't do anything else for her. She said, "I wouldn't mind leaving this old world if my children were all ready to go live with me in heaven."

I'd like to say to all you children and grandchildren: repent and prepare to meet her again in a land of perfect peace. Her suffering is all over. Her joys of heaven have begun.

Written by: Sister Billie Joyce Hamilton

ED SHEPHERD



Ed Shepherd

With the help of our Lord I will try to write an obituary of Brother Ed Shepherd. He was born to Wilson and Alice Allen Shepherd December 5, 1913. He died on December 26, 1996 making his stay on earth 83 years. He was married to Sister Patsy (Patton) Shepherd in 1930. To this union was born 11 children. Two of these children preceded him in death, Edward and Alice Shepherd.

He is survived by sons: Clell Shepherd of Glemont, Ohio; Randolph Shepherd and Lowell Shepherd of New London, Ohio; Colen Shepherd of Mansfield, Ohio and Tomas Shepherd of Florida. Daughters: Ruth Shepherd of Kirtland, Ohio; Cora Hall of Ashland, Ohio; Patsy Newmyer of Mans-

field, Ohio; Sharon Mead of New London, Ohio. He is also survived by 36 grandchildren, and 55 great-grandchildren.

Surviving sisters are Marge Oney of Norwalk, Ohio; Amey Hale of Kentucky, and Sarah Handshoe of Indiana. Surviving brothers are Wilkie Shepherd of Greenwich, Ohio; Hubert Shepherd of Willard, Ohio; Luther Shepherd of Florida; and Buford Shepherd of Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sister Patsy (Patton) Shepherd, brothers Herold and George Shepherd and a sister Margret Hale.

Brother Ed was a faithful member of The Little Rebecca Church of Old Regular Baptist until his sickness prevented him attending. He was always interested in his brothers and sisters in the Lord and remained in touch with them until he passed away. He was always happy to hear from everyone. It gave him great joy when anyone came to see him. He retired from Tecumseh Products in Marion. He was also a self employed farmer and owned and operated the Shell Station on the corner of US 224 and US 250.

Brother Ed would want me to tell his children to fall out with sin and serve the Lord. He was a wonderful example of a loving and devoted husband and father. He would want all his children and friends to join him and Patsy in a better

world. A world where there will be no more sickness and no more separation. May God bless all of you and always watch over you.

Written by his sister in the Lord, Sister Verda Shepherd

REBECCA SLONE

The memories of our mother are precious and very dear to us. We celebrated her life in April 1996. Rebecca (Thornsberry) Slone was born on February 25, 1914, in Kite, Kentucky and died on April 26, 1996. She was the daughter of Henry and Rachel (Tuttle) Thornsberry.

Mom met our dad, Irvin Slone, and they were married on February 18, 1933. Their family includes nine children: Juanita Johnson of Woodhaven, Michigan; Clarinda Snipes of Williard, Ohio; Roscoe Slone of Norwalk, Ohio; Cleophas Slone of Hustonville, Kentucky; Elveta Jowell of Atascadero, California; Aaron Slone of Plymouth, Ohio; Clifford Slone of Norwalk, Ohio; Nawana Paniccia of Chatsworth, California; and Gary Slone (deceased). As of today, her family includes 28 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren.



Rebecca Slone

Our family looks forward to our annual "Grandma Slone's Picnic." Our mom wanted us to keep this tradition so our family would continue to keep the closeness that we have always shared.

In 1956, Mom became a member of The Old Regular Baptist Church. She enjoyed fellowshiping with the members and worshipping her Lord.

We all have our special memories of Mom. She lives on in our hearts and minds and we are reminded daily of the talents she possessed and shared with us. We are all blessed with Mom's handiwork; lovely quilts, crocheted dolls, doilies and blankets. Our favorite gifts from Mom were those she made herself, especially the quilts. Each time we cover ourselves with one of her handmade quilts, we are reminded of how she covered us with her love.

We will miss Mom and thank God for the 83 years He gave her. She has gone now to live with her heavenly Father and has left an amazing legacy here on earth.

With all our love, Her Children

ELDER IVORY SOWARDS



Elder Ivory Sowards

It is with as heavy heart as I have ever experienced, that I write this obituary of one of the dearest brothers I have ever known, Elder Ivory Sowards.

He was born July 28, 1932, the son of the late Robert Lee and Pricy (Newsome) Sowards. He was born in Pike County, Ohio. He was a member of the Little Ettie Church, joining that church in 1956, and truly lived a christian life until his death June 5, 1997. He faithfully served that church as assistant moderator until his death. He also served the Maggie's Home Church as assistant moderator, and Moderator of the Little Pearl Church of Old Regular Baptist.

He was married to Peggy J. Estep on March 5, 1953. This union was blessed with three children: Mrs. Tim (Cheryl Mae) Francis of Piketon, Ohio; Mr. Randal Gene (Marsha) Sowards of Oregonia, Ohio; and Mr. Gregory Ivan (Vanessa) Sowards of Piketon, Ohio. He was also blessed with three wonderful grandchildren: Kristina Sowards, Jenna Francis, and Brookie Sowards, and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by six brothers: Robert Sowards of Beaver, Ohio; Archie Sowards of Florida; Ira Sowards of Springfield, Ohio; Romeo Sowards of New Jersey; Tivis Sowards and Gene Sowards of Michigan. Five sisters: Mrs. Pearl Powers and Mrs. Monnie Tackett both of Beaver, Ohio; Mrs. Bertha Mullins of Florida; Mrs. Lexie Johnson of Kentucky; and Mrs. Bolena Scaggs of Michigan.

Brother Ivory had a host of friends and touched so many lives in so many different ways. Nothing ever stood in his way from doing his duty in serving his Lord, and doing His will. His death was such a shock to all of us that it seems like a dream, but it is a reality. All of the churches miss him so much, but he is gone from all evil to come. So many times, we have heard that sweet song he loved so well, "Here Today and Gone Tomorrow", but now it takes on a whole new meaning for us, and it should make us more loving toward each other and realize that the next time we see each other, could be in that glorious day of His appearance at His second coming.

With Love, Brother Paris Tackitt

OSCAR TAYLOR

It is with a sad heart that we write the obituary for Oscar. He was born October 18, 1914 in Pike County, Kentucky. His parents were Tom and Della (Fields) Taylor. He had eight brothers and sisters. They are: Birdie Burchett, Tom Taylor Jr., Ruth Maynard, Pearl Williamson, Julius Taylor, Bertha Love, Maxine Maynard and Opal Seso. He left this earth on November 11, 1996, making his stay on earth 82 years and 24 days. He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth (Burchett) Taylor, she passed away in 1990. This union was blessed with three children: Kenneth, Mary and Larry. He had 7 granddaughters: Bryn, Leslie, Angie, Nicole, Dawn and Heather. He also had 7 great-grandchildren. Later in life he was to gain 2 step-children: Wilma Chaney and Stanley Burke; 2 step-granddaughters: Tammy and Shelley; and 2 step-grandsons: David and Tommy, who were very fond of him. Oscar was a Deacon at the Little Eddie Church and later moved his letter to the Little Angel Church. He loved to go to church and he loved his brothers and sisters in the church very much. Oscar had faith that he was not destined to spend his later years alone and it was through that faith that he met and married Lulie (Burke) Taylor. Oscar was a miner and logger until moving to Jackson, Ohio in 1952. There he purchased a dairy farm which he operated until retiring in 1975. Oscar served as a Township Trustee for 28 years in Bloomfield Township in Jackson, Ohio. Oscar continued for nearly 20 years after his retirement to be active on the farm, helping his son Kenneth. He later moved to Columbus, Ohio where he resided until his death. His sense of humor and happy disposition will be sadly missed by everyone that knew him. He was very much loved.

Written by his granddaughter and step-daughter



Oscar Taylor

OLBY THORNSBERRY

It is with deepest regret that Olby Thornsberry, dear husband of Helen, passed away on November 16, 1996, at his home in Romulus, Michigan, at the age of 76.

Olby was born in 1920 in Kite, Kentucky. The son of Will Thornsberry and Alice Sloan Thornsberry, he leaves to mourn his passing his wife Helen Sweeney Thornsberry, and sisters: Arty Amburgy, Hattie Mae Hall, Odessa Clark and Ruth Huff along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Brother Olby met and married Helen Sweeney in Michigan almost 46 years ago. Although they were not fortunate enough to have any children, they lived a very happy life together until his death separated them.



Olby Thornsberry

Olby served in the U.S. Army, a veteran of WWII and was a member of The Rose of Sharon Church of The Old Regular Baptist Faith and Order.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, sisters: Rosie Tuttle, Hollie Blevins, Velvet Thornsberry, and brothers: Virgie, Lendie and Luther Thornsberry.

Olby will be sadly missed by all. He was laid to rest at Michigan Memorial Cemetery on Tuesday, November 19, 1996 following the funeral service which was held at 11:00 A.M.

Written by his wife Helen and Family

GERTRUDE VANDERPOOL



Gertrude Vanderpool

MI; Audra May Hicks of Floyd Co., KY, Bearth Wright who lives in a nursing home in Prestonsburg, KY.

Mom and dad moved to Michigan in the late 70's. There they remained until they died. Mom passed away November 18, 1996, at the Albion nursing home. Mom belonged to the Stone Coal Church 60 some years. The last five years of her life she was unable to go to church. She was on oxygen. We traveled to Church together until she could no longer go. I miss her going with me, and the phone calls asking about her, but she doesn't need for anything now, she is resting. She had a host of dear brothers and sisters in the Lord and a host of friends whom she loved to visit with. I dearly thank them for going and visiting with her. My dear mom was an inspiration to all of us. I thank God for a great mom. Mommy and Daddy left us all a large trail to follow, but they are together and rejoicing now. If they could talk they would say look to Jesus, our loss is Heaven's gain.

This has been very hard for me to write, it took me a long time to get it done, with tears flowing, so dear mom rest in peace until we meet again.

Written with precious memories,
your sister and daughter in the church and
all your children, grand and great-grandchildren

CORDIE WICKER

Cordie Wicker, from her family, an obituary of thanks and of Love always. Her footsteps on earth touched our lives; a new angel has made her way into heaven.

Cordie Wicker was born December 7, 1907 in Wayland, KY to Levi and Kathleen (Collins) Tuttle, who are deceased. Cordie was the oldest of seven children. She is survived by two half-sisters and two half-brothers. She was preceded in death by two half-brothers.

Cordie married Edgle Wicker in Lackey, KY on July 4, 1928. Edgle preceded her in death. This union begot six children: James Wicker, Clyde Wicker, Evelyn Hale, Verti Chaffins and Margaret Slone, all residing in Ohio. She was preceded in death by one son William Lee Wicker.

From a former marriage came two sons: Palmer Slone of Kentucky, and Clifford Slone who also preceded her in death. Cordie is blessed with 22 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and a number of great-great-grandchildren

As a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, Cordie fulfilled her life as a loving Mother and wife. For a number of years she worked as a cook in a local restaurant. Her hobbies included baking, canning, and sewing, she also enjoyed teaching her grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking for her family and friends. She loved surrounding herself with people, the more the happier.

We, Cordie Wicker's family, extend our deepest thanks to the friends who gathered around us during our time of sorrow. Thank you for joining us in wishing her Godspeed in going home.

In Loving Memory, Her Children

FAREWELL MOTHER

Farewell Mother, we will miss you,

It is time for us to part.

You are leaving for your Graceland,

But we are still joined by heart.

Your love was given freely,

Your touch tender and sweet.

Our memories will sustain us,

A gift that death cannot delete.

No more pain, no more sorrow

At peace you will be

A new home is awaiting,

Never again lonely, only free.

We will thank of you often,

Look down and you will see.

Our love is everlasting,

In our hearts you'll always be.

Soon with Angels you'll be singing,

And with Jesus you will be.

Look down on us from Heaven,

Until the day we meet with thee.

We will always love you Mom and

never forget you.

The Children of Cordie Wicker



Cordie Wicker

ETHEL WICKER



Ethel Wicker

Ethel Wicker, daughter of Grover Cleveland and Rebecca Tackett Osborne, was born October 24, 1912, and went to her eternal heavenly home on August 2, 1997, at the age of 84 years and 10 months. Preceded in death by her parents, five sisters and five brothers, Ethel leaves to mourn her passing two sons: William Graydon and Ronald Eugene; four daughters: Betty Louise Grove, Thelma Jewell Spires, Mary Phyllis Finger, and Martha Rebecca Hamby, and five brothers: Forest, Cleveland Jr., David, Hiram and Robert.

Ethel was married on August 8, 1930, to Lawrence Wicker who preceded her in death on December 8, 1947. She reared this group of small

children with tender, loving care, to be a very respectable family that anyone would be proud of.

I remember Sister Ethel when I was a small girl. She and her husband and little boy stayed with my parents. I grew to love her not realizing that I would be a part of this great family. We will miss her but just imagine what was waiting for her when she crossed the river and entered through those beautiful gates.

Written by her Sister in Jesus
Dorothy Osborne

CANZATY YATES



Canzaty Yates

With precious memories and a lonely heart, I ask God to bless me to write this obituary of our sweet loving mother, Canzaty Yates. Minutes before Mother closed her eyes peacefully, May 18, 1997, and entered into God's paradise, she looked at Emalene and said, "I'm alright." Yes Mother, we have known for many years you were alright.

Mother was born August 9, 1905, being 92 years, 9 months and 9 days old. She was the last survivor of the late George and Sarah Deel. Mother was married to our Dad (Walter Yates), and was blessed to live 59 happy years together, until God called him home November 19, 1983. To them were born eleven children. Daddy and six children

and two grandchildren preceded her in death. Four sons: George Jr., Ervin, Gobel and infant Oliver; two daughters: Sarah and Irene; two grandchildren: Michelle Looney and Walter Conaway. Left here without our beloved parents is one son: Neburn Yates of Haysi, VA; four daughters: Zella Conaway Coleman of Haysi, VA; Ethel Hagerman of Kendallville, IN; Darlene Hicks of Wolcottville, IN; and Ema-

lene Looney of Harman, VA; 19 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mother was in and out of the hospital for the past six months of her life. We did everything we could to give her the best of care, and never left her alone in the hospital by staying with her day and night. When our health didn't permit us to do what our hearts wanted us to, we had to seek help. Mother never lost the ability to understand. We needed that. She never was without family taking her to the doctor and making sure she had everything to make her as comfortable as possible. We deeply appreciate Arlene and Tommi Kay and their families for all the love and care they provided for Mother.

Mother joined the Russell Prater Old Regular Baptist Church in 1947, living as a true and devoted Christian until the end. Daddy was ordained a Deacon in 1954, and Mother was always by his side doing everything she could to help him fill his deaconship. Mother enjoyed church so much, and went until her health forbade her to.

Daddy and Mother worked very hard to raise their family. Things were not always easy, but they made a happy home for us, always taking us to church and teaching us the right way.

Mother was a very amiable person, a stranger she never met, it came easy for her to converse with people, and a smile she never ceased to have.

Mother, we try not to grieve over you so much, and we know you are resting and have no pain or worry, but sometimes I get so lonely to see you that I close my eyes and feel your warm embrace and the touch of your sweet lips. Oh Mother, there is none like you.

I should close now. Many pages I could write about our mother, so dear, but it would not be expedient nor would it mend our broken hearts. Sleep on Mother until that day we all get to Heaven, and again will be a happy family.

In loving memory, Darlene (Doll) Hicks-Daughter

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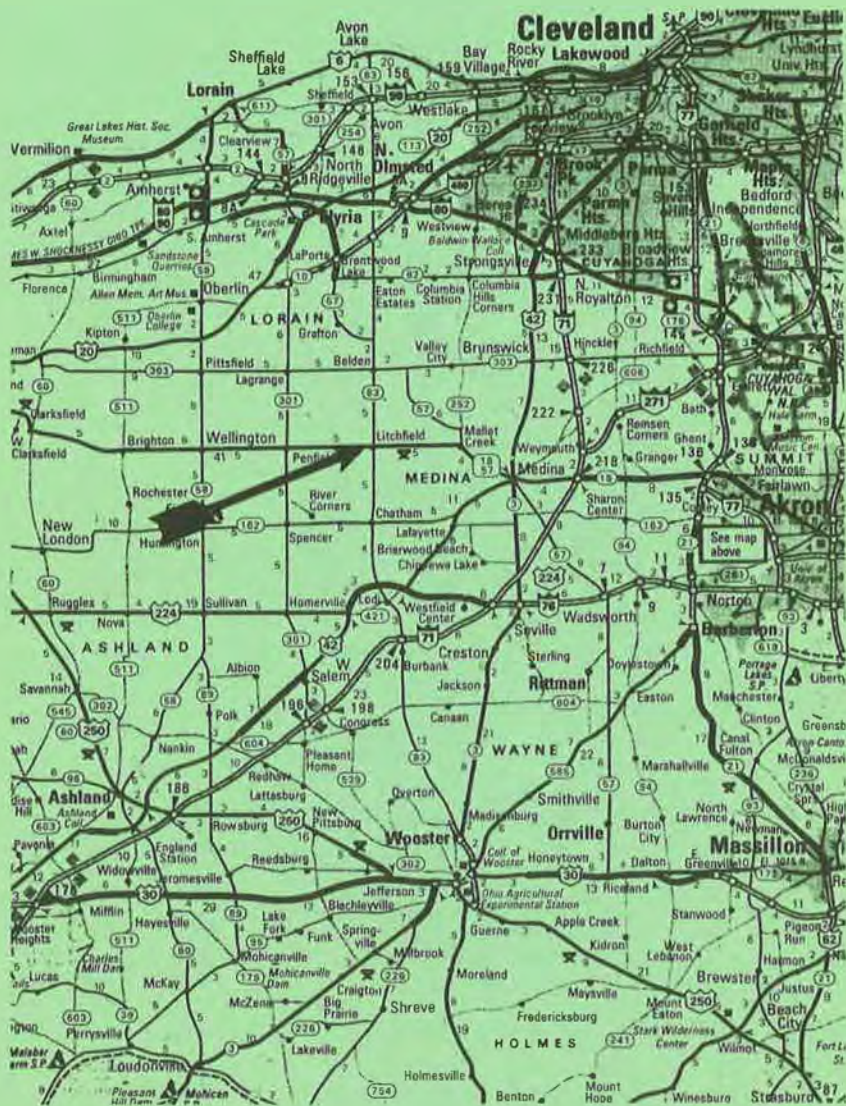
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