

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Northern New Salem
Association
of Old Regular Baptist
of Jesus Christ



In Session Assembled With
Pleasant View Church
July 31, August 1,2, 1998

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

It is with lasting memories that we pause today, and dedicate this 41st Annual setting of this blessed old Association to the memory of our late Elders, beloved Brothers and Sisters who have since departed from this troublesome shore to a land of perfect peace.

Let's wait patiently for that glorious day, in which we hope to meet them in a land where sorrow shall never come, and the weary shall be at rest.

In God's Love
Bro. Newsome
Clerk

Let others see good in you, so you won't have to talk so much.



**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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Introductory Sermon for 1999— Eld. Morris Wicker

Alternate — Eld. Jesse Pack

Circular Letter — Eld. Danny Carty

PROCEEDINGS

Of The
Forty-First Annual Session of the
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist
The Church of Jesus Christ
July 31, 1998

Friday Session

Was such a cool, pleasant, sunny morning as clouds of white drifted to and fro in the distant blue sky. The echo of the glorious songs of Zion could be heard, filling the hearts of those who assembled with joy, at the Pleasant View Church to attend this, the forty-first annual session of the Northern New Salem Association.

In absence of the alternate, Eld. Joshua Hicks due to illness, Eld. Robert Wallen was called on to introduce the services, declaring that repentance is required at the hands of all men. We were led to the throne of grace in prayer by Eld. Hargis Tuttle, which was so powerful and uplifting.

Eld Billy Miller, being chosen at our last setting to preach the Introductory Sermon, was blessed to preach how the old king tried to destroy God's children, and that through prayer how Peter was set free from the prison walls. That prayer is the only weapon we have to fight the Devil with.

The Introductory Sermon being delivered, the Moderator asked the delegates to assemble in the house to conduct the business of this forty-first Annual Session. Asked those who were not delegates to remain at the pavilion where preaching services would be conducted by the following Elders: Gary Blevins, Philadelphia; Chuck Hall, New Salem; Richard Stanton, Sardis; Jimmy Hall, New Salem; and Roger Hicks, New Salem.

After assembling in the house, and one of Zion's old time songs were sung, Eld. Monroe Jones, Assistant Moderator of the New Salem Association was called on to make remarks. After which, he led in a very humble prayer. Eld. Roy Caudill, Moderator, came forward and announced that the forty-first Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, July 31, 1998

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 the motion by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Paul Dye, the letter from the Pleasant View Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. Russell Hicks, second by Eld. Ray Hamilton 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: Elders: Ellis Holbrooks, Tommy Dials, and Willis Tolliver. Officers elected:
ModeratorEld. Roy Caudill
Assistant ModeratorEld. Paris Tackitt
ClerkEld. Hillard Newsome
Assistant ClerkEld. 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, Ralph Caudill and Ray Hamilton. Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Elder Conley Daniels to receive the report of the committees appointed and discharged them of their duties.
3. By a motion made by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Eld. Russell Hicks, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
 4. On motion by Eld. Robert Wallen, second by Eld. Buford Brock, 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 one responded by the name of Eternal Rose by letter and delegate. A move was made by Eld. Stoney Blackburn, second by Bro. James Hall to receive their letter and seat the delegates by the right hand of fellowship. They were welcomed to sit with us in council as members of our fold.
 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: Jason Lowery, Walter Akers, Ellis Holbrook, Forest D. Hall, Monroe Jones, Omery Chuck Hall, Squire Hamilton, Ralph Slone Jr., Jimmy Hall, Offie Bartley, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Carlos Akers, Ronald McCarty, James A. Waddles, Hiram Adkins, Woodrow Dye, Jimmy Dye, Bill Cotton, James Tuttle, Ted Burke, Deffort Thornsberry, Daniel Crawford, John Paul Hamilton, Wendell Hamilton, Don Vanderpool, John E. Hicks, Mike Justice, D. Osbourne, Roger Hicks, Frank Adams, Charles Saloms, Bobby Slone and Jimmy Amos. Letter in the hands of Eld. Walter Akers. A motion was made by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Eld. Paul Dye 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: Bobby Johnson, Gene Johnson, Earl Hill, Arvid Blevins, Gary Sanders, Garfield Thacker, Estill Hamilton, Robert Clay, Terry Bryant, Alex Collier, Savel Combs, Clyde Blankenship, Eddie Slone, Bill Ison, and Barry Lucas. Letter in the hands of Eld. Arvid Blevins. Eld. Forest Osborne made a motion, second by Eld. John Jude 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 Barney, Wayne Caudill, Walter Morrison, Lowell Adkins, Ira Adkins, Gary Adkins, Charlie Barney, Paul Moore, Willis Tolliver, Gary Blevins, Paul Stapleton, Claude M. Coffee and Paul Morrison. Letter in the hands of Bro. Lowell Adkins. A motion was made by Eld. Sam Franks, second by Eld. Conley Daniels, to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Chester Cochran, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Roger Spillman, Edwin Hay and Richard Staton. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hobart Hamilton. A motion was made by Eld. Jeff Dillon, second by Eld. Ralph Caudill 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: Danny Hurley, Phillip Estep, Acie Matney, Doug Reed, Stark Coleman Jr., Dave Gibson, Kermit Lester, George Baker, Monroe Matney, Leonard Coleman, Lacy Justice and Johney Paul

Cline. Letter in the hands of Bro. Stark Coleman Jr. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Robert Wallen 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, Arnold Whitaker, Murl F. Caudill, Aaron Whitaker Jr., Claren Williams and Rodney Slone. Letter in the hands of Bro. Rodney Slone. Bro John Elkins made a motion, second by Eld. Hargis Tuttle to receive their letter and by the right hand of fellowship the delegates were seated with us in council.
7. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of the delegates from the Pleasant View Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday morning who reported as follows: Friday evening — Elders: Woodrow Dye - Prayer by Eld. Jimmy Dye, both of New Salem; Dave Gibson, Old Friendship, absent and Tommy Dials, Sardis. Saturday AM Elders: Terry Bryant, Union, Claren Williams, Old Indian Bottom, Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia, Edwin Hay, Sardis; Hiram Adkins, New Salem, in his absence was Eld. Roger Hicks, New Salem.
 8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Milton Dye, Johnie Bentley.
 9. A motion was made by Eld. Robert Wallen, second by Bro. James Wagner 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 1, 1998.
 - (b) The committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday noon and completed its work on the Bill of Arrangements. The services for the evening were introduced by Eld. Woodrow Dye, prayer by Eld. Jimmy Dye both of New Salem, Eld. Tommy Dials of Sardis.

Saturday, August 1, 1998

Met pursuant to adjournment this the second day of this blessed old Association. As the bright sunshine in the far away distant sky began to cast its shadows on the good earth, lowly pilgrims began to mingle their voices in singing the glorious songs of Zion. Eld. Walter Akers of the New Salem Association introduced the services and Eld. George Baker of the Old Friendship Association led in prayer.

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 Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Albert Hamilton to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Eld. Scott Hamilton for our 1998 Session was read by him. A motion was made by Eld. Buddy Carty, second by Eld. Conly Daniels to receive the letter and have it printed in our 1998 Minutes.

4. The finance committee appointed Friday. Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Hiram Adkins, Ralph Caudill and Ray Hamilton reported as follows:

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| 1998 Church contributions | \$5,775.00 |
| 1998 Money for Pictures | 555.00 |
| Other contributions | 1,344.00 |
| Total money received for 1998 | \$7,674.00 |

A motion was made by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Bro. Jackie Hunter 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.

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| Balance August 1, 1997 | \$1,985.01 |
| 1997 Church contributions | 5,751.00 |
| 1997 Picture money | 645.00 |
| Other contributions | 31.00 |
| Total money on hand August 3, 1997 | \$8,412.01 |

1997 Expenses

B.

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| Printer's Fee | \$7,432.50 |
| Secretary's Fee | 200.00 |
| Postage, U.P.S. Freight | 182.16 |
| Supplies | -0- |
| Total Expenses for 1997 | \$7,814.66 |
| Total of A | \$8,412.01 |
| Less Total of B | 7,814.66 |
| Balance | 597.35 |
| Plus Interest Earned | 11.93 |
| Balance July 31, 1998 | 609.28 |
| Plus money received for 1998 | 7,674.00 |
| Total money on hand August 2, 1998 | \$8,283.28 |

Money sent by the Sister churches of the Northern New Salem Association to the Pleasant View Church in helping host the 1998 Session **\$7,400.00**

6. Eld. Albert Hamilton made a motion, second by Bro. Dan Thornsberry 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. On motion by Eld. Ralph Caudill, second by Eld. Hank Forgey the treasurer's report was accepted.

(a) A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Don Mullins that we go to a larger minute book in order to save cost.

(b) Eld. Buford Brock made a motion, second by Eld. Don Mullins that in the future the Recording Secretary is required to only record the work of the Association in the permanent record book.

7. Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Bro. James Hall 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) Phillip Estep-Old Friendship; (2) Chester Cochrun-Sardis; (3) Jimmy Dye-New Salem. Sunday morning Elders: (1) W.C. Turner; (2) Hillard Newsome; (3) Paris Tackitt and (4) Roy Caudill.
9. On motion by Eld. Robert Wallen, second by Eld. Russell Hicks, the report of the Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the year 1997 and 1998 were omitted.
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 1998 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: David Maynard, Buddy Carty, Paris Tackitt, Scott Hamilton, Buford Brock, David Slone, Duane Graves, Sam Franks, Milton Dye, Ballard Brown, Wayne Turner, Conely Daniels, Hillard Newsome, Roy Caudill, Hargis Tuttle, Doug McCarty, IV Hudson, Terry Hall, Carl Ousley, Loyd Hall. Letter in the hands of Eld. Milton Dye.
 - (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 1998 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buddy Carty, Paris Tackitt, David Slone, Ernest Owens, Woodrow Thacker, Kilby Deel, Wayne Turner, Raymond Gilman, Matt Slone, Loyd Hall, Hillard Newsome, John M. Elkins, Albert Hamilton, Doug McCarty, Terry Hall. Letter in the hands of Eld. Paris Tackitt.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the Little Mary Church, at the Association Building, Greenup County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1998 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buddy Carty, Dan Thornsberry, Paris Tackitt, Buford Brock, Sam Franks, Duane Graves, Milton Dye, Kilby Deel, Wayne Turner, Roy Caudill, Doug McCarty, John M. Elkins, Terry Hall, Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Eld. Roy Caudill.
 - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the host churches at the Association Building, Varney, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1998 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buddy Carty, Dan Thornsberry, Paris Tackitt, Sam Franks, Larry Dixon, Wayne Turner, Raymond Gilman, Terry Hall, John Jude, John M. Elkins, Doug McCarty. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hillard Newsome.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Bee Branch Church, Stacy, VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1998 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buford Brock, Wayne Turner, Roy Caudill, Terry Hall, Doug McCarty, John M. Elkins. Letter in the hands of Eld. Buford Brock.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Doty Creek Church, Jeremiah, KY. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1998 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buddy Carty, Dan Thornsberry, Paris Tackitt, Buford Brock, Duane Graves, Scott Hamilton, Delmas Hall, Ernest Owens, Sam Franks, Wayne Turner, Raymond Gilman, Roy Caudill, Hargis Tuttle, Terry Hall, IV Hudson, Robert Wallen, Danny Hamilton. Letter in the hands of Eld. Wayne Turner.
11. Eld. Roy Caudill a member of the committee appointed at our 1997 session to go to the

Mt. Zion Church in regards to the use of real wine at communion instead of fruit of the vine. Reported as follows: Bro. Mike Slone called Bro. Roy Caudill and told him "To not come to the Mt. Zion Church, that they would not seat the committee, and they, the Mt. Zion Church and the New Mt. Zion Church were leaving the Northern New Salem Association and were declaring a non-fellowship with said association.

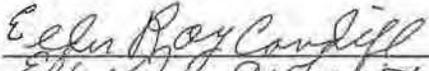
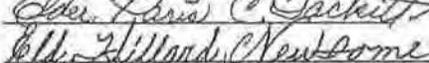
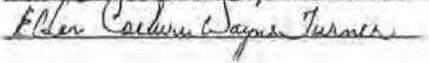
Eld. Ralph Caudill made a motion, second by Eld. Paul Dye to receive the report of the committee and discharge them of their duties. To declare the Mt. Zion and New Mt. Zion Churches in disorder and withdraw the right hand of fellowship from said churches. If any member of either church desires fellowship in any church of our correspondence, they have one year to go into a church in the Northern New Salem Association by recommendation. Then if they desire a letter of dismissal it will be granted, to go to another church of our correspondence.

12. After the report given by the committee appointed at our 1997 Session, item No. 14 of Saturday's work concerning establishing a charitable foundation for the Northern New Salem Association, Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Doug McCarty to receive the committee's report, discharge them of their duties, and at this time drop the idea of establishing the above mentioned foundation.
13. A motion was made by Eld. Ralph Caudill, second by Eld. Jeff Dillon to grant the request from the Little Zion Church in changing their union meeting and communion time.
14. Eld. Jeff Dillon made a motion, second by Eld. Doug McCarty to grant the request and a committee be appointed to work with the Little Rebecca and Family of Love Churches. As they have requested creation of a document which would give guidance in the ordination of deacons, ministers and the organizing of a church. Committee appointed: Roy Caudill, Paris Tackitt, Russell Hicks, Buddy Carty, and Hillard Newsome.
15. A motion was made by Eld. Elmer Edwards, second by Eld. Hargis Tuttle to grant the request from the Pleasant View Church. Requesting to have a 35th anniversary meeting of the organization of said church. To be held the first Sunday in January 1999. Elders called: Danny Carty, Jesse Pack, Scott Hamilton, Kenny Robinson, and Albert Hamilton.
16. Bro. Dan Thornsberry made a motion, second by Eld. Russell Hicks, to grant the request of the Little Angel Church the honor of hosting the 1999 Session of the Northern New Salem Association. Also grant the request of the Little Flock Church in assisting the Little Angel Church.
17. By a vote of the delegates, Eld. Morris Wicker was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon. Eld. Jesse Pack is to be his alternate and Eld. Danny Carty is to write the Circular Letter for our 1999 Session.
18. Eld. Buford Brock made a motion, second by Bro. Dan Thornsberry that the Clerk send a note of condolence to our sister Associations, also in the future this item will not be on the Bill of Arrangements, as the Clerk will take care of it automatically.
19. Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Robert Wallen, to omit the reading of the current minutes.
20. Eld. Danny Carty made a motion, second by Eld. Scott Hamilton that a committee be appointed to investigate the legality of the deeds of the Mt. Zion and the New Mt. Zion Churches, and if the Northern New Salem Association would be held responsible of any said claims. The committee will have the authority to make decisions in the best interest of the Northern New Salem Association. Committee appointed: Paris Tackitt, Larry Newsome, Hargis Tuttle, and E.B Hicks.

21. Eld. Elmer Edwards made a motion, second by Eld. Albert Hamilton, that we the Northern New Salem Association, adjourn until Friday before the 1st Saturday in August 1999 at the Little Angel Church, 5733 Saltgarber Rd., Columbus, OH.

Eld. Chuck Hall of the New Salem Association was blessed to preach with the holy spirit of love and the joys of being a member of this blessed old church in his younger days. A humble prayer was offered in the meekness of the spirit, bring to a close this 41st setting of this blessed old Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association

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|  | Moderator |
|  | Ass't. Moderator |
|  | Clerk |
|  | Ass't Clerk |

Sabbath Morning, August 2, 1998

This being the third and final day of this blessed Old Association, as again we have been blessed with a lovely sunny morning. Reminding one of the lovely sunny weather God has given us for the past two days.

As pilgrims from far and near began to blend their voices together in singing the inspiring songs of Zion, one soon forgot the tedious miles one had to travel back to their earthly abode.

The services for the morning were introduced by Eld. Edwin Hay - Sardis. Second on the stand was Eld. C. W. Turner, followed by your unworthy servant, Bro. Newsome, after which the services were concluded by Eld. Roy Caudill - Moderator.

Eld Phillip Estep of the Old Friendship Association offered the dismissal prayer.

Stop, stop everyone, and let's salute the members and friends of the Pleasant View Church for a job well done. The welcome banner hung high, your doors opened on hinges of love, and your kettles sung. "My Kettle is full and running over with delicious and wholesome food for your weary traveler." And it was. Yes True Vine, your love and helping hands were there caring for one and all, and for that reason your love is like the trellis vines, going everywhere.

The little homes on wheels in Campers Village, nestled beneath the shade of the tall sprawling trees. It was here the elite lived, sharing their victuals with the passer by. Our love for you is like the endless highways, goes on and on. May your destination be safe, but please park your wheels at Little Angel next August, and there once again we can share your fellowship. Thanks for your contribution of \$115.00 for the Pleasant View Church.

Happy Traveling,
Bro. Newsome, Clerk

Circular Letter by Elder Scott Hamilton

To the brothers and sisters of the Northern New Salem Association and our corresponding associations and friends and neighbors. Being chosen at our 1997 session to write the circular letter for your inspection or rejection. I first want to thank you for this great honor. I feel that you have picked the very least among you. I pray that our God will lead me that I would write what He wants me to write. My mind is on this old baptist family. I want you to know that I love this family just the way we are and I do not want to change anything that our foregoing brothers have established and passed down. But I want to uphold and build on them. Some say that we have to change to get young people into our churches. But God is the same today as He was yesterday. He said that He would not change to save a nation. If we want to get young people and old alike into our churches then let us do what Jesus said, *by my love and kindness have I drawn thee. So let us be good to men and women so they can see that love that God has put in our hearts.* MATT 5:14.

Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Brothers and sisters, our children are watching our lives. So let us live our lives so they can see Christ right in our life. If we say we are Christians then we should act like one. Christian is to Christ like MATT 5:16: *So let your light shine before man that they may see your good work and glorify your father which is in heaven.* Brothers and Sisters, let us join together in holding up the bloodstain banner. LUKE 11:17: *Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house faileth.* So Brothers and Sisters let us teach our young brother and sisters our practices and beliefs and if there are some young members who do not understand we should take the time and sit down with them and show them what the Bible says about it. This is our job and responsibility to do so. We should be lifting God and this old way above everything. Let us be in one mind in our practices and beliefs. Let's not be talking or knocking down anything about this old way or causing confusion among the brother. For God is not the author of confusion. It's time we put these little things to rest and that the world would see us and say surely they are doing what God wants them to do. 1 COR. 1:10: *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the sme mind and in the same judgment.* Now brother, when we work, let us work in love and like men. 1 COR. 13:11: *When I was a child I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child. But when I became a man, I put away childish things.* I must come to close of this letter. But to the family that I love with all my heart, I thank you for letting me be one of you and giving me this great honor of writing this letter. I love you all in Jesus Christ.

Your unworthy servant in Christ
Elder Scott Hamilton

Reprinted Items from the 1964, 1970 and 1980 Minutes of the Northern New Salem Association

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 send it by their delegates to the Association; and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present, except in receiving and dismissing churches and Associations which shall be by a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the Churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches; to give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the Churches failing to represent them at any time in the Association; to appropriate 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 Savior 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, Like 1:13-14, 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 Savior, 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, Like 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 that 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, 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.2:19

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 rise 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 with out 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 1999

APRIL

ANTIOCH - First in April. Willis Tolliver, Scott Hamilton, Tommy Dials, Jason Lowery, Murl Caudill, Raymond Gayheart.

PLEASANT VIEW - Sat. 5pm. First in April. Jimmy Hall, Chuckie Hall, Johnnie Bentley, Billy Hamilton, Covis Tackett.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in April. Paul Dye. Covis Tackett, Karrel Addington, Steven Borders, Murl Caudill

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in April. Roger Hicks, Willis Tolliver, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Turner, Larry Newsome, Doug McCarty.

MAY

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in May. Buddy Carty, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Joshua Hicks, Don Lawson, Scott Hamilton, Arnold Whitaker, Murl Caudill.

LITTLE IDA - First in May. Urshel Huff, Estil Hamilton, Edwin Hay, Willis Tolliver, Hobert Justice, Danny Carty, Woodrow Pack.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in May. Scott Hamilton, Buford Brock, David Slone, Jeff Dillon, Edwin Hay, Arnold Whitaker, Moderator & Assistant.

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

MACEDONIA - Third in May. Clyde Lewis, Jack Adkins, Ola Tackett, Paul Coleman, Orvin Mays, Tennison Sturgill, Paul Stapleton.

MORNING STAR - Third in May. William B. Holbrook, Hobart Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Johnnie Bentley, Lon Beverly.

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

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Third in May. Billy Miller, Estil Hamilton, Hobart Justice, Squire Hamilton, Johnnie Bentley, Eddie Wallen.

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL - First in June. Johnnie Bentley, Scott Hamilton, Clifford Newsome, Chuckie Hall, Willis Little, Bill Blevins, Paris Tackett.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in June. Sam Franks, Wayne Turner, Claron Williams, Murl Caudill, Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE ZION - Second in June. Stoney Blackburn, Karrel Addington, Eddie Slone, Randy Poe, Larry Newsome, Earl Hill.

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

LITTLE POLLY - Second in June. Scott Hamilton, David Slone, Russell Hicks, Buddy Carty, William B. Holbrook, Larry Newsome.

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in June. Murl Caudill, Willis Tolliver, Jeff Dillon, Jason Lowery, Wayne Turner, Chuckie Hall, Edwin Hay, Russel Hicks, Claren Williams.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in June. Woody Pack, Jason Lowery, Edwin Hay, Willis Tolliver, Karrel Addington, Hillard Newsome.

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in June. Garfield Thacker, Milton Dye, Earl Hill, Raymond Gayheart, Estil Hamilton, Covis Tackett.

MT. OLIVET - Fourth in June. Tennis Sturgill, Doug McCarty, James Waddles, James Watts, Gene Johnson.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in July. Arnold Whitaker, Russel Hicks, Gary Blevins, Willis Tolliver, Johnny Bentley, Morris Wicker.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in July. Richard Staten, Gary Compton, Dee Osbourne, Jason Lowery, Jeff Dillon.

AUGUST

TRUE VINE - Third in August. Jeff Dillon, Offie Bartley, David Sloan, Hillard Newsome, Thomas Thacker, Karrel Addington, Jason Lowery, Dee Osborn.

NOVEMBER

LITTLE MELROSE - First in November (1998). Willis Tolliver, Paul Boggs, Arnold Whitaker, Paris Tackitt, Johnie Bentley, Murl Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Roy Caudill.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in August. Morris Wicker, Johnny Thornsberry, Buddy Carty, Hiram Adkins, Jimmy Hall.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in June. Donald Blake Little, Willis Tolliver, Richard Staten, Jim Hall, James Branham, Murl Caudill, Kenny Robinson, Bill Cotton, Assistant Moderator.

LITTLE POLLY - Second in September. All Old Regular Baptist ministers welcome.

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

LITTLE RUTH - Second in July. Kenny Robinson, Buddy Carty, Ellis Amburgey, Otes Williams.

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

LITTLE IDA - First in July. Murl Caudill, Arnold Whittaker, Buford Brock, Scott Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Danny Adams, Harvey Estep.

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in September. Danny Hamilton, Estil Hamilton, Phillip Mosley, Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart.

LITTLE ZION - Second in August. Ishmal Hall, Charles Newsome, O.C. Holbrook, Gene Johnson, Johnie Bentley.

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

MT. OLIVET - Fourth in August. Scott Hamilton, Ralph Caudill, Glyn Maddox, Jeff Dillon, Jason Lowery.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in June. David Slone, Alex Collier, Tennis Sturgill, Terry Bryant.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in October. Willis Tolliver, Ellis Holbrook, Monroe Jones, Chuck Hall.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in March. Woody Pack, Hillard Newsome, Larry Newsome, Hargis Tuttle, Scott Hamilton, Karrel Addington.

ANTIOCH - First in June. Billy Miller, Squire Hamilton, Johnny Bentley, Arnold Whitaker.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in October (1998). Buddy Carty, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staten, Sam Franks, Jason Lowery, Johnie Bentley, Scott Hamilton.

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Third in July. Danny Hamilton, David Slone, Conely Daniels, Jessie Pack.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in September (1998). Roy Caudill, James Watts, Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller.

MORNING STAR - Third in July. Ray Hamilton, Hobart Justice, Doug McCarty, Paul Dye, Terry Ratliff, David Slone.

LITTLE BETHEL - First in September - Hargis Tuttle, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Robert Wallen, Raymond Gayheart, Oley Tackett and moderator.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in October. Phillip Mosley, Burton Ratliff, Russell Hicks, Paul Vance, Morris Wicker, Claren Williams.

MACEDONIA - Third in September. Paul Coleman, Orvin Mays, Curt Seagraves, Alex Collier, Offie Bartley, Harrison Runyon, Ola Tackett, Paul Stapleton.

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

LITTLE MELROSE - First in May (1999). Eddie Wallen, Sam Franks, Wayne Turner, James Barney, Garland Deel, Harrison Runyon.

ETERNAL ROSE - none.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

LITTLE FLOCK-MARCUM MEMORIAL - Fifth Sunday in August 1999. Ministers called: Paris Tackitt, Harrison Runyon, Russell Hicks, Willis Tolliver, Edwin Hay.

PLEASANT VIEW - Memorial for Brother Harlos Hall - First Sunday in September 1999. Elders called: David Slone, Kenny Robinson, Curtie Hall and Roger Hicks.

MORNING STAR - Caroline Tackett Memorial - odd weekend in May 1999. Ministers called: Covis Tackett, Danny Adams, Bill Blevins, Willis Little and Jr. Hall.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

LITTLE REBECCA

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| Elder Lon Beverly | 45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865 | 419-687-9501 |
| Elder Danny Carty | 5346 St. Andrews, Westerville, OH 43082 | 614-899-9815 |
| Elder Donel Gibson | Box 84, New Haven, OH 44850 | 419-935-4165 |
| Elder Monroe Hicks | 159 Nickels St., Plymouth, OH 44865 | 419-687-3865 |
| Elder Faris Tuttle | 505 St. Rt. 603, Shiloh, OH 44878 | 419-896-3569 |

MAGGIE'S HOME

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| Elder Don Mullins | DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634 | 740-596-4946 |
| Elder Paris Tackitt | 344 3rd. St., Beaver, OH 45613 | 740-226-6343 |

LITTLE POLLY

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| Elder Jerry Griffith | 13753 N. Dr. South, Tekonsha, 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 N. Van Zandt | 11346 Wildwood Dr., Marshall, MI 49068 | 616-781-8191 |

LITTLE FLOCK

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| Elder Hank Forgey | 1443 Centerville Rd., Thurmxan, OH 45685 | 740-682-6533 |
| Elder Mike Fortner | 2476 Centerpoint Rd., Oak Hill, OH 45686 | 740-682-6236 |
| Elder Sam Franks | 1412 Jones Rd., Vinton, OH 45686 | 740-388-9009 |
| Elder Joshua Hicks | 8722 Royalton Rd., Rt6, Lancaster, OH 43130 | 740-696-2988 |
| Elder Dan Lawson | 204 2nd St. Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148 | 740-468-2203 |
| Elder Raymond Stapleton | 73600 Stapleton Ln., Box 322, Vinton, OH 45686 | 740-669-5055 |

LITTLE RUTH

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| 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 | 419-687-2023 |
| Elder Amos Williams | 150 Riley St., Newark, OH 43055 | 740-344-1073 |

LITTLE EDNA

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| Elder Elmer Edward | 888 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, OH 44001 | 440-988-3809 |
| Elder Hobart Justice | 4555 Sumner St., Sheffield Village, OH 44054 | 440-277-9547 |
| Elder Denver Meade | 953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054 | 440-949-6048 |
| Elder Jessie Pack | 12620 Grimsley Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135 | 216-251-1825 |
| Elder David Slone | 5128 Orchard Ave., Lorain, OH 44055 | 440-233-5580 |

LITTLE IDA

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| Elder Herman Belcher | 123 Batavia, River Rouge, MI 48218 | 313-841-2277 |
| Elder Mose Bentley | 25537 Baker St., Taylor, MI 48180 | 734-941-8673 |
| Elder Ralph Caudill | 1594 Wilson, Lincoln Park, MI 48146 | 313-381-3710 |
| Elder Billy Miller | 672 Cora, Wyandotte, MI 48192 | 734-283-0208 |
| Elder Arthur Mitchell | 1712 Electric, Wyandotte, MI 48192 | 734-283-2423 |

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| 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, Wolcotiville, IN 46795 | 219-854-2413 |
| Elder Morris Wicker | 5510 E. 1150 N 57, Wolcotiville, IN 46795 | 219-854-9475 |

LITTLE ZION

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| Elder Rick Aker | 58253 Culpepper, Washington, MI 48094 | 810-781-9321 |
| Elder Glyn Maddox | 34633 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

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| Elder Danny C. Hamilton | 367 Twp. Rd. 1031, Nova, OH 44859 | 419-652-2485 |
| Elder Eddie Wallen | 330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090 | 440-647-5539 |
| Elder Robert Wallen | 123 Main St., Rochester, OH 44090 | 440-647-4052 |

Mt. OLIVET

None

PLEASANT VIEW

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| Elder Stony Blackburn | 1013 Jackson St., Vermillion, OH 44089 | 440-967-9389 |
| Elder Hayes Chaffin | 403 S. Center St., LaGrange, OH 44050 | 440-355-8461 |
| Elder Conley Daniels | 3624 W. 114th St., Cleveland, OH 44111 | 216-251-0709 |
| Elder Larry Newsome | 2216 Brownhelm Sta. Rd., Vermilion, OH 44089 | 440-967-5877 |
| Elder Matt Slone | 5426 Lake Rd., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054 | 440-949-5174 |

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| 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

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| 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 Osborn | 3425 Kitzmiller Rd., New Albany, OH 43054 | 614-855-7955 |

ANTIOCH

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| Elder Karrell Addington | 501 Micawber, Louisville, KY 40245 | 502-254-5961 |
| Elder Curt Caudill Jr. | 2018 Skeen St., Madison, IL 62060 | |
| Elder Hillard Newsome | 3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, KY 40213 | 502-452-1197 |
| Elder Coeburn Wayne Turner | 1888 Finchville Rd., Shelbyville, KY 40065 | 502-834-7608 |

ROSE OF SHARON

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| Elder Johnie Bentley | 3218 22nd St., Wyandotte, MI 48192 | 734-283-2983 |
| Elder Jeff Dillon | 7939 Adair, Casco, MI 48064 | 810-329-4368 |
| Elder Ray Hamilton | 18610 Toledo Rd., Brownstown, MI 48192-8400 | 734-282-2343 |
| Elder Wm. B Holbrook Jr. | 13388 Parkway Blvd., Carleton, MI 48117-9224 | 734-654-6883 |

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| Elder Evan Hamilton | 1319 E. 51st St., Ashtabula, OH 44004 | 440-992-4621 |
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| Elder Junior Jent | 3120 Mill Rd., Dorset, OH 44032 | 440-293-5018 |
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Elder Ishmal Hall Jr. 36876 Manor Rd., Wayne, MI 48184 734-728-0194

Elder Willis Little 4541 Grace, Wayne, MI 48184 734-728-4486

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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Elder Buddy W. Carty 18 High School Ave., Shelby, OH 44875 419-342-4143

Elder Delmas Hall 70 Trux St., Plymouth, OH 44865 419-687-0945

Elder Rufus Slone 224 Deffiance St., St. Mary's, OH 44885 419-394-5146

MACEDONIA

None

TRUE VINE

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Elder Bart Potter 1144 Foxmoor Ln., Ashland, OH 44805 419-281-1688

Elder Kennis Robinson 1947 Tonawanda Ave., Akron, OH 44305 330-794-8821

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Elder Paul Barney 191 N.W. 98th St., Okeechobee, FL 34972 813-357-1691

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Elder Hargis Tuttle 449 A Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889 440-839-5113

1998 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

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| Little Rebecca | Dan Thornsberry, James Hall, Danny Carty |
| Maggie's Home | Don Mullins, Harold Prater, Lester Prater |
| Little Polly | Tom Vanzandt, Rick Griffith, Randy Poe |
| Little Flock | Sam Franks, Howard Parsley, Hank Forgey |
| Little Ruth | Kennith Mullins, Amos Williams, Bill Staton |
| Little Edna | Elmer Edwards, Jessie Pack, Raymond Gilman |
| Little Ida | Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Herman Belcher |
| Little Flossie | Russell Hicks, Larry Dixon, Fred Jones |
| Little Zion | Rick Akers, Buford Conn, Gerald Akers |
| Little Pilgrim's Home | Jackie Hunter, Robert Wallen, Danny Hamilton |
| Mt. Olivet | William B. Holbrook, Elbert Hagerman, Carl Ousley |
| Pleasant View | Larry Newsome, Matt Slone, Conley Daniels |
| Little Family | Hendricks Hampton, James Watts, Jerome Watts Jr. |
| Little Angel | Forest Osborne, John Jude, James Finley |
| Antioch | IV Hudson, Milford Prater, Sr., Melvin Adams Jr. |
| Rose of Sharon | Jay Blevins, Ray Hamilton, Jeff Dillon |
| Lily of the Valley | Scott Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, Roger Newsome |
| Little Children's Home | Buford Brock, James D. Wagner, Mike Hiatt |
| Morning Star | Donlin Little, Willis Little, Randall Parks |
| Little Bethel | Paul Dye, Holly Tuttle, David Maynerd |
| Family of Love | Buddy C. Carty, Delmas Hall, Reed Triplett |
| Macedonia | Ernest Middleton, Arvid Blevins, Paul Stapleton |
| True Vine | Kennis Robinson, Leonard Robinson, Stephen Borders |
| Little Melrose | Doug McCarty, Albert Hamilton, John M. Elkins |
| Eternal Rose | Hartis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Neal Henderson |

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

| Church | Clerk | Address | City, State | Telephone |
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| Little Rebecca | Frank Holt | 1049 Springmill Rd., Apt #17. | Mansfield, OH 44906 | (419) 747-4552 |
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| Little Edna | Elmer Edwards | 888 Cooper Foster Pk. Rd | Amherst, OH 44001 | (440) 988-3809 |
| Little Ida | John Johnson | 15649 Fordline | Southgate, MI 48195 | (734) 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 |
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| Little Family | Marvin Potter | 7492 Hopkins Rd | Maineville, OH 45039 | (513) 683-2492 |
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| Rose of Sharon | Johnie Bentley | 3218 22nd St. | Wyandotte, MI 48192 | (734) 283-2983 |
| Lily of the Valley | Carl E. Hall | 17249 Stocking Rd. | Madison, OH 44057 | (440) 298-1490 |
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| Morning Star | Willis Little | 4541 Grace | Wayne, MI 48184 | (734) 728-4486 |
| Little Bethel | Ernest Owens | 833 Fennimore St. | Fremont, OH 43420 | (419) 334-4344 |
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| Macedonia | David Sturgill | 2068 St. Hwy. 1704 | Olive Hill, KY 41164 | (606) 286-6049 |
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CHURCH MODERATORS AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

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| Little Rebecca | Buddy W. Carty | Robert Wallen |
| Maggie's Home | Paris Tackitt | Don Mullins |
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| 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 | Paul Stapleton |
| True Vine | Kennis Robinson | David Slone |
| Little Melrose | Doug McCarty | Johnnie Newsome |
| Eternal Rose | Hargis Tuttle | Raymond Gayheart |

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 |
| 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 |
| 28 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. 330-882-6393 | Clinton | Ohio |
| Little Melrose | | Melrose | Florida |
| Eternal Rose | 14061 Township Rd. 215 | Lakesville | Ohio |

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 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 44 | 3-E 3:30 | \$450.00 | July |
| Maggie's Home | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 1-M | 225.00 | July |
| Little Polly | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 2-E | 150.00 | July |
| Little Flock | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 3-M | 200.00 | Aug. |
| Little Ruth | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 2-M | 175.00 | June |
| Little Edna | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 4-M | 125.00 | July |
| Little Ida | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 95 | 1-M | 450.00 | June |
| Little Flossie | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 33 | 1-E | 250.00 | June |
| Little Zion | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 2-M | 200.00 | June |
| Little Pilgrim's Home | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 2-M | 175.00 | July |
| Mt. Olivet | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 4-M | 125.00 | July |
| Pleasant View | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 79 | 1-E | 350.00 | May |
| Little Family | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 2-E | 250.00 | July |
| Little Angel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 58 | 4-E | 450.00 | Aug. |
| Antioch | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 1-E | 350.00 | Oct. |
| Rose of Sharon | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 40 | 2-M | 400.00 | May |
| Lily of the Valley | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 3-E | 125.00 | June |
| Little Children's Home | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 3-E 2:00P.M. | 100.00 | July |
| Morning Star | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 39 | 3-M | 300.00 | June |
| Little Bethel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 1-M | 150.00 | July |
| Family of Love | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 4-E 2:00P.M. | 300.00 | July |
| Macedonia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 39 | 3-M | 150.00 | June |
| True Vine | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 3-M | 200.00 | Sept. |
| Little Melrose | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1-M | 150.00 | Jan. |
| Eternal Rose | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 2-E | 50.00 | May |
| 1997 Church Contributions..... | | | | | | | | | | \$5,775.00 | |
| 1997 Money for Pictures..... | | | | | | | | | | 555.00 | |
| Other Contributions..... | | | | | | | | | | 1,344.00 | |
| Grand Total | 20 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 29 | 7 | 18 | 791 | | \$7,674.00 | |

M — Saturday morning services
E — Saturday evening services

OBITUARIES

A TRIBUTE TO ELMER ADKINS

Oh Daddy with your hair so white. You went on to heaven. You saw that great white light (Jesus).

You met mother again, the great love of your life. Now you are happy again Dad, and everything's all right.

That doesn't stop us all from missing you so. But daddy we know that you wanted to go. Way up to heaven, way up on high, you're a part of the universe, and a part of the sky.

Now when we look up and the stars are shining so bright, we pick out the brightest one and say "Hi Dad", everything is just fine and we are all alright.

Tell us daddy, is mom up there still telling you what to do. She was always a good boss for us kids and for you.

I smile when I say this, and I know you are too. She was the best thing that ever happed to us and to you.

Daddy take care of Ricky and Mom and we'll take care of each other until we meet again in heaven.

Love, Sister Wanda, Sister Gail, Sister Diane; Mickey, Johney and Mary



Elmer Adkins

BROTHER MACK ADKINS

Uncle and Brother Mack Adkins left this earth on September 17, 1996. He was one of the best uncles a girl would ever want or need. Uncle Mack never met a stranger. He was an inspiration to everyone and a friend to those in need.

Uncle Mack loved his first wife, Sister Marie and his children very much. She passed away and he met his second wife and acquired some more children who he also loved. He had a good heart, big enough for everyone.

He became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church on August 8, 1971 at the Pleasant View Church. He left Pleasant View to help organize the True Vine Church in 1983. He served as deacon until the time he passed away.

Some people can live on this earth for many years and die with no one to care or miss them, because they left nothing but pain and misery as a legacy. But not Brother Mack. He left a beautiful memory that will last until we meet him again someday. Because if there ever was an angel, it was you my love. Sleep on my uncle and brother in Christ till we meet again.

Your niece and sister in Christ, Wanda

A TRIBUTE TO MAGALINE ADKINS

She left us all down here below. Up to heaven she had to go.

A sweeter mother no one could know. Oh dear mother we loved you so.

When we were little you were always there, to wipe our eyes and to comb our hair.

You taught us the difference from right and wrong. To tell us all about Jesus who sits on the throne.

During our life you always made sure all seven had food and a bed. A place for us all to lay our heads.

I remember so well how you kissed us all good night. Just to let



Magaline Adkins

your children know everything was alright. Fond memories dear mother you have left us down here, Down deep in our hearts to remember one so dear.

Mom we are so proud to have known a mother like you. Someday we'll meet in heaven to start over anew.

We'll get to praise Jesus together and have a great time. Walking around heaven with your Savior and mine.

So sleep on dear mother, rest from all your labor and strife. No more pain will you feel when we all start our new and wonderful lives.

From your children: Sister Wanda, Sister Gail, Sister Diane, Mary, Johnney, Mickey and our baby brother Ricky who is already there

RICKY ADKINS — MAY 20, 1995

Well little brother, I guess you are enjoying yourself being with dad and mom, laughing and having a good time.

You always wanted to beat your brothers and sisters at everything. Well, you did it again. What a brat.

All joking aside, we sure do miss you down here. We think about you all the time. Christina is just like you. Acts like you too. Anyway our sister Diane sees that she gets what she needs. But you know that we will all watch over her.

Brother, everyone you met, you touched with your caring and loving ways. That's why you were so well liked and loved. Walk real slow till we see you again.

God took you at such a young age, but it's not for us to question His plans. Just to accept them and go on no matter how hart it is. We will always love you.

Brothers work we know was well done. For love is a flower that grows in any soil. Works its sweet miracles, undaunted by the fall frost or winter snow. Blooming fair and fragrant all the year and blessing all those who give and those who receive.

Love you brother, Sister Wanda, Sister Gail, Sister Diane, Mary, Johnney and Mickey



Ricky Adkins

AUDRIE ALLEY

With the help of our Lord, I'll try to the best of my ability and knowledge to write the obituary of our dear cousin and friend, Audrie Alley.

Audrie was born Jan. 6, 1938 to the late David and Mary Alley. He was one of seven children born to this union. Audrie met and married Clotine Dye on July 29, 1963. To this union two sons were born: Jeffrey and Stevie. These are all left to mourn along with three brothers: Revis, Wavis (Red), and Homer; plus three sisters: Pauline Jacobs, Olab Ramsey, and Emogene Baldwin; plus two daughters-in-law. Patricia and Melissa and eight grandchildren who will miss their grandpa dearly.

It's beyond our knowledge as to why our good Lord lets life and death happen as it does, but with Audrie he was a wonderful person and such a very special friend. He used to come by our house often just to sit and visit or to check on how me and the rest of the family was doing. He never failed to ask about my father-in-law, Hurshel Elliott. He was



Audrie Alley

very close to all of us, and he never failed to let you know that he was there for us if and when we needed him, and that he loved us all very much.

Audrie loved coming to the Old Regular Baptist. There's never a day that I go into the Rose of Sharon or Little Ida Church but what I still look for him to come into our church. As for my family and me, we loved Audrie dearly — we thank God for the time we got to spend with him. He'll never be forgotten.

Dear sons and daughters-in-law and grandchildren, you had a wonderful father and grandfather. He was a friend to many and we all loved him dearly. Dad is peaceful now. He's just sleeping, but one day, it be the Lord's will, his grave will burst open and he will go to be with our Jesus on through eternity, "JUST THINK HOW HAPPY HE WILL THEN BE."

Clotine you know how much Audrie loved you; just press on. Do the best you can to live your life in a way that is pleasing to our Lord. Pray that our good Lord give you strength to go on and to be there for your children because they'll need you as much as you will need them in days to come. When you got lonely for Audrie, just get down on your knees and pray for the Lord to help you through the hard times. Trust in our God and He'll give you the strength to go on. We all love you and your family. We are not far away if any of you need someone to talk to.

God bless all of you.

Written by a friend for life, Sis. Karen Elliott

DANNY ANDERSON

Psalms 49:15: But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave; for He shall receive me.

On the morning of November 14, 1997, the soul of my dearest uncle, Danny Anderson, left this earth to be in the presence of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He was born on May 13, 1938, making his stay on God's footstool 59 years, 6 months, and 1 day. He was born into the blessed union of Madge Newsome Anderson and Minus Anderson. His father Minus preceded him in death by 16 years. His mother Madge lives in Wyandotte, Michigan, along with his grandmother, Rilla Hall.

Dan has one sister, Nancy Carol Tackett of Wyandotte, Michigan, who not only will mourn the loss of her brother, but also the loss of her dearest friend.

While on this earth, Dan fathered two beautiful daughters, whom he loved with all his heart: Shelly Renee Anderson of Wyandotte, Michigan, and Ronda Leigh Sawicki of Southgate, Michigan. He leaves in your care his two handsome grandsons: Matthew Edward and Mason Farrell. He also leaves behind one step-son whom he loved dearly, William Hunter, and his two children, Miranda Renee and William Russell.

Dan worked for his country in the 1950s, serving several years in the United States Army. He went on to work in the factory, retiring from McLouth Steel in 1985.

A few weeks before his battle with cancer ended, Dan told his family in the living room of his home that he had made peace with God and that he was ready to go home. One of the very last days that he was here with us, Dan told his mother that it would not be much longer before he would be walking down the golden road.

We should try to remember him, not as he was in his last days, but how he was before he got so ill. We should all be so thankful for the time we had with him, and always call to mind the many precious memories that he has left us with; like his smile, his sense of humor, and his very unique



Danny Anderson

laugh. Uncle Dan was a wonderful man. Everyone that came in contact with him grew to love and respect him very much.

In Revelation, chapter 21, the Bible says, *"And God shall wipe away all the tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain."* I hope it can somehow comfort all of our hearts, to know that today, Uncle Dan is walking tall, without a hint of pain in his brand new body, down that golden road that he told his mother about.

Written by his loving niece, Michelle Tackett Szymanski

MAKAYLA ELIZABETH BALDRIDGE

Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for such is the kingdom of God. Luke 18:16

Makayla Elizabeth Baldrige was born January 5, 1996. She was named after her paternal Great-Grandmother.

Her stay here on earth was for a short while, but during her time here with us she touched so many hearts and brought joy to everyone she knew. Her smile and bubbly laugh could brighten any day.

On September 11, 1997 the Lord called for her. Now our Makayla is playing in the promised land.

Surviving are her parents, Coy and Marta Baldrige and sister Shai-Lynn, and paternal great-grandparents R. J. and Elizabeth Combs, all from Rome City, Indiana. A maternal great-grandmother, Mary Pletcher of Shipshewana, Indiana. Also a paternal grandfather Michael Baldrige of Rome City, and paternal grandmother Lydia Baldrige of Woodruff, Indiana. Maternal grandparents are Richard and Deborah Moser from Bronson, Michigan. Also surviving are 3 great uncles, 3 uncles, 3 great aunts, 3 aunts, 16 cousins, and her godparents Tony and Salina Miller from Wawaka, Indiana.

McKayla, we have a bundle of good memories and pictures of you sweetheart but sometimes that is not enough. You were a bright and shining light in our lives that will burn in our hearts forever. We love and miss you more sweetheart than we can find words to say. Our hearts are broken over the loss of you.

Mommy and Daddy, Great Papa and Mama, R. J. and Elizabeth Combs

When I think of you MaKayla, I think of blue skies, the twinkle in your eyes, the things you used to say, your laughter would brighten any day.

When I think of you I think of pulling you along in the wagon after you would wake, on our special walks we used to take, your little hand holding mine; afraid that you would fall behind.

When I think of you I think of your smile, so big and sincere. All these memories I hold so dear. These are some of the things I think of when I think of you.

I will love you always, Your Mommy



Makayla Baldrige

BETHEL MULLINS BENTLEY

Bethel Mullins Bentley was born on October 9, 1918, in Lionilli, KY and left this world on September 6, 1997. She suffered a massive stroke on August 27 after undergoing surgery on August 13, 1997.

Bethel married Bonnie Mullins on April 27, 1937 and to this union were born five children: Ramona Gay, Douglas McArthur, Lillie Mae, Molly Louise and Ronnie Bruce. McArthur, Bonnie and Ronnie preceded her in death. Ronnie Bruce left us on March 5, 1997, after suffering with cancer for a year.

Mother joined the Pilgrim Rest Church of Old Regular Baptist, along with Dad in the year of 1953 and lived in it faithfully until her death.

In 1978 she married Firil Bentley. They had six short years together before his death. She leaves behind to mourn her death three daughters: Ramona Gay Tackitt, Lillie Mae Johnson and Molly Louise Bailey; three sons-in-law: Collie Tackett, Paul Johnson and Ron Bailey; one daughter-in-law: Anita Mullins; a mother-in-law: Carrie Mullins of Lick Fork of Myra, KY; eleven grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter; three sisters: Gustie Wright, Loretta Albert and Agnes Haley; and three brothers: Walton Burke, Milford Burke and Ray Burke.

She will be sadly missed by all her family and all the people who met and came to love her. At 4 A.M. on the morning of her stroke, she called the nurse to her bed at the Elkhorn City nursing home and said "I'm going home. Heaven is my home." Then only a few hours later she had the massive stroke that would silence her voice forever in this world. Sleep on sweet mother for you won't have to worry about pain, needles or heartache anymore. You've traded a world of misery and pain for a home in Heaven to gain.

Written by her lonely daughters



Bethel Mullins Bentley

RONALD PAUL BRAFFORD

Psalms 9:10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for the Lord hath not forsaken them that seek thee.

In much sorrow, we will try to write an obituary of our friend and dear son of Sister Bertha McCann.

Ronnie, as he was fondly called, was born one of four children on Jun 23, 1935 to Paul and Bertha (Casebolt) Brafford, Pikeville, Kentucky. Ronnie departed this life July 3, 1998, making his stay here on earth 63 years and 10 days. God called Ronnie home from the Riverside Hospital, Trenton, Michigan, after having suffered a fatal blood clot. His father, Paul, one brother, Carl Bernard Brafford and one son, Jack Bernard Brafford, preceded him in death.

Ronnie was married to Mossetta Chapman, and to this union God granted three children: Jack Bernard Brafford, Rhonda Brafford, and Ronald Brafford. He leaves to mourn his loss his mother: Sister Bertha, Ecorse, Michigan; brothers: Frank Howard Brafford, Warren Michigan, and William Michael Brafford, Clinton Township, Michigan; children: Rhonda Brafford and Ronnie Brafford; three grandchildren: Tammi, Brenda, and Ronnie; and a host of friends and relations.

Ronnie was employed by Great Lakes Steel Corporation for 31 years and retired from this company.



Ronald Paul Brafford

Ronnie stayed with his mother, taking care of her at home. No more to hear his voice and see his smile, Sister Bertha, we know you will miss him. He loved the Little Ida Church, sharing and caring for little things around the church. Your loss of a son, father and brother is great. God is there in your sorrow and He will answer your call for comfort. He can heal the broken heart and give strength. Many memories of Ronnie will be there that may bring a smile or a tear when you think of him. Love each other and God bless you.

Written by a Brother and Sister in Christ, Bro. Ralph and Sis. Leona Caudill

SISTER CLOVIA TUTTLE CALHOUN

Clovia Tuttle Calhoun, 59 years of age, was born on February 3, 1939 in Knott County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Lillie Thornsberry Tuttle and the late Henry Tuttle of Kite, Kentucky. She departed this life following a sudden illness on June 9, 1998 at the McDowell Appalachian Hospital in McDowell, Kentucky.

On December 23, 1961 she was united in marriage to the late Martin Calhoun and into his marriage were born six children.

Mom proudly served as the head cook at the Beaver Elementary School from August 1977 until May 1979. He then devoted her life to her family and friends and would soon give her heart to the Lord. She was baptized on December 24, 1984 at the Providence Old Regular Baptist Church where she had been a devoted and ongoing member until her untimely death.

Mom was preceded in death by her husband, Martin Calhoun; her father, Henry Tuttle; her sister, Clementine Thornsberry; and her brother, Leon Tuttle. She was followed in death one week later by her mother, Sister Lillie Tuttle.

She is survived by three sons and their wives: Martin Dwayne and Portia Calhoun; James Gregory and Charlene Calhoun; and Vincent Scott and T.J. Calhoun, all of whom reside at Kite, Kentucky. Three daughters and their husbands: Susie and Terry Ford of Spencer, Ohio; Stephanie and Darold Wayne Parks; Laurie and Michael McPeeks both of Kite, Kentucky, plus 18 precious grandchildren whom she held very dear to her heart.

Also surviving her are three brothers: Hargis Tuttle of Wakeman, Ohio; Hagar Tuttle of Canton, Michigan; and Harold Tuttle of Kite, Kentucky. Four sisters: Afo Jean Jacobs of Pippa Passes, Kentucky; Selinda Hamm of Paintsville, Kentucky; Sharon Walters and Hester Gregory both of Morehead, Kentucky and a host of relatives and friends all of whom will mourn her passing.

In her lifetime Clovia was known to be a considerate and giving person. She always had time for you no matter what she was doing. She was looked upon as a mother figure to many young people, especially to all of her nieces and nephews and all their young children as well. Mom was always offering advice and stressing the morals of life and telling you to look unto the Lord for your answers.

Although our hearts are heavy, our minds are now at ease, for we know she has gone on to a better place.

God has blessed us all with her presence and strong guiding light.

Her mind would lead the way from the wrong and to the right.

The loving touch of her hand would wipe away our tears.

The sound of her voice would calm our deepest fears.

The strength of her will would carry us along the way.



Clovia Tuttle Calhoun

The gleam in her eyes gave us true happiness every day.
Her smile was always uplifting to a broken heart in need,
Her hugs were a blanket of understanding unconditionally indeed.

Written by her broken-hearted children

SAMUEL HENRY CAUDILL

Psalms 16: 8-9: I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope.

In much sorrow, we will try to compile an obituary of our dear Brother in Christ, Samuel Henry Caudill.

Sam, as he was fondly called, took his flight from this life in the early hours of June 6, 1998, making his stay here on earth 91 years, 9 months, and 23 days. Sam was born one of 14 children on August 13, 1907, to the late Hugh and Alice (Blair) Caudill of Letcher County, Kentucky. Mother, father, and 9 brothers and sisters preceded him in death.



Samuel Henry Caudill

On July 31, 1926, Sam married a fair young lady, Pearlie Samantha Centers, and to this union God granted four children: Bernice Huff of Manistee, Michigan; Fred Caudill of Belleville, Michigan; Marie King and Samuel Richard Caudill. Richard and Marie preceded Sam in death. This year, July 31, 1998, Sam and Pearl would have celebrated 72 years of marriage.

Sam was 14 years old when he started working in the coal mines of Kentucky for a living. Later, in 1951, he moved his family to Michigan working for Chrysler Corporation until he retired.

Bro. Sam joined the Little Ida Church of Old Regular Baptist in October, 1977, and was a faithful member when God called him home.

He leaves behind to mourn his loss his companion, Pearl; Fred and Bernice; 2 brothers: John B. Caudill of Kentucky and Alek C. Caudill of Florida; 2 sisters: Ruth Lewis of Maryland, and Sarah Caudill of Ohio; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Sam always loved the songs of Zion and prayer in his home. He has taken a great flight to a land of peace and rest where sickness won't beset him again. He has exchanged his illness for peace on that wonderful day of resurrection. Our prayers to Sister Pearl, the family, and friends. He will be missed by the Church. May God grant that you will meet him again in a great land that God provided for us all.

Written by a Brother and Sister in Christ,
Bro. Ralph and Sis. Leona Caudill

ARNOLD C. COBURN

Arnold C. Coburn, age 68, resident of Shelby, Ohio, died Friday July 3, 1998 at at home following an extended illness. Born September 19, 1929 in Floyd County, KY to Fred and Stacy (Roberts) Coburn. He had been a Shelby resident since 1950. He was a veteran of the US Army serving in the Korean Conflict. Arnold had been employed with Ohio Seamless Tube for 23 years, retiring in 1990. He attended the Old Regular Baptist Churches.

Survivors include his wife, Eva Jean (Ousley) Coburn, whom he wed December 11, 1951; one son, Vaughn Coburn of Mansfield; one sister, June Fry of Navarre, OH; nieces, nephews and other relatives. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three half-brothers, Charlie, Fred and Herbert Slaven and three half-sisters, May Layne, Ethel King and Teddy Kilgore.

Arnold was a gunsmith. He enjoyed repairing guns as a hobby. It was apparent that he took pride in his family and home.

Arnold and Jean had been married almost 47 years. Jean says that they had a good life together and it will be very hard to go on without Arnold by her side. We know it will be difficult, we also know that God can give you and Vaughn the strength you need to go on with your lives.

Arnold knew you did all you could to make him comfortable until God called him home.

How happy we all were to get the good news that Arnold had made peace with God, just a few weeks before he died.

Jean, you were so happy when he told you the Lord had forgiven him. It took such a load off you because you were so worried about him. Now get ready to join him in that beautiful and blessed forever home that the Lord has prepared.

Jean and Vaughn wishes to thank everyone who helped them so kindly during Arnold's illness and funeral. Jean especially wants to express her thanks to her sister Orena, brother-in-law Allen, nieces and nephews, and their good friends John and Loretta Barrett who so diligently stood by their side with willing hearts and hands. Thank you, to the Old Regular Baptist ministers, the Little Rebecca Church, and the Barkdull Funeral Home.

Rest on dear husband, dear dad, and brother in Christ. We all hope to meet you again, where we can dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever.

Written by Elder Larry and Patsy Newsome; Arnold's wife, Jean and son Vaughn



Arnold C. Coburn

PANSY COLEMAN

With a broken heart I will try to write an obituary of my sweet mommy. She was born in Kentucky on March 23, 1915 and departed this life on November 19, 1997 making her stay 82 years, 9 months. Mommy married Jesse Coleman and to this union was born 19 children, all living but 2. Mommy lost daddy in 1962; one son, Elmer and one infant daughter, Hester, preceded her in death. Left to mourn mommy's death are daughters: Lois Prater, Minnie Prater, Irene Williams, Charlene Peoples, Lerie Peoples all of Ohio; Christine Newsome of Florida; Esther Coleman and Madeline Ratliff of KY. Sons: Oydel Coleman of Indiana; Arthur Coleman, Dean Coleman, Robert Coleman, Roy Coleman, Terry W. Coleman, Marshall Coleman, Chandlous Coleman of Ohio; Jesse James Coleman of KY.



Pansy Coleman

Mommy cared for and loved her children and when times got hard you could often hear her say "The Lord will make a way somehow."

Mommy joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in the 1960s.

Memories are treasures that no one can steal.

Death is a heartache that no one can heal.

Tears may dry and fade away

But in my heart you'll always stay.

Written by her daughter and sister in Christ, Minnie Prayer

BROTHER CLARK DAMRON

In loving memory and with the Lord's help, I will try to write an obituary of my beloved daddy.

Brother Clark Damron was born on January 15, 1919 in Penny, Kentucky and went home with Jesus on November 10, 1997, after battling cancer and alzheimer's disease.

He was the son of the late Robert and Almedia Bartley Damron.

My daddy married my mother, Mable Branham, on April 19, 1939. From this union came only one child, Brenda.

Besides my mother, myself, my dad leaves his precious granddaughter, Andrew Michelle to mourn his death. He is also survived by three brothers: Raymond, Carvin and Ernest; two sisters: Nancy Damron and Clara Inman; three half-brothers: James A., Fred, and Robert Jr., and one half-sister: Martha Newcomb, many nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters of the Old Regular Baptist Church and friends. My dad was preceded in death by four brothers: Freelon, Charles, Freeman, and Arnold; one sister: Zelly.

Daddy joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in June 1954, while visiting in Elkhorn City, Kentucky. He placed his letter at Little Ida Church upon returning home to Michigan. In March 1958, he became an ordained minister at Little Ida Church.

My dad was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for more than 43 years of his 78 years on earth. He loved his religion and lived it 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He was so humble, kind and loving to all who knew him.

I thank God everyday for giving me the best daddy in the world. I miss him very much, but I know in my heart he is in heaven.

My daddy was laid to rest in the Chapple View Mausoleum in the Annie E. Young Cemetery, Pikeville, Kentucky after funeral services were held in Michigan and Kentucky on November 14, 1997.

My daughter, Andrea Michelle, wrote the following poem as a tribute to her grandpa:

GRANDPA

A star in the sky, he now rests with Jesus
His loved poured out like sunshine
He prayed for everyone, he prayed for me.
His brightened my life in many ways.
Making things easier when backs turned against me.
A gentleman with a smile of unimaginable warmth,
My love for him eternal as his stay in heaven.

We hope to join daddy in heaven some day, with the help of the good Lord. God bless you daddy.

Written with eternal love from our hearts, daughter Brenda and granddaughter Andrea



Brother Clark Damron

BIRTUS LEXIE DUNBAR

Bill Dunbar was born in Caldwell County, Kentucky on June 13, 1916 to Birtus L. and Mary Elizabeth Dunbar, Sr. He was the third child in a family of four children, only one, a sister, Imogene Easley, remaining. He was raised in a Christian home with a dad who was a farmer and a deacon in the church. At the age of 23 he married Doris E. Curry. From this marriage there was one child, Dorotha Faye. He also leaves a granddaughter, Clara Faye Craig, and great-granddaughter, Jennifer Anne Craig. His wife preceded him in death on January 31, 1995. After Doris' death he found it very difficult to travel and carry out his ministry. The Lord answered his grief-stricken prayers and sent him Sister Sue Adams as a help mate, and they were married March 31, 1996. The two of them enjoyed almost two years as husband and wife before he passed away on March 6, 1998.



Birtus Lexie Dunbar

Surviving are his wife, Susie (Adams) Dunbar of Eaton Rapids, Michigan; daughter, Dorotha (Tom) Meadows of Providence, KY; stepdaughter Marie (Jerry) Thompson of Texas; stepson Red (Lori) Adams of Eaton Rapids, Michigan; granddaughter Clara Faye (Daniel) Craig of Evansville, Indiana; great-granddaughter, Jennifer Anne Craig; two step-grandsons, Ron Adams, Rod Thompson; step-granddaughter, Faye Marsh; three step-great-grandchildren, Aleisha Marsh, Millisa Adams, Nicole Adams; and his sister, Imogen (Cortez) Easley of Princeton, KY.

Brother Bill joined the Old Regular Baptist Church April 15, 1962 at Little Ida Church of Ecorse, Michigan. A few years later he felt the call to the ministry and was ordained at Little Ida Church in 1966. Brother Bill loved his brothers and sisters in the church and over the years there were many children who grew to love him as they would a granddad. He will be sorely missed by them and his nieces, nephew, great nieces and great nephews, as well as Sister Sue's children and grandchildren. We carry on with the assurance of a hope that he is resting in the arms of Jesus and one day we will see him again.

Written by his daughter, Dorotha

BRO. HALE

Daddy loved home. He was always so glad to see the Wilkesville city limit sign. He said it seemed like he could breathe better once he saw that sign. Daddy never wanted to go on vacation to other places. A trip every once in a while to Kentucky or to an association was more than enough. Maybe this was because all Daddy ever needed or wanted he had right at home. He didn't need to go anywhere else to find happiness. He was completely happy at home with his family, his friends, and the church. He loved his family, his friends, and the church will all of his heart.

Two weeks before he died, we were talking about church, and Brother Ivory. He said "I have been so homesick since Brother Ivory died." I can never remember Daddy ever mentioning a longing for his heavenly home as some people do. I knew then that Daddy was tired. His race was nearly over, his race was nearly won. Daddy used to sit by the window where he could watch the driveway and wait for us to come home. He couldn't rest until we were back from our travels. He would worry until we pulled in the driveway. All of us need to look in our hearts and decide what we need to do. Daddy would want us with him in his new home.



Bro. Hale

Daddy was born October 3, 1918. He was the son of the late Alonzo and Fanny "Taylor" Hale. He had two brothers and one sister. He married Claudia Williamson of Pike County, Kentucky on August 23, 1941. To this union were born five children. With his marriage, Daddy gained additional brothers and sisters in the form of Mom's family. He never thought of them as just in-laws, but as brothers and sisters.

He was a retired coal miner and a long standing member of the United Mine Workers of America. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist faith for 52 years and had his membership with Maggie's Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Dundas, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Claudia "Williamson" Hale; three sons, two daughters-in-law: Claude and Susie Hale of Dexter, Ohio; William and Tammy Hale of Gonzales, Louisiana; John E. Hale of Wilkesville, Ohio; two daughters and son-in-law: Karen Hale-Elliott of Dexter, Ohio; Katrena and Paul Claver of Seminole, Florida; eleven grandchildren: Sandra Hale Holcomb, Richard Hale, Mary Hale, Andrea Hale, Angela Hale, Claude Lester Hale II, Jenny Beth Daniels, Kacie Hale, James Hale, Kelsey Hale, and Andrew Hale; two great-grandchildren: Kara and Kim Holcomb, and one brother: W. H. Hale of Williamson, West Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson Ronnie Hale, a brother, Joseph Hale and a sister Sophia Hale Williamson.

When people would come to visit it made Daddy so happy. His whole face would light up. It was like his illness wasn't there. We appreciate all those happy times for Daddy. All of you, with your words and prayers helped ease his way.

A peace has settled over our home. A peace that is mixed with a great sorrow. Daddy's hands no longer shake. He no longer needs the oxygen machine that bothered him so. He no longer needs our help to walk. He is not homesick any more.

Written by his baby daughter,
Katrena "Katie" Hale-Claver

HARLOS HALL

It's with a broken heart that we try to write the obituary of our loving dad Harlos Hall who passed away on May 2, 1998. Dad was born on April 23, 1933 to the late Elder Jerry Hall and Tora (Amburgey) Hall.

He was married to his loving wife, Wanda (Allen) Hale on April 30, 1951 and from this union was born four children. Vanessa Martin (Wayne) of Lorain, Sabrina Russell of Lorain, Tim Hall (Sandi) of Elyria and Eldon Hall of Elyria and one granddaughter Melissa Danielle Martin.

He is survived by three brothers: Ivan Hall of Middleburg Heights, Ohio; Charles Hall of St. Charles, Illinois; and Terry Hall of St. Louis, Missouri. Four sisters: Jean Burton of Cullman, Alabama; Lorraine Daniels of Cleveland, Ohio; Lydia Rakosy of Brookpark, Ohio; and Mary Yvonne Castle of Drift, Kentucky. He is preceded in death by three brothers, Daniel, Edward and Jerry Jr., one sister, Gladys Meade and his parents.

Dad worked at Ford Motor Co. in Brookpark, Ohio for 35 years before retiring in 1991. He was a member of the Pleasant View Church since 1980 and ordained as a Deacon in 1983. His life was the church and serving God. He loved being around his church brothers and sisters more than anything.

Dad had been ill with heart problems for a long time and had been in and out of the hospital the past few years. Every day found him a little weaker and one day closer to home. His last day



Harlos Hall

on earth was spent at his church attending bread baking. He sat in his usual pew on the front row at Pleasant View and after the introduction he looked over and told Elder Larry Newsome that he was dying and closed his eyes and went home.

They say that time heals all wounds but I don't know if I will ever get over losing you, Honey. If it wasn't for the Good Lord I would not have been able to make it through this. I sit here and think about you constantly and pray that I could be at peace with you, resting under the Altar of God, but it is not His will yet. Jesus has sent me the Great Comforter to ease the pain a little bit, but the flesh is so weak I can't help missing you. I would not want you to come back to this world of pain and suffering, you suffered so much in this life, always holding your chest and calling on Jesus to take away the pain. That evening on May 2, 1998 Jesus answered your prayers and sent His Angels after you to carry you home, you went so peacefully, just as if you went to sleep. I go to sleep at night with you on my mind and I wake up in the morning with you on my mind. You will always be in my heart. I await that day when God calls me home and my sorrow will come to an end. Until that day sleep on Honey, and in that Great Resurrection morning when Jesus calls His children home, we will go and see King Jesus and live together with no more separation, no more pain and suffering, and no more sorrow. I miss you so much, my heart aches, I miss the sound of your voice, I miss hearing you sing at home and at Church, I miss going to Church and seeing you sitting there enjoying the meeting. Praise the Lord someday we will all sing together, Praises to Our King, and the meeting will never end. I won't say goodbye. I'll just say "I'll see you in a little while, Honey, I love you." I want to thank all my Brothers and Sisters and friends for your kindness and prayers have been a comfort to me. Without God and my Church I would not have been able to make it through this. Thank you and God Bless you.

Your loving wife of 47 years, Wanda

If he could say one more thing to his children it would be to repent and be born again for there is a better land than this old troublesome world. Dad's work here is over and he's resting from his labors. Some day, with all our hearts, we believe we will see him again.

So sleep on, sweet Father, until we meet again. We will miss you dearly and we loved you with all our hearts.

Sadly missed by his children, wife and family,

Written by his broken-hearted son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Sandi Hall
May God in heaven hear my prayers, the holy spirit fill my soul
Grant me strength to carry on and the courage to let go
The Lord will not desert me I know I'm not alone
May God help me to remember this when the angels take you home
I have and always will love you.
Letting go and letting God it isn't quite that easy
My flesh is weak but my spirit is willing
Your memory will live with me forever
Oh I must rejoice for I hear them coming, the angels in the sky
They've come to take you home
They've brought you wings now fly, I have and always will love you.
My heart is so heavy filled with so much grief
But my soul is rejoicing for all your pains have ceased
Sleep on my darling in the loving arms of Jesus
Until God calls His children home I'll meet you there my honey
I have and always will love you.
Your broken-hearted wife Wanda. Written by his loving son, Eldon

SISTER VELMA HATFIELD

By the help of the Lord I will try to write a few words about a dear sister that I learned to love many years ago. Sister Velma Hatfield was born May 9, 1915 and departed this life October 7, 1996, making her stay on earth 81 years, 4 months and 28 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband David Hatfield; her mother and father, Jesse and Clerindia Blair; one brother: Steve Blair; and one sister, Emma Adams. She is survived by one son: Hubert Hall, a sweet daughter-in-law, Anna, one granddaughter, April Hudson, one great-granddaughter, Holly Hodson; three stepdaughters: Linda Greene, Jerlene Mullikin and Wanda Davis; one stepson Gerald Hatfield and two sisters: Bonita Mullins and Monnie Sparkman; a host of brothers and sisters in the church as well as a great host of family and friends.

She gave her hand to the church in 1988. Elder Roy Caudill and me had the pleasure of baptizing her. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend. After she got sick every time I would go to visit her she would always ask me to hold prayer. Her daughter-in-law told me about how much she liked it when I would say "How ya doing maw."

I feel with all my heart she is resting under the altar of God, and if all of her friends and loved ones want to see her again, they will have to serve the same God she served.

Hubert has spoken to me about how well she was treated and cared for by Jean for the last four years. Hubert feels Jean treated her as if she were her own mother.

I know you are grieving Bonita, but you can plan on meeting her in a better place.

She loved all her family and friends and will be sadly missed by all. I believe that when this is over I will meet her in a better world.

Written by: Elder Buford Brock, her son and daughter-in-law

Her great-granddaughter, Holly, said "Just think, now Grandma can see well enough to really sew her quilt."



Sister Velma Hatfield

REMUS EUGENE HOLBROOK

With a sad heart and tears, I called upon the Lord to help write this obituary of Remus Eugene Holbrook. He was born on March 14, 1924 to the late Slyvan and Vestie Holbrook in Punchion, Kentucky. Remus departed this world on June 25, 1998 from Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Michigan, making his stay here 73 years, 3 months and 10 days.

On August 31, 1943 Remus married his sweetheart, the late Maggie Franklin Holbrook at home in Millstone, Kentucky. God gave them 53 years together. To this union were born three children who will miss him dearly. Loraine Cox of Romulus, Michigan; Jimmie Holbrook of Dearborn, Michigan and Patricia Martin of Lincoln Park, Michigan along with 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Remus is also survived by 2 sisters: Josephine Shehee of Toledo, Ohio and Geneva Moran of Fort Pierce, Florida. His sister Emma preceded him death.

In 1953 the family moved to Detroit, Michigan. With hard work and God's help they bought a home in Lincoln Park where Remus and Maggie resided till their deaths.



Remus Eugene Holbrook

With God's guidance Dad found the brothers and sisters of the Little Ida Church in Ecorse, Michigan. Dad gave his hand to the Lord on January 14, 1996 and was baptized January 24, 1996 at the Little Ida Church.

Even though they both enjoyed traveling and visiting other churches, Little Ida was home. After mom's death, dad didn't do much traveling, but he enjoyed singing and talking about the Word of God. The brothers and sisters helped him grow into a loving servant of the Lord.

Peace Dad, daughter Pat

ERYN ABIGALE JOHNSON

It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try, by the help of almighty God, to write this obituary of my beloved granddaughter to wit: Eryn Abigale Johnson. Little Abby as born July 17, 1998 and departed this life July 21, 1998. She was such a little angel and that is why I feel that the good Lord took her at such a young age. He needed another little angel to be with him in paradise.

Little Abby was born to Stephanie M. Akers and Benjamin P. Johnson of Richmond, Kentucky. Those remaining to mourn her passing are the maternal grandparents, Gerald Akers of Almont, Michigan and Deborah Akers of Florida. The paternal grandparents are Burl Johnson Jr. of North Carolina and Marisa Meadows of Kentucky. Her maternal great-grandparents are Lillian Akers of Michigan and Lois Powers of Kentucky. The paternal great-grandparents are Burl Johnson Sr. of Kentucky and Alberta Johnson of Tennessee. And a great-great-maternal grandmother Edna Smiley of KY. Little Abby also as a half brother, Taylor Mckennon Golden/Johnson. And a whole host of relative and friends to mourn her passing.

I want to say to both Stephanie and Ben that you can lean on the Lord and he will get you both through this time of sorrow. Just listen and obey him and he will comfort you.

We want to thank everyone that was there for the family. They will long remember your kindness when they needed you the most. I want to especially thank Elizabeth and Melissa for showing their love to Steph and Ben and pray that you will continue being there for them.

Written by: a broken-hearted grandpa, Gerald Akers

HELEN JUSTICE

With a feeling of great loss and sorrow, I will try to write the obituary of Sister Helen Rose (Adkins) Justice. She was born January 8, 1930 in Greenup Co. KY. She left this low ground of sorrow about 9:30 on February 25, 1998. She smiled, closed her eyes to this world, with her family and her sister Gladys Coleman at her bedside she left us.

Sister Helen leaves to mourn her loss, her husband of thirty-one years, Bennett Justice; two sons Mitchel (Jody) Roe and Rick (Sharon) Roe; also a daughter: Mrs John (Cheryl) patrick of Marion, OH; a stepson and stepdaughter Ben (Tammy) Justice II and Mrs. (Larry) Francis Harville; also six grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

She was widowed when her first husband, William (Bill) Roe was killed in a boating accident when her children were very small.

Sister Helen was the oldest daughter in a family of four brothers and five sisters born to Bro. James and Sister Edna (Wright) Adkins. She was a very loving and giving person. Her first concern was always to take care of other people. The first I heard of her helping someone she was four years old and would sit on the porch step while mom worked in the garden and call her when her older brother Elder Calvin Adkins would go out of the yard. She did things like that as long as she could go always caring for others first.



Helen Justice

Sister Helen joined the Old Regular Baptist Family on November 13, 1977. Her membership was at the Little Ruth Church in the Northern New Salem Association. She attended regularly and from the talks we have had, she felt that God had Blessed her so sweetly many times. On many Sunday evenings we would call one another and talk about what a good Blessing God had sent his people that day, how sweet the singing and who came to visit. I will always remember the times I have been blessed just to sit and listen to her. Bro. Calvin and Bro. Howard talk and sing for hours. Memories are a blessing from our Lord that shine through the darkest hours.

Sister Helen loved the Philadelphia Association almost as much as her own. She has many friends among the brothers and sisters in this old association. Different sisters have mentioned how they loved to hear her sing as we worked to prepare food to feed the congregation. She loved the old church and all the family of God so much. We have lost a true friend and I believe a child of the Heavenly King. We will miss you sister, rest in peace until God calls his children home.

A Sister in hope, Nora (Adkins) Salmons

When death's door closed silently behind her
Our sorrow no longer she could see
Legions of Angels, singing God's praises. Sister I feel open to thee.
We follow our Lord's dear footsteps, As onward toward Heavenly we trod
If we look closely, I believe we will see them
Her footsteps as she followed our Lord

MARY F. MARTIN PACK

With a lot of sadness in nature but a blessed feeling in the spirit of the Lord. Knowing where my Mom's new home is, forever to be with God. I will attempt to write this obituary for my Mother, sister in the Lord and good friend.

Mary F. Martin Pack, 92, of Xenia and Columbus, Ohio, died Saturday, July 11, 1998 at a Columbus Care unit. She was a former resident of South Shore, KY.

She was born June 5, 1906 in Prestonsburg, KY, Floyd County. She was the daughter of the late Permintis Martin and Isabell Hamilton Martin. At the time of her death she was a member of The House of Prayer Church in Beaver creek, Ohio.

Mother was born again when she was twenty-six years old. She was a good and faithful servant of God for sixty-six years. She could not count all the blessings that she received from Jesus Christ or Lord and Savior in sixty-six years.

Mother retired from F.W. Means Co. in Portsmouth, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifton Pack, October 11, 1976. Also preceding her in death were three brothers: Tamble Martin, Gardner Martin and Roosevelt Martin. Also two sisters: Abbie Martin Chapman and Eva Martin Riley.

She is survived by three sons: Lorenzo D. Fugate and wife Bernice of Wyandott, MI; Lovell W. Pack and wife Helen of New Port Rickey, FL; and James C. Pack and wife Bonnie of Columbus, OH. One daughter: Eva Jean Fugate St. John and husband Roger of Xenia, OH. One sister: Verdi Frasure of Portsmouth, OH. Six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

To you who knew my Mom, remember her love and kindness toward everyone. The path of her good works is left in our memories. I called her the chairman of the board because she told us about Jesus. I love you Mom.



Mary F. Martin Pack

Written by her son, James C. Pack

SARAH ELIZABETH KUHN

Sarah Elizabeth ("Lizzie") Boatright was born July 6, 1906, the first born child of Henry Clinton Boatright and Doshie Adams Boatright. At a very young age she was married to Enoch Frazier and to them were born three children. Elmer, who preceded her in death in 1988; Willie who died in 1935 at age 2½ years; and Dociephene, known as Jo.

By 1942 Lizzie was struggling alone to raise her children, when she moved to Detroit, Michigan. There she met and married Louis Kuhn and their marriage was blessed with a daughter they named Joyce for the joy she brought to their lives. Louis died suddenly in 1965 leaving Lizzie once again to raise a daughter alone.

Lizzie died at Seaway Hospital in Trenton, Michigan on June 1, 1998 just one month and five days short of her 92nd birthday. She leaves to mourn her passing 2 daughters: Jo and her husband Jim Roll of Melbourne, Florida; Joyce Alene and her husband George Kovacs of Brownstown, Michigan; daughter-in-law Ruth Frazier of Melbourne, Florida; 2 sisters, Cynthia Campbell and Ocie Miles both of Michigan; 9 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She belonged to the Rose of Sharon Old Regular Baptist Church where she was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend. She was one of the last three remaining charter members, having come with the Arm from Little Ida Old Regular Baptist when Rose of Sharon was organized.

Her sweet face and precious smile are sadly missed by her family and friends.



Sarah Elizabeth Kuhn

STEPHANIE MARIE LITTLE

It is with a broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of my precious granddaughter. Stephanie Marie Little was born on July 17, 1997 in Columbus, Ohio. She died on September 19, 1997, making her stay on earth 2 months and 2 days.

She was the daughter of Barry and Jennifer (Ratliff) Little. She was the sister of Ruben and Ryne Little. She was the granddaughter of Randall Ratliff of Marion, Ohio, Margaret Gomber of Gillett, WI, Larry Little of Ocala, Florida and Shelba Forrider of Marion, Ohio. She was the great-granddaughter of Iva Ratliff of Marion, Ohio. She also had 3 uncles and 1 aunt.

The Family of Love is a very special place, with so much love. There are times when we are having a good meeting. I have actually looked for the angel flying and visiting us by an eye of faith. But after looking at this little doll, I feel like we've had a special visitor. An angel we can see with our eyes, is in our midst. This church will be more special than ever because of Stephanie's presence with us.



Stephanie Marie Little

Stephanie, though your life was short for Mom and Dad, your memories they will cherish forever. They loved you very much and wanted you with them. God had a different plan. His will was for you to be with him. We will miss you very much. Goodbye little Angel. We love you.

Sister Carlene Carty
Grandmother Gomber

GOD'S TINY ANGEL

Our daughter's heart is broken today.

The Angel of God loaned her has been taken away.

She was a gift of love, known like no other The love of a child, that's felt by a mother.
Grieve for her now, though she'll never depart The place she has found in her mother's heart
She has gone home to Jesus, where she'll always be God's tiny angel, little Stephanie Marie
Margaret Gomber

KELLY MAYNARD

I will try to write the obituary of my husband, Kelly Maynard. He was the son of Grundy and Ella Maynard of Pikeville, KY. He was born February 27, 1923 and passed away September 14, 1997. Brain cancer took him away. He really wasn't much trouble while he was sick. He was only bedfast about 3 or 4 days.

He worked in the coal mines at age 15 and went to World War II at age 18. He came home from the war and a few days later was in Pikeville walking down the street and came into a small restaurant where I was. I looked around and saw this very tall dark and really good looking man. A friend of my sister knew him and introduced him to me. I walked out with my sister Edna and Kelly yelled to me that he was going that way, too. I slowed down and he walked with me.



Kelly Maynard

We came to this little place where people went to get their picture made. He asked me to have my picture made with him. I did and that is the picture I have put in here. I only knew him for a few minutes when we made it. He took me home and a month later we were married. Two weeks later I began to think I had made a bad mistake, because he loved to stay like he was still not married.

One child after another came, and we had seven sons. Kelly didn't get any better for 35 years. He was one of the worst fathers and husband anyone could have, but our sons made up for their dad; they were so good to me and each other and still are. Donnie, Joseph and Robbie of Gainesboro, Tennessee; David of Norwalk, Ohio; Boyd T. of Sandusky, Ohio; James of Betsy Layne, Kentucky; and Daniel of Olive Hill, Kentucky. I also live in Olive Hill.

Kelly also worked on River boats and in factory work. The good part is this almost worthless man surprised her mother and all of us and turned his life over to our Lord. He was sorry he wasted so many years of his life and was so different the rest of his life. He joined the Little Bethel Church in Greensprings, Ohio and lived in that church the last 16 years of his life, and let us know he was so sorry.

He had a really sweet dream about a month before he left us. He said an angel came and got him by the hand and took him to heaven to see his new home. He told me how pure heaven was. He said over and over it is pure love there pure love. Better love there than we can love anyone here. He was so happy to tell me this dream. There was more to the dream but I picked the part he repeated the most.

We all miss your Kelly, but we all are so glad you saw your new home and gave your life to our Lord when you did.

We love you, wife Opal, children and family

BONETA MULLINS

Boneta Mullins, 77, 8430 W. County Road, 300 N. Falmouth, died Wednesday, January 7, 1998 at Extendacare of Connersville. She had been in failing health for the past 2 years. She was born September 21, 1921 in Pine Top, Kentucky, the daughter of Jessie and Clearinda Blair, both of whom preceded her in death.

After coming to Connersville from Kentucky she lived on Virginia Avenue and for the past 21 years she lived in Fairview as a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Charles Mullins; a sister, Mrs. Monie Sparkman of Pippa Passes, Kentucky; three nephews: Hubert Hall and Tom Blair both of Connersville, Indiana; and Daniel Adams of Litcar, Kentucky; a niece, Joy Carlson of Connersville, Indiana, and a sister-in-law, Mrs Locie Blair of Connersville, Indiana.

In addition to her parents, a brother Steve Blair and two sisters, Velma Hatfield and Emma Adams preceded her in death.

Boneta felt she had a better home to go to. She often talked about dreams and visions she had of loved ones who had passed on. Before her mind became so confused she worried about leaving Charley behind. Boneta lived the last two months in a nursing home. She wanted to stay at home, but she got so bad with pain she could no longer cope with it. We hope she's at peace now and resting under the altar of God where she won't have any more pain.

Written by her loving niece and nephews, Joy, Tom and Hubert, and sister-in-law, Locie Blair



Boneta Mullins

JAY LEE AND ANNIE NEWSOME

Jay Lee as born August 27, 1918 to Daniel and Rodine Hamilton Newsome at McDowell, KY. He was killed in a mining accident on August 26, 1960, making his stay here on earth 42 years. He was a hard working man and fun to be around. He married Annie Hall on September 14, 1934. She was the daughter of Wayne and Margret Elisabeth Newsome Hall, McDowell, KY.

To their union they were blessed with 9 children, 3 sons and 6 daughters. Two children were married when their dad got killed in the mines, that left 7 children for mom to raise by herself. Mom did without a lot so she could give us what we needed, not what we wanted, there's a big difference in that today. I know dad would be very proud of her, as we are. Their children are: Phylistine Mitchell, Madeline Mitchell, Klinon and Arnold Newsome, all of Grethel, KY, Clyde Newsome and Neveline Blankenship of Wolcottville, Indiana. Charlene Hoover and Emma Grace Emery, Warsaw, Indiana. Also Ruthie Tuttle LaGrange. They had 30 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, 2 of whom preceded them in death.

Annie was left alone to raise seven of their children after Jay Lee was killed in the mines. It was a lonely life without her loved one beside her to help with all the sorrows of raising children alone. Annie did a wonderful job with her parenting, she was both mother and father to her children. They are very proud of their mother and father and hope they do as good a job.

Before Annie passed away she told us of visions she had of the angels coming to her and stopping her pain when the doctors could not do anything. Annie passed away on October 11, 1997 in



Jay Lee and Annie Newsome

Warsaw, IN. She was with us 79 years, 10 months and 8 days. I know Annie and Jay would love to meet every one of their family in heaven some day.

This is about my beloved Mother & Father
Jay Lee and Annie Newsome

Mom and Dad met at a little country church when they were in their teens. They fell in love and wanted to get married, but before they could dad had to ask for mom's hand in marriage from her father and stepmother. Mom always met dad at church. She had all of her half brothers and sisters with her, so dad never saw mom alone, they always had a chaperone. They had a good life together, shared lots of dreams and plans. It was a hard road in those days for everyone to survive and live.

Mom always told us about her dreams and visions of angels coming to her and taking her by the hand leading her to the most beautiful place she had ever saw. She said daddy was there waiting for her to come home.

I know mom is in heaven, so is dad. I know I will meet them there one day. Mom was sick most of her later years in life. We did everything we could to help her, but only God could take away her pain and he did when he took her home to be with him and daddy once more. We miss them but we don't want them to suffer anymore here on this earth. They are together again where they belong.

Written by their daughter Charlene Hoover

MARY "MEG" ROUSH

For the children of God, suffering is only here on earth. Sister Mag Roush certainly endured much suffering and many heartaches down through the years. She would always say, "Without God I could not get through each day because my pains are so severe for me to bear it alone."

Sister Mag was washed in the precious blood of Jesus in August 1965. August was a special month for her. In the same month, August 1997, Jesus called her to come Home. She was a member of the Pleasant View Church at Litchfield, Ohio. She was faithful to attend when she was able. She was a very inspirational person; when you called her thinking you might be a help to her, she would cheer you up instead. The Bible was her guide; she claimed the promises of God. She



Mary Roush

did not care for man's opinions if they were not biblical. She spent a lot of time alone, but she always read, listened to spiritual tapes, and, as she said so many times, spent her time "talking to God."

Sister Mag was a fighter to live. But during her last stay in Cleveland Clinic, I called her and she said, "I don't want to live any more; I want to go Home. I have prayed and taught my children and my grandchildren the best I know for them to be born again. I have come now to the point in my life that I don't want to live any longer." I knew then that God would give her the desire of her heart: she wanted to go Home. "Come Home, Child, you have suffered long enough."

Sister Mag was born the daughter of the late Elder Levi and Sister Della (Moore) Sword in Orkney, KY, in October 1931. Survivors include her daughter: Theresa (Johnson) Gest of Elyria, OH; and two sons: Glenn Johnson and Wesley Roush. Her husband Lewis Roush preceded her in death in 1990. She had six grandchildren and one adopted grandchild. Her brothers include: Ivel Sword, Samuel Sword, and Matt Sword all of Ruskin, FL; Raymond Sword and Claude Swort of Elyria, OH; her sisters are Barb Sword of Louisville, KY; Norma Kilby of Elyria, OH; and Colleen Gregory of Kipton, OH.

Elder Larry Newsome and other Regular Baptists took care of her funeral at the Pleasant View Church. She was buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Lorain, OH.

Children, grandchildren, and other relatives: Sister Mag was so concerned about your souls. She desired for you to belong to the Lord. It is your choice; make your decision before it is too late. Don't be too busy to talk to Jesus. God bless all of you. I loved your mother.

Sister Marjorie Slone

GLEN SEXTON

It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try to write about my precious husband Glen Sexton. No words that we write could ever do him justice. He was everything, a husband, father, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and a dear friend to us all. He was the best person we could ever been blessed with. He was always willing to help anyone with car repairs, house repairs or what ever needed fixing, no matter how big the problem was.

Glen helped build several churches. Ypsilanti Church was one that he worked the most on. We, Patty and Glen were the first couple to be married in that church. His dad, Dewey Sexton married us on January 23, 1960.

Glen was born on August 26, 1936 to Dewey and Vestie (Marlow) Sexton. He married Patty Flo (Osborne) on January 23, 1960. To this union was born five children: Kenneth Wayne (married Kim Simpson); Tammy Lynn (married Jeff Dionne); Roger Glen (married Deanna Carroll) Ricky Wade (married Kristie Richer); and Randy Dale, is still at home.

Glen was blessed with nine grandchildren: Tiffany Nicole, Brittany Lynn, Ashley Noel, Jeffrey Earnest, Katlynn Kaye, Kyle Wayne, Kurtis Wade, Brooke-lyn Louise, Cody Glen and also a grandchild which s due September 21, 1998.

Glen was a very good person. He wanted everyone to be as happy as he always was. He loved to tell jokes to make everyone laugh and he would laugh until he had tears in his eyes. To him there were no strangers. He would walk up to people and start talking to them as if he had known them forever. He would find out all he could about others and make them feel comfortable.

My heart is so broke that I cannot explain the pain I am having. It is like a bad dream and I want to wake up so that everything will be as it once was. Glen loved his family so very much and his family loved him back just as much. Glen made it easy to be loved.

Glen only had a pain in his right side, so I took him to the hospital After 2 days of bad pain we were told that he suffered a mild heart attack and that they could not take out his gallbladder until they checked out his heart to make sure everything was okay. On Thursday, he was to have a test done and then he could come home. He was so excited to be coming home. Glen told the nurses that we had a very close family. Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. I received a phone call stating that Glen had taken a turn for the worse. I will never forget that day a part of my life was taken away. I know Glen is in heaven and that he is so happy there, but we cannot help missing his beautiful smile. We must all live our lives for the Lord and someday we will have a big family reunion in heaven where we will never have to part again.

The Lord blessed us with a husband and father like you.

One who was kind, gentle and true. You will be missed by us one and all,
but we know we will see you when the Lord comes to call.

Until that time we know you are safe, and we will see you again in a heavenly place.

Written by Glen's broken-hearted children and wife Patty.



Glen Sexton

Dad was more than anyone of us could ever write about or say. No matter what was going on in our lives, he was there for us standing right beside us and sometimes there to hold our hands if needed. He was there to guide us when we needed him to. He loved our mother so very much and she loved him. We have gone through our whole lives with dad and now we have been forced to let him go. We know that he is in heaven having the most wonderful time, but it will be hard on us all still here on earth without him. I know the Lord will have to show us the way.

I am so used to calling him when I am feeling down or afraid. I would just pick up the phone and call dad and he would always have the right words to say. But the time we would hang up the phone, I would already feel so much better. His little laugh and jokes were the way dad could get through to you, but at the same time he was expressing his love. He was such a loving father. He was a great role model for us children. We were all so proud to let people know that he is our dad!!! I love you daddy and will be very lonely without you in my life. I only know life with you. Now my goal is to be as good of a person as you were, so that someday I will see your beautiful face again and that you can put your loving arms around me. We will miss you more than words can say.

Love your broken-hearted daughter, (sis) Tammy

All the children called him papaw. We miss our papaw very much and wish he could come back, but we know that it is too late for that. We loved him very, very, very much. There was not a day that went by that our papaw did not make us laugh or even just put a smile on our faces. Even in the hospital papaw would crack the funniest jokes. He had a smile that would not wash away. He never complained about anything. He was so smart that he could do anything if he put his mind to it, like building almost everything around his house. What we are saying is that he was perfect to us all in every way. I think God must of spent a little more time on him.

We will never forget you papaw, Love your grandchildren!!

Written by papaw's two oldest granddaughters, Tiffany and Brittany

Thank you Lord for giving us the opportunity to live and love the one man on earth that brought us joy and happiness.

THAD SHELTON SR.

In loving memory of my beloved husband, Thad Shelton Sr. He departed from this earth on March 13, 1998. He was born on November 24, 1928 to the late Baxter and Emily Shelton of Marshall, North Carolina. We shared 40 happy years together and he leaves to mourn: myself, Fronia; and our children: Patsy Hodges of Roanoke, Virginia; Charles Shelton of Greenville, Tennessee; Roger Mullins of Lake Hills, Texas; Jo Anne Wilson of Dearborn, Michigan; Thad Shelton of Lincoln Park, Michigan; Avery Shelton of Southgate, Michigan; and the late Dwight Mullins. He also leaves behind 18 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, along with two sisters: Carol Norton of Johnson City, Tennessee and Judy Clary of Marshall, North Carolina and a host of dear friends. He left us with a wonderful gift in his passing: he told us he was going home to be with Jesus.

We love you so much and miss you.



Thad Shelton Sr.

Written by his wife Fronia and family

SISTER SUSIE SHEPHERD

With memories of my sister in the Lord, I'll attempt with God's help to write an obituary of Sister Susie Shepherd. I don't feel like I'm a good writer, but I want to feel what I write. I don't plan to write very much, because she told me on two occasions that she didn't like long obituaries.

She died Thursday morning, October 23, 1997 at her home in Shiloh, Ohio after a long illness. She was born December 11, 1914 in Salyersville, KY, daughter of the late Columbus and Margaret (Wireman) Coffey. She had lived in Shiloh since the early 1940's. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth, Ohio.



Sister Susie Shepherd

She is survived by six sons: Dan, Larry, and Jacob, George and his wife Diane; Ronnie and his wife Dawn; David and his wife Candy, all of Shiloh; four daughters: Mrs. Fred (Tressie) Henderson of Shelby; Sarah Steele; and Mrs. Robert (Charlotte) Adams of Shiloh; and Mrs. Paul (Margaret) Currier of Arizona; twenty grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; three sisters: Mrs. Earl (Bertha) Stacey of Ray, Ohio; Mrs. Berlin (Edith) Owsley of McArthur, Ohio; and Mrs. Gleevie (Rebecca) Moore of Jackson, Ohio; a brother and his wife, Winford and Joann Coffey of North Fairfield, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jake Shepherd in 1992; an infant son, Ollie James Shepherd; a granddaughter, Shelly Shepherd in 1993; eight brothers and sisters: Dermant, Liberty, Curt, Dan, Martha, David, Russell, Myrtle, and Mary.

She treated Buddy and me like her children. She cooked supper for Buddy's birthday several times. She remembered his birthday every year. She also did special things for me; she didn't want me to feel left out.

She will be missed in church by her brothers and sisters who loved her very much. She hadn't been able to come to church since she had a stroke. We have already missed her filling her seat.

Children, do not grieve as though she had no hope of getting up again. But, rejoice that when Jesus returns, He'll raise her from the ground to be with Him forever. What a glorious day that will be! Your mom didn't miss out on a thing this old world has to offer, by serving her Lord. It is easy to live for Him. She has had Him to stand by her and answer her prayers through all her troubles and trials of this life.

Now she's resting from all her labor. Her love will live on in the hearts of her loved ones and friends. It has been a blessing to have known her. Sleep on, take your rest, I feel we'll see you in the morning.

Written by Sister Carlene Carty

IDA MAXIE STALLARD

By the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of my dear Mother and Sister in the church. She was born October 13, 1912 to Billi and Rhoda Vanover Maxie in Knott County, KY. At the time of her death she was with her daughter Verna Singleton who lives at 23230 US 12, West Sturgis, Michigan. She died at 11:30 p.m. on September 1, 1997, making her stay on earth 84 years, 1 month and 13 days. She lived most of her life in Knott Co. KY, until she came to live with her children in Sturgis, Michigan in 1986. She as a retired U.S. Mail carrier which she did on horseback. She liked raising a garden, flowers, canning and making quilts by hand. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist at Joppy Church in Wheelwright in Floyd Co. KY. She was a loving mother and dedicated to the church, and to doing the work of the Lord.



Ida Maxie Stallard

In 1932 she met and married Isom Stallard of Letcher Co. KY. She is survived by 5 girls: Goldie R. Hollard of Ligonier, Indiana; Mattie Buffo of Gary, Indiana; Verna Singleton of Sturgis, Michigan; Anna Spears of New Lexington, Ohio; and Lola Bray of Sturgis, Michigan. One adopted grandson of Burroak, Michigan. She is survived by 24 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, several brothers and sisters, also 2 daughters, 2 sons, 2 grandsons, and 2 great-grandchildren.

And dear children if you want to see Mommy again you better get Jesus in your life. To meet Him when He comes back again. We all love you dear mother, rest in peace for now, dear mother.

Written by your Sister and Daughter in the church.

Verna Singleton and daughter Goldie Holland and rest of the family.

VIRGIE (HANDSHOE) STURGILL

It is with a sad and lonely heart and loving memories that we will write the obituary of our death mother, Virgie Handshoe Sturgill.

Mother was born on April 12, 1904 to Theadore and Cynthia Hicks Handshoe of Knott County, Handshoe, Kentucky.

God called mother home on Christmas Day 1997. Her stay on earth was 93 years and 8 months.

Mother was married to our death father, Reese Sturgill on February 3, 1920. They lived a long and happy life together for 62 years and 4 months, until Dad was called home on June 6, 1982.

Mother was so lonely without Dad and she suffered so much with heart problems and sugar diabetes. It was a great blessing to her when God called her home, but what a great loss to all her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

There are six of us children still living: Eva Gilbert and Marie Rosbaugh of Cleveland, Ohio; Ethel England of Munith, Michigan; Malcolm of Jackson, Michigan; Curtis of Lewisburg, Tennessee; Charles of Munith, Michigan. She also left a sister: Maudie Piaser of Astabula, Ohio. Mother lost six children, three as infants. Ray died at the age of 32 in 1974, Oscar died in 1988 at the age of 67 and David died in 1997 at the age of 68, just five days before Mother died.

Mother and dad both joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in the early 30's and the Philadelphia Church on Brush Creek at Hippo, in Floyd County, Kentucky. When the Baptist Church was established in Stockbridge, Michigan, they joined the Mt. Olivet Church.



Virgie Sturgill

Their greatest joy was going to church and having their friends come home with them for dinner afterwards. Mother loved to cook and fed anyone who would come and sit at her table. How we would love to go and see them again and have dinner with them. But, with the good Lord's blessing, we will meet again in Heaven, then our family will be complete once more.

God sawy that she was getting tired and a cure was not to be,
So, He put His arms around her and whispered "Come to Me",
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer and saw her fade away,
Although we loved her dearly, we could not make her stay,
Her loving heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to show us, He only takes the best.

We love and miss you so very much.

Written by her three daughters: Eva Gilbert, Marie Rosbaugh and Ethel England

DORSEY JEAN GIBSON SUMMERS

With humility and the grace of God I am writing the obituary of my beloved sister Dorsey.

Dorsey was born in Hueysville, Kentucky on September 18, 1947 to Annie Martin and Tommy Gibson who have both preceded her in death. In 1950 Mommy and Daddy moved to Ripley, Ohio and then to Willard in 1952. Dorsey went to school in Willard and graduated from Willard High School in 1968.

Dorsey married Douglas H. Summers, son of the late Everett Summers and Dottie Summers on September 11, 1976 and moved to Norwalk. She had two sons: Jason Summers of Toledo and Brian Summers of Norwalk. Dorsey had three brothers: Merland Gibson of Shiloh, Ohio; Donel D. Gibson of New Haven, Ohio; and me, Thomas J. Gibson of Mobile, AL. She had five sisters: Wanda Hale of Greenwich, Ohio; Annie Montgomery of New Haven, Ohio; Betty Row of Plymouth, Ohio; Janit Barnett of Fort Worth, Texas; and Elnora Patton of Toledo, Ohio.



Dorsey Summers

Dorsey meant so much to so many. She was a second mother to many nephews and nieces and several others that she met. She was always there with an outstretched hand to help anyone who needed her. She loved her family and children and stood by them through hardship and sufferings, in good times and bad times. Her mothering eyes saw only the good things and not the mistakes or the wrong. Dorsey didn't have a college degree but could stand with the best with common sense and just plain caring.

I am confident that each of her family could write volumes of what she meant to them and so many stories of long talks, joy and tears. To me she was my sister, my friend and my encourager. I was always the big little brother and she was my little big sister. I will forever remember her smile and laughter and her love.

Dorsey's death is a reminder of how frail this life is. The Word of God tells us that it is He who gives to all life, breath and all things. In Him we live and move and have our being. He numbers our days. We must understand that the very breath of this life is on loan from Our Mighty God. His promise is Life Eternal to them that cry out in repentance for His forgiveness and His salvation. If we are to find peace and comfort in this time will come from Him. Through His mercy and His grace.

We must not let this life pass without contemplating where true joy can be found. Only God knew Dorsey's heart but I believe beyond a shadow of a doubt that she knows the answer to that

question today and she would tell each of us that remain: her husband, her children, her family and her friends: "Seek Him where He yet may be found".

We will all miss Dorsey but by the grace of God His love and time will heal our pain and replace it with only the good memories of how she touched each of our lives.

Hear my cry, O God; Attend to my prayer. From the end of the earth I will cry to You,

When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For You have been a shelter for me, A strong tower from the enemy.

I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.

For You O God, have heard my vows;

You have given me the heritage of
those you fear Your Name. Psalm 61

Sincerely and in His love, Thomas "Jay" Gibson

CAROLINE TACKETT

Caroline Tackett was born on May 23, 1913 to the late Rachel and Alvin Tackett in Pike County, Kentucky. There she grew into a beautiful lady and was married to Freel Tackett on January 18, 1934. They later made their home in Ecorse, Michigan, where they lived until the death of Freel in 1984.

God blessed their unity with one daughter, Ruth, who in 1991 made her journey to meet Jesus. In the early morning of August 21, 1997, Caroline heard the whispers of the same Jesus calling her home and resting peacefully on the soft wings of an angel, she was carried to Heaven. Survivors include one brother: Adam Mullins; one granddaughter: Tondalay Huddleston; one great-grandson: Jeffrey Tackett; one great-granddaughter: Vanessa Camilleri; three great-great-grandsons: Justin, Jeff and Bradley; and two great-great-granddaughters: Carolyn and Brandy.



Caroline Tackett

In the year of 1983, Caroline prepared herself for this day by making peace with God and becoming a member of the Morning Star Church of Old Regular Baptist. She faithfully attended and contributed to the churches she loved throughout the Regular Baptist as long as her health permitted her to do so.

Caroline was better known as Granny, a petite little grey haired lady full of spirit and wit, who could make you laugh and set you apart from the whole world with her charm and love. She flavored the earth with her wisdom and touched each of our lives in her own special way. We felt she belonged to everyone, which is why she was known as GRANNY.

Granny loved her family and friends but she traveled a path of loneliness after the death of her Freel and Ruth. Her health started to decline but she insisted on being the independent and responsible person she had always been and continued to do so, as long as she was able.

We will sadly miss our special lady but memories of our Little Granny will be etched in our minds and hearts forever. She made a difference in this world. She kept the Commandments of God and walked the path of a strong righteous woman full of respect, dignity and love. God had sealed her with an armor of love and blessed her with eighty-four years on His good earth. Then his final decision become reality and on soft silver wings, Granny went to meet Jesus. On soft silver wings she made her last flight. From those wings she scattered her blessings and from those same wings she us Good-Bye.

We miss you Granny.

Written by her broken-hearted granddaughter and Garnett Hamilton

LAURA M. THORNSBURY

Praying that the Father of mercy and he God of all comfort will bless us to write an obituary of our beloved sister, Sister Laura Thornsbury. Our prayer is that her family might find comfort through the words of this obituary to know that their mother is enjoying the blessings of heaven this day.

Sister Laura was born December 2, 1919 in Mallie, Kentucky. Early in her life she met and married John Thornsbury, and to this union were born 4 sons: Robert of Trinity, Alabama; Harold of Elyria, Ohio; Johnny of LaGrange, Ohio; and Gary of Henrietta, Ohio. In 1964 Sister Laura and her husband, John, moved to the LaGrange area of Lorain County where she lived at the time of her departure from this life, November 22, 1997, making her stay on this earth 77

years. She is survived by four sons; 10 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; a sister: Rebecca Murphy of Langley, Kentucky; and a brother: Joe Patton Jr. of Ashtabula, Ohio. Sister Laura was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1991; her parents, 5 brothers and 2 sisters.

Sister Laura was a faithful member of the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church of Litchfield, Ohio. She was also a faithful servant of God. She told Brother Larry Newsome when he visited her while she was so seriously ill in the Allen Memorial Hospital: "If I get better, I'm a winner, and if I don't and I go to be with the Lord, I'm still a winner." It was great joy to her on Sunday when she was able to assemble with her spiritual brothers and sisters to worship God and to bring glory to His precious name.

Sister Laura's husband, John, who preceded her in death, left a great testimony to all of us that he had repented. Just as the thief on the cross left this world with the promise that he would be with the Lord in the paradise of heaven, John and Sister Laura also left this world with that sweet promise. We all have this witness that all that the Father has given Him, he has lost none, but will raise them up again in the last days.

We pray for Sister Laura's family that they sorrow not, as others who have no hope as unbelievers sorrow. But that they should rejoice in the hope of a bodily resurrection to be with Christ in glory. For the Lord will descent from heaven with a shout and a voice of an archangel, and all that are asleep in Christ will hear his voice and awake from their sleep with a perfect, glorified, and eternal body, liken unto our Lord's most glorious body.

We want to say to Sister Laura's family that all who know God in the pardon and remission of sin and are born again, will have a greater family reunion than this world has ever known. This reunion with God will be for eternity, all tears will be wiped from our eyes, and we can bring glory to God forever.

Written by Elder Hayes Chaffins; Sister Majorie Slone; Sister Laura's Family



Laura M. Thornsbury

SISTER LILLIE THORNSBERRY TUTTLE

Everybody at some point has a grandmother, but only a few were lucky enough to have a "Mamp". Born March 27, 1914, many of you knew her as Lillie Thornsberry Tuttle or Sister Lillie but her name was "Mamp". It was as a special and unique name given her older grandchildren, fitting for a special, unique and wonderful woman. For those of you who knew her well, words are not necessary. For those who did not know her well, words cannot express how special and wonderful she was, but all of the grandchildren wanted to stay just a few brief words about her life.

Mamp had the ability to make each of us feel that secretly we were the favorite grandchild . . . and each of us were right. We were each the favorite and she let us know that many times.

Mamp began our family when she met and married an equally wonderful man, Grandpa Henry Tuttle known as "Pap". They began their life together in a one room log cabin on Bates's Branch. No doubt there were many happy times for them and as time passed the family grew and more room was needed. Pap bought a device that molded blocks and began to build the foundation for their blessed little home on Mullins Branch. Over the years this little home would see much happiness, but also much sorrow. One being the loss of an infant son, Leon. Then in 1960 Pap passed away leaving Mamp the heavy burden of being the only parent for Aunt Tee, Uncle Hargis, Aunt Clovia, Aunt Hester, Uncle Hagar, Aunt Selindia, Aunt Afo Jean, Uncle Kay, and Aunt Sharon.

Certainly, those were hard times for Mamp. A time when she didn't know how she was going to make it, but she always found a way. Sacrifices were made, summers were spent taking the family to Ohio to work on farms so there would be money for the upcoming school year and Mamp did without so her children could have what they needed. But one thing that was never lacking in this blessed little home was love. As the children grew older they left home but remained close. There were many happy times. Marriages brought in new family members, grandchildren were born, family members were saved and the family got together whenever they could.

Christmas, in particular, was a magical time. The grandchildren were young and everyone was able to go to Mamp's. The excitement was always high as we waited for Uncle Hagar to arrive. He was always the last one, but when he got there we would have firecrackers and bottle rockets. Everyone was happy but we didn't realize at the time that Mamp was happiest of all because her family was around her. Even though it was a large family, somehow this blessed little house seemed to grow so that there was always room for everybody.

As the years passed the grandchildren began to marry and the magical Christmas's were no longer possible. Get-togethers were more difficult so Mamp spent time living with her children around the country helping to raise her many grandchildren. In spite of this, Mamp no doubt spent many lonely nights in her home. We were often busy with our own lives and may be we didn't think of Mamp as often as we should have, but she was always there thinking about us. She would worry about us and pray for us, especially during difficult times and was always so happy for us to come by or call.

Tragedy once again touched Mamp's life about ten years ago when a loving daughter, Aunt Tee, was taken from her. Mamp was devastated but with the help of her family, friends, and a strong God-given will, she went on and continued to be there for the family but she prayed to never go through it again.

Mamp lived a good quality life and she maintained relatively good health and was able to quilt and garden all of her years. She traveled throughout the United States with her family and



Sister Lillie T. Tuttle

this month she was able to go with her daughters to Tennessee where she had a wonderful time. But tragedy would strike again as she lost another daughter, Aunt Clovia, and it was more than she could bear. This time her heart was truly broken.

In her last days in the hospital, she talked to one of her grandchildren about the Old Providence Church, the church she joined 38 years ago with her mother. She talked of how much she loved the church and its members. All the grandchildren would like to thank this church for being there for Mamp all of these years.

Mamp fought hard to the end but she was just worn out. Although she traveled all over the country we know she will have no more lonely nights because Mamp is finally home.

Written by her broken-hearted grandchildren

BOBBY AND WILLIE WILLIAMS

Willie, you left your family ten years ago. Your journey down here lasted 17½ years. It seems like only yesterday at times and it seems like forever at times. Oh how we miss and love you, with your dark hair and beautiful smile. The way you always made everyone laugh with your crazy antics. The way we used to sit across from each other and talk about all things and joke.

Your brother must have thought you needed him to be with you because he came to be with you seven years ago at the age of 27. I sure bet you were happy to see him. I can just picture the two of you laughing and hugging one another. That makes me smile.

Take care of each other. We will watch over each other down here. Remembering the two of you until we meet again. Our family circle is broken now. But someday it will be together again. And we can all praise Jesus forever, and ever.

Love, Dad (Brother Bob), Mom (Sister Wanda), Mellody and Donna P.S. Never take for granted that you will outlive your children. Everyday you have with them is a gift from God. Make everyday count. Love them, spend time with them, teach them about Jesus. Your work, friends or anything is as important as those precious moments that you share with them. Believe me, I know. Pray everyday for your children.

Written by a very sad Mommy

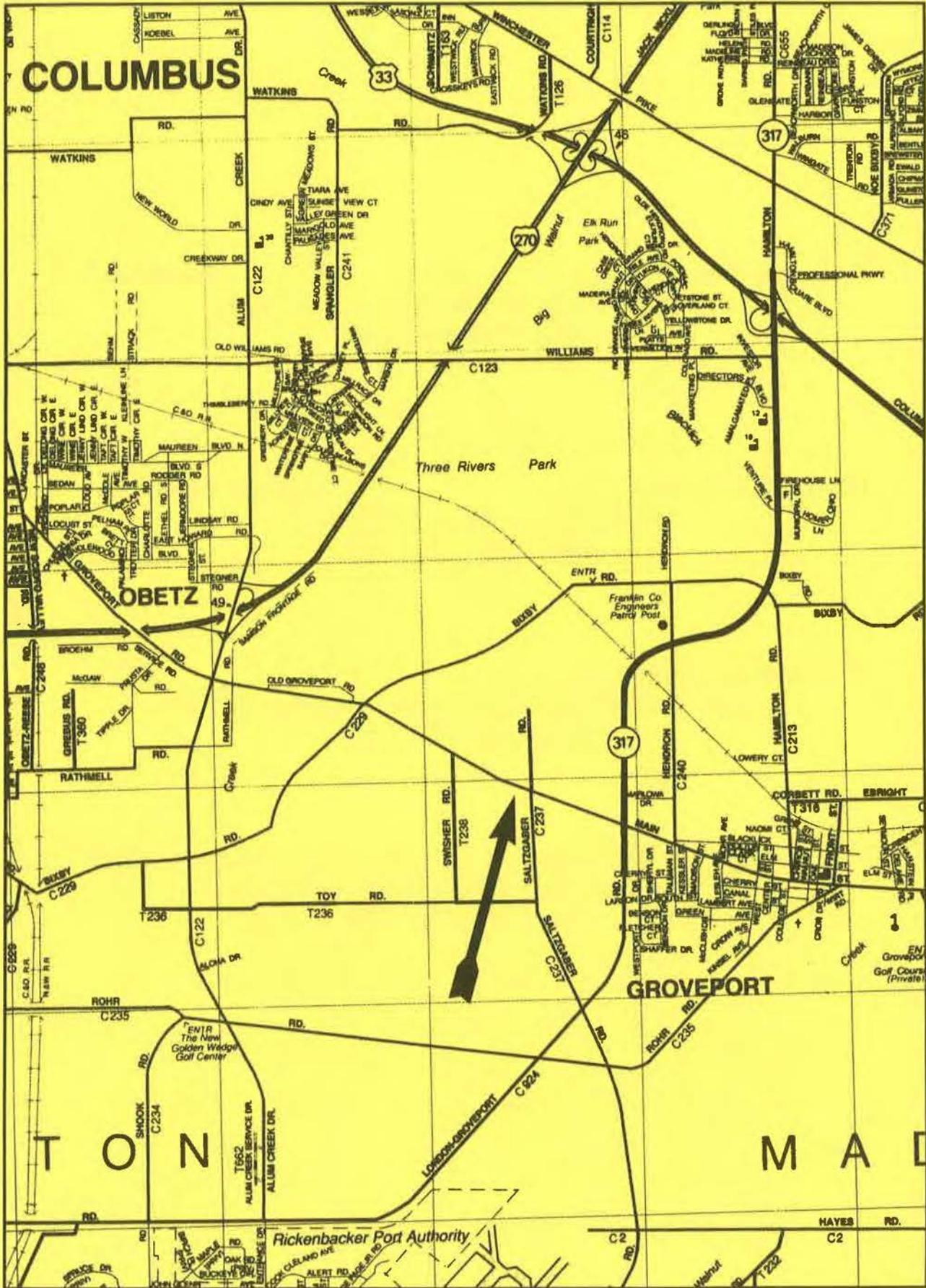


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