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Northern New Salem
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of Jesus Christ



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

How precious are the memories of the late Elders, beloved Brothers and Sisters of this grand old Association. We wish to dedicate this 42nd Annual Session to their memory.

As they rest from their labor, their works do follow them. Leaving us with lasting and loving memories, as we wait for that great and noble day in which we hope to join their company in a land of perfect peace.

With Love
Bro. Newsome
Clerk

Attitudes are contagious — Are Yours Worth Catching?



**Officers: (Left to right) Eld. Roy Caudill, Moderator, Eld. Paris Tackitt, Asst. Mod.,
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PROCEEDINGS

Of The
Forty-Second Annual Session of the
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist
The Church of Jesus Christ
August 6, 1999

Friday Session

As a cool breeze in early morning was gently flowing among the trees that stand tall near the Little Angel Church, Pilgrims from far and near were assembling together for this the 42nd Annual Session. As they began to lift their voices high in singing the glorious Songs of Zion, one soon forgot the tedious journeys they had made to be here.

Alternate, Eld. Jessie Pack, introduced the services. His subject was, "Bring a good report." A very humble and uplifting prayer was offered by our elder brother, Eld. Hobart Justice.

Being chosen last year to preach the Introductory Sermon was Eld. Morris Wicker, who was blessed to preach from the sixth chapter of Hebrews.

After delivery of the Introductory Sermon the delegates were asked to assemble at the house to conduct the business of their 42nd Annual Session. Those who were not delegates remained at the pavilion where preaching services would be conducted by Elders: 1. Murl Caudill–Old Indian Bottom, 2. Chuckie Hall–New Salem, 3. Jerry Thompson–Sardis, 4. Gary Blevins–Philadelphia, 5. George G. Baker–Old Friendship, 6. Terry Bryant–Union.

Assembling in the house, after singing one of Zions songs, Eld. Hiram Adkins of the New Salem Association introduced the service. A very humble and heartfelt prayer was offered by Eld. Jimmy Dale Sanders, Assistant Moderator of the Union Association.

Eld. Roy Caudill Moderator, announced that the 42nd Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, August 6, 1999

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. Arvid Blevins, the letter from the Little Angel Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt to receive the letters and seat the delegates. By the same motion, all queries and requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
2. The Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist faith organized by electing the following officers to serve the next year. The following Elders were appointed to take the vote: Elders: Ellis Holbrooks, Jimmy Dale Sanders, and Murl Caudill. 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. Arvid Blevins made a motion, second by Bro. Pat Patterson to receive the report of the committees appointed and discharged them of their duties.

3. By a motion made by Bro. James Hall, second by Eld. Hargis Tuttle, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. On motion by Eld. Arvid Blevins, second by Eld. Buford Brock, reading of the Constitution, Articles of Faith were omitted, the Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.
5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and none responded.
6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded by letter and delegate.
 - (a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: Jimmy Dye, Woodrow Dye, Ted Robinson, James Tackett, John E. Hicks, David D. Hicks, Ronald McCarthy, Jimmy Amos, Bud Bates, Ted Burke, Autie Puckett, Jr., Squire Hamilton, Ralph Slone, Jr., James Maynard, James Waddles, Forest D. Hall, Ellis Holbrook, Monroe Jones, Chuck Hall, Offie Bartley, James P. Hensley, Hiram Adkins, Walter Akers, Gary Compton, Doug Baily, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Carlos Akers, Clyde Lewis, Bill Cotton, James Tuttle, J.C. Napier, Hersal Conn, Jimmy Sowards, Frank Adams, Charlie Sammons, Talmadge Hicks, Roger Hicks, Teddy Honaker, Woody Pack, Buster Turner, Bobby Slone, Johnny Thornberry, Bill Dixon, Alger Mullins, Mike Justice, Hayes Vanderpool. Letter in the hands of Eld. Offie Bartley. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Forest Osborne 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: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Bobby Johnson, Earl Hill, Gary Sanders, Garfield Thacker, Estill Hamilton, Gene Johnson, Terry Bryant, Lonnie Staton, Robert Clay, Charles Newsome, Jerry Staton, Homer Compton, Chester Yates, Eddie Slone, Savel Combs, Jacob Deel, Sollie Miller, Jr. Letter in the hands of Eld. Gene Johnson. Eld. Arvid Blevins made a motion, second by Bro. Jackie Hunter 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: Harlen Barney, Wayne Caudill, Walter Morrison, Lowell Adkins, Ira Adkins, Gary Adkins, Charlie Barney, Paul Moore, Willis Tolliver, Gary Blevins, Paul Stapleton, Claude M. Coffee, Paul Boggs, Luther H. Ramely, J.R. Blevins, Jacob Seagraves, Curtis Seagraves, Homer Ruggles, Howard Adkins, Howard Adkins, Jr. Letter in the hands of Bro. Walter Morrison. A motion was made by Eld. John Elkins, second by Eld. Forest Osborn, 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: Gary Adair, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Berlin Thornberry, Edwin Hay, Richard Staton, Ron Hamilton, Joe Evans, Billy Brumfield, Phillip Brumfield, Jerry Thompson, Bill Cochran, Roger Spillman, Ernest Cochran. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hobart Hamilton. A motion was made by Eld. Johnie Bentley, second by Eld. Stoney Blackburn 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: George Baker, Jr. Coleman, Lacy Justice, Monroe Martney, Johney Paul Cline, Wallace Mitchell, Sherd Mullins, Joe Grizzel, Dewey Matney. Letter in the hands of Bro. Junior Coleman. A motion was made by Eld. Russell Hicks, second by Eld. Scott Hamilton 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: Paul Back, Leo Slone, Delmer Slone, Murl Caudill, Aaron Whitaker Jr., Melvin Fields, Rodney Slone,

Claren Williams, Arnold Whitaker. Letter in the hands of Eld. Murl Caudill. Eld. Delmas Hall made a motion, second by Eld. Buford Brock 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 Little Angel 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: Gary Adair - Sardis; Gene Johnson, Union; Teddy Robinson - New Salem. Saturday AM Elders: Murl Caudill - Old Indian Bottom; Willis Tolliver - Philadelphia; Richard Staton - Sardis; Jimmy Dale Sanders - Union; and James Tackett - New Salem.
8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Kilby Deel, Herman Belcher, Ralph Caudill, Amos Williams, Buddy Carty, Donald Marham, Steven Miller, Dan Thornberry.
9. A motion was made by Eld. Robert Wallen, second by Eld. Doug McCarty 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 2:00 p.m. Friday evening.
 - (a) Eld. Hargis Tuttle made a motion, second by Eld. Hobart Justice that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 7, 1999.
 - (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. Gary Adair - Sardis, prayer by same, Eld. Gene Johnson - Union, Eld. Teddy Robinson - New Salem.

Saturday, August 6, 1999

Met pursuant to adjournment this the second day of this blessed old Association. As the sky wore an overcast of fluffy, white clouds, drifting far away in the endless space. How sweet was the echo of the inspiring Songs of Zion, sung by the meek and lowly, the children of God. Eld. Tommy Dials, Moderator of the Sardis Association introduced the service and 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. Ray Hamilton, second by Eld. Buford Brock to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Eld. Danny Carty for our 1999 Session was read by him. A motion was made by Eld. Johnie Bentley, second by Eld. Buford Brock to receive the letter and have it printed in our 1999 Minutes.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday. Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Hiram Adkins, Ralph Caudill and Ray Hamilton reported as follows:

1999 Church contributions	\$5,845.00
1999 Money for Pictures	520.00
Other contributions	1,168.00
Total money received for 1999	\$7,533.00

A motion was made by Bro. Buford Brock, second by Bro. Scott Hamilton to accept the report of the Finance Committee and discharge them of their duties.

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

Treasurer's Report

A.	Balance July 31, 1998	\$ 609.28
	1998 Church contributions	5,775.00
	1998 Picture money	555.00
	Other contributions	<u>1,344.00</u>
	Total money on hand August 2, 1998	\$8,283.28

1998 Expenses

B.	Printer's Fee	\$5,690.50
	Secretary's Fee	200.00
	Postage, U.P.S. Freight	402.14
	Supplies	-0-
	Preparing Manuscript on disc	<u>300.00</u>
	Total Expenses for 1998	\$6,592.64
	Total of A	\$8,283.28
	Less Total of B	<u>6,592.64</u>
	Balance	1,670.64
	Plus Interest Earned	<u>10.92</u>
	Balance August 6, 1999	\$1,681.56
	Plus money received for 1999	<u>7,533.00</u>
	Total money on hand August 8, 1999	\$9,214.56

Money sent by the Sister churches of the Northern New Salem Association to the Little Angel Church in helping host the 1999 Session . . . **\$7,260.00**

6. Eld. Russell Hicks made a motion, second by Eld. Denver Meade 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 Bro. James Hall, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt the treasurer's report was accepted.
7. Eld. John Elkins made a motion, second by Eld. Hobart Justice 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. *(Please send me the obituaries as soon as possible throughout the year. Clerk)*
8. The following ministers were chosen to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Saturday evening: Elders: (1) Wayne Turner-Northern New Salem; (2) Chester Cochrun-Absent; (3) Squire Hamilton-Absent; (4) Ralph Slone, Jr.-New Salem. (5) Danny Carty-Northern New Salem. Sunday morning Elders: (1) Hillard Newsome-Northern New Salem; (2) Woody Pack-New Salem; (3) Gary Compton-New Salem (absent); (4) Buddy Carty; (5) Paris Tackitt and (6) Roy Caudill-all of Northern New Salem.
9. On motion by Eld. Robert Wallen, second by Eld. Doug McCarty, the report of the Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the year 1998 and 1999 were omitted, although they were asked to report Associations attended.

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 1999 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: David Slone, Danny Hamilton, Buford Brock, Duane Graves, Buddy Carty, John M. Elkins, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, Basil Elliott, Paris Tackitt, Scott Hamilton, Danny Carty. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hillard Newsome.
 - (b) **Union** — When convened with the host churches to be held at the Association Building, Ashcamp, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1999 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buddy Carty, David Slone, Bart Potter, Kilby Deel, John M. Elkins, Wayne Turner, Paris Tackitt, Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Paris Tackitt.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the Little Rosa Church, at the Association Building, Greenup County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1999 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buddy Carty, Kilby Deel, Larry Newsome, Duane Graves, Buford Brock, John M. Elkins, Dan Thornsberry, Thurman Jones, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, John Mullins. Letter in the hands of Bro. John Mullins.
 - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the Pilgrims Home and Pilgrim Rest Churches at the permanent Association Building, Varney, KY, Pike County. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1999 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buddy Carty, Bart Potter, John M. Elkins, Wayne Turner, Paris Tackitt. Letter in the hands of Eld. Buddy Carty.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Mary Lou Church, Paynesville W. VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1999 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buford Brock, Buddy Carty, John M. Elkins, Wayne Turner. Letter in the hands of Eld. Buford Brock.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Little Home Church, Red Fox, Knott County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1999 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Duane Graves, Buford Brock, Buddy Carty, Dan Thornsberry, Wayne Turner, Delmas Hall, Roy Caudill. Letter in the hands of Eld. Roy Caudill.
11. The Committee appointed at our 1999 Session, item No. 14 of Saturday's work gave their report. In regards to the creation of a document, which would give guidance in the ordination of deacons, ministers and the organization of a church. A motion was made by Eld. Doug McCarty, second by Eld. Forest Osborn to accept the work of the committee, discharge them of their duties, and the Clerk, Bro. Newsome has the authority to upgrade or make any additions to the forms.
12. The report of the Committee appointed at our 1998 Session, item No. 20 of Saturday's work was given. In reference to the legality of the deeds of the Mt Zion and the New Mt. Zion Churches. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Bro. Jackie Hunter to accept the report of the Committee and discharge them of their duties.

Eld. Scott Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Arvid Blevins. If any members of the above mentioned churches ever comes back to the Northern New Salem Association, they are to come by the Association. Any preacher must come back as a lay member by being rebaptized.

13. Eld. Stoney Blackburn made a motion, second Eld. Rick Akers to grant the request from the Rose of Sharon Church asking to host the 2000 Session of the Northern New Salem Association. To be held on Friday before the first Saturday in August 2000.
14. By a vote of delegates, Eld. Danny Hamilton was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon. Eld. Hargis Tuttle is to be his alternate and Eld. Lon Beverly is to write the Circular Letter for our 2000 Session.
15. Eld. Stoney Blackburn made a motion, second by Eld. Forest Osborn, to omit the reading of the current minutes.
16. Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Bro. Marvin Potter, that we the Northern New Salem Association, adjourn until time and place mentioned in No. 13 of the current minutes, Saturday's work.

Eld. Arnold Whitaker of the Old Indian Bottom Association was called on to make remarks and led in prayer, bringing to a close this joyful 42nd setting of this blessed old Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

<i>Elder Roy Caudill</i>	Moderator
<i>Elder Paris C. Tackitt</i>	Ass't. Moderator
<i>Eld. Hillard Newsome</i>	Clerk
<i>Elder Colburn Wayne Turner</i>	Ass't Clerk

Sabbath Morning, August 8, 1999

As a lite mist of rain was falling from the distant cloudy sky, welcomed by the dry, parched ground that had gone thirsty for so long, due to the lack of rain. Pilgrims from far and near began to fill the sanctuary of the Little Angel Church, on this 3rd, and final day of this grand Old Association.

After mingling their voices together in singing several of the inspiring Songs of Zion, the services were introduced by your unworthy servant, Eld. Hillard Newsome, prayer by same. Second on the stand was Eld. Woody Pack of the New Salem Association. Third was Eld. Buddy Carty, fourth, Eld. Paris Tackitt and fifth, Eld. Roy Caudill, all of the Northern New Salem Association.

The following note was given to me, the Clerk, expressing their appreciation for the helping hands given:

The Angel Church wants to thank the Little Family Church for the good selection of pies, the Little Ruth Church for the beautiful cakes, the Little Flock Church for the pies, cakes and little working hands for all you did during this setting of the Association, especially Bro. Raymond for all the dishes he washed, Bro. Sam Franks for the trash removal, the members and special friends of the Little Angel Church for any and all acts of kindness. May your blessings be countless.

With love, Little Angel Church

Was it ever so good to see the residence of Campers Village. Living leisurely beneath the shade of the tall, sprawling trees near the Little Angel Church. Your hospitality was as warm as the noon day sun, your greetings as pleasant as the morning dew. Roll on, but roll safely, with thoughts and prayers for each other as ours will be with you. Thanks for the donation of \$265.00 for the Little Angel Church.

Little Angel Church, your Breakfast Club was greatly appreciated, the food was delicious.
Bro. Newsome, Clerk

Circular Letter by Elder Danny Carty

Dear Brother Delegates of the 42nd annual session of the Northern New Salem Association. Being chosen at last year's session to write this letter has been a great honor to me. It is hard to put into words how it feels to have had such a wonderful body show such confidence. I must admit that I feel this to be something other than an honor, for I deserve no honor, but I find this to be a great responsibility. So I will trust in the One I have now trusted in for near twenty years, the One that does deserve the honor, and I will strive to make Him glad.

I do not intend this to be lengthy but I do pray that from the first word to the last this letter be directed from the Father through His Son. I trust with all my heart that at least one sentence or perhaps one word will be felt and will draw both saint and sinner closer to Jesus, for I write it for no other cause than it be another witness of Christ.

Some might think it strange to suggest that a saint would need to be drawn closer to Jesus. But I find that when my troubles come, and the trails of life are greatest, is when I have let my thoughts stray from Him. I am reminded that though I feel I have experienced that new birth in Christ Jesus, I must be obedient and strive to live closer each day. So often the times I have failed to thank Him, or call on Him for a decision and I must cry out, forgive me Lord. I often ask Him to strengthen me, to lead me, to help me be a better servant. Don't thank for a minute young Christians that Satan is no longer on your trail. Satan is very real and he is there to buffet the heel of a Christian. He will do all he can to confuse you and occupy your time if you will let him. He will cause you every trouble that you will allow.

I too warm those that have been at the Savior's feet, had your robes washed white in the blood of the lamb, have experienced a new birth, but have failed to put your light on a candle stick, have failed to go home and tell the world what Jesus has done for you, that only Satan and his treachery, his lies and deceit is keeping you from doing so. Jesus has said to go home to thy friends and tell them what great things I have done for you. You should move by faith believing and trusting in the works God has allowed you to experience.

Many say I want to be sure, and I encourage all to be as sure as you can. But I also encourage you to stop robbing yourself, the church and most of all God. I hear Him saying to try the spirits and see if they be of God. Do the children of God experience testing times? I say yes and furthermore I say pray for a testing time. I would be afraid to wait until the last trump to have my faith tested, my foundation tried. Waiting until then could prove to be too late, for I assure you there is no repentance after death.

Some may question a testing of the spirits. So I ask these questions, are we to believe God is not able to help us understand the difference between a good feeling and a bad feeling? The difference between a good work and a bad work? Is there not a good spirit and a bad spirit throughout this land? Is God anything other than good and very good? Is Satan anything other than bad?

Do you strive to walk after the things of the world? Are you ashamed to live and look as the bible and the words of Jesus have instructed? Do you fail to do those things, which Jesus has declared to be just? Are you stiff necked and proud minded? Are you quick to run to trouble and with the tongue eager to sow discord? If so this test has proved you to be a sinner. If you are of the same mind as when you became a sinner doing the works of Satan you are still in your sins. This is not my judgment, but your judgment, for by your own works are you known to be a doer of evil.

Let me now encourage you to test the other spirit. The one that is kind. The one that is mindful. The one that is loving and humble. The one that maketh not ashamed. The one that

enters the soul of one crying for mercy. It is not a proud spirit, it never boasts for boasting is excluded, but it is one that is free, one that is heartfelt, and one which will never die. Yes this spirit is eternal and is given as a gift from the One who opened not His mouth, a gift from the One who stood slain before the foundation of the world. A lamb led to the slaughter, led them for you, led there for me.

This spirit is peaceful, this spirit will feed you when you are hungry, it will keep you warm in times when others are cold. The best test of this spirit is its goodness and how it makes you feel about your brothers, your sisters, your neighbors, it will even cause you to pray for your enemies. There is a difference in how it makes you walk and talk. It is a spirit that will prove you are not the person that you once were. To experience this good spirit, you must repent and be born again.

I feel strongly today, I feel God have given me an authority to write, and a charge to warn lost souls to flee from His wrath. I thank God for the way I feel, and for the opportunity to address the church. A warning also comes to mind about that bad spirit. Too often I hear it encourage change in the old church. So I question, who among us is of authority to change the established practice, principles and teachings of this old time way? I quickly answer that no one is of that authority. Furthermore I warn those that would try, that it has been tried, and has failed each time. There is nothing new. God set forth a plan of salvation in the beginning and he has not deviated and will not deviate from that plan.

Do we want Jesus to change? I hear Him saying I come to do the will of my Father. Was the will of His Father to change things to suite the mind of man? Do we want our Rock in this worried land to be one that moves with every problem and temptation that comes our way? Or do we want it to be steadfast unmovable, a foundation we can encourage our children to build upon? What a wonderful promise that he left us by saying I will never leave you, I will never forsake you, I will be with you until the end.

When I decided to listen to that low still voice which was teaching me to do better, I chose to seek and build upon a foundation that has been tried, one that I believe changes not. I have seen many a forefather and mother established on this foundation. Many of them now sleep, but I will never forget their way and how they conducted themselves before me. I witnessed them living by that good spirit I have been trying to write about. Are we to suddenly be afraid of inquiring of the old path and walking therein? I am not afraid to follow that straight and narrow path and my hope is that we encourage our children to do so. Does God's people really want change in the old church? I say no, because it would not be pleasing with our Father.

Many say change is inevitable and for worldly things I would agree. The mind of man is never satisfied. Some say the young just aren't interested anymore, they won't walk in the way of the church. I would have to answer by saying that many surely thought the same of the prodigal son as he asked for his earnings and left to experience the big world we live in. But what he experienced was the very thing our young people experience today. He became hungry, he became dissatisfied and don't forget where he began to look. He began to remember Father's house where there was plenty. What a good shape he got in when he began to say I'm no longer worthy to be called a son, I will return to my Father's house and seek a servants place.

There is no peace, there is no safety, there is no gain without the love of God shed abroad in the heart. Sin is but a temporal joy that is followed by shame, pain, and death. When a sinner becomes willing to following the voice of Jesus, he will also be willing to change his sinful ways. And when God pardons those sins he will want to go home to his friends. Sinner men and women must choose the good shepherd and cry mightily unto Him.

To a broken heart and contrite spirit will I look sayeth the Lord. He will hear their cries and after that new birth they will walk in His goodness.

Brethren I feel with all my heart we are nearing the end of the journey. Jesus spoke of our time and He made it very clear that these days and the things we experience will be the last days. The old church is His bride and we must strive to keep her adorned for her Husband. I often long for the day we will meet on that blessed cloud of glory, all God's children from every part of the earth gathering shouting glory and honor to His name. He is worthy of all glory He is worthy of all honor and we must strive to please Him, not man.

I must begin to bring this letter to a close. The first annual session of our little Association was in 1957 the year I was born. Look at how God has blessed us, prospered us in these past 42 years. And look how we have aged. I'm not ashamed of the things this association has stood for. I wasn't ashamed of the old church when I was in sin. I was ashamed of me. I have been around the Old Regular Baptist for as long as I can remember. I've been blessed to travel this country from one sea to the other and there is no other like it. We should be thankful for that. I thank God that the preaching and teachings I remember long ago are still here for my children. God help us to march on, to help up the blood stained banner of our King.

I have asked many questions in this letter. It seems fitting because I don't feel worthy of many answers. But I know one has all the answers and so I will close as I began hoping and praying these written words will draw you to Him and most of all hoping I have pleased Him. Poor sinner man, poor sinner woman, ask Jesus what He would have you to do. He is not short on His promises, He will lead you, and guide you to a way of life no one can explain to you. You must experience Him for yourself.

I thank with all my heart the brothers of last year's session who had confidence in voting for me to do this great work, and I pray that every brother that is asked to do so in the future feel as good as I do now. Not that I have written anything great, but that I have written as I feel God has instructed.

Humbly submitted by the least in the number.

Elder Danny Carty

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 baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the gospel, and has come under the hands of a regular chosen presbytery of the church and ordained thereby.

Acts 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 reproved by the Association as they think proper.

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2000

APRIL

ANTIOCH - First in April. Claren Williams, Gary Blevins, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Johnnie Thornsby, Chuck Hall, Ellis Holbrooks.

PLEASANT VIEW - Sat. 5pm. First in April. Tad Huff, Covis Tackett, Jeff Dillion, Roger Hicks, Bill Hamilton.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in April. Terry Bryant, Cliford Williams, Jeff Dillon, Delmas Hall.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in April. Sam Franks, Scott Hamilton, Rodney Sloan, Danny Adams, Ray Hamilton, James Branham.

MAY

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in May. Buddy Carty, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Joshua Hicks, Don Lawson, Scott Hamilton, Tennis Sturgill, Rick Akers.

LITTLE IDA - First in May. Estill Hamilton, Urshel Huff, Woody Pack, Edwin Hay, Willis Tolliver, Danny Carty, Bill Cotton.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in May. David Slone, Buford Brock, Willis Tolliver, Hendrick Hampton, Bill Cotton.

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

MACEDONIA - Third in May. Orvin Mays, John Wayne White, Tennis Sturgel, Offie Bartley, Paul Coleman.

MORNING STAR - Third in May. Teddy Robinson, Larry Newsome, Glen Maddox, Paul Dye, Rick Akers, Lon Beverly.

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

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Third in May. Squire Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Buddy Carty, Billy Miller, Estil Hamilton, Eddie Wallen.

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL - First in June. Jackie Yates, Chuck Hall, Clifford Newsom, Scottie Hamilton, Danny Carty, Bill Blevens, Willis Little.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in June. Sam Franks, Ked Adkins, Danny Carty, Wayne Turner, Murl Caudill.

LITTLE ZION - Second in June. Stoney Blackburn, Eddie Slone, Arvid Blevins, Larry Newsome, Earl Hill, Herman Belcher.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in June. Edwin Hay, Johnny Bentley, Estil Hamilton, Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Chuckie Hall, Teddy Robinson.

LITTLE POLLY - Second in June. Larry Newsome, David Slone, Scotty Hamilton, Joe Havlick, Kenny Wright.

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in June. Edwin Hay, Chuckie Hall, Russell Hicks, Milton Dye, Richard Staten.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in June. Sat. 2 pm. Edwin Hay, Willis Tolliver, Curty Hall, Woody Pack, Richard Staten, Gary Compton.

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in June. Garfield Thacker, Estil Hamilton, Covis Tackett, Wayne Turner, Earl Hill, Hillard Newsome, Karrel Addington

MT. OLIVET - Fourth in June. Tennis Sturgill, Larry Newsome, James Watts, Danny Adams, Johnie Bentley, Delmas Hall.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in July. Arnold Whitaker, Johnny Bentley, Garry Blevins, Morris Wicker, Willis Tolliver, Teddy Honaker

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in July. Richard Staten, Gary Compton, Chucky Hall, Jason Lowery, Roger Hicks.

AUGUST

TRUE VINE - Third in August. Jeff Dillon, Offie Bartley, Larry Newsom, Thomas Thacker, Karrel Addington, Jason Lowery, Dee Osborn.

NOVEMBER

LITTLE MELROSE - First in November (1999). Paul Boggs, Arnold Whitaker, Paris Tackitt, Johnny Bentley, Murl Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Roy Caudill, Hillard Newsome.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in August. Bill Staten, Danny Hamilton, Buddy Carty.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in June. Scott Hamilton, Harrison Runyon, Johnny Newsom, Murl Caudill, Kenny Robinson, Donald Blake Little.

LITTLE POLLY - Second in September. Jeff Dillion, Estil Hamilton, Terry Curry, Ricky Akers, Danny Carty.

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

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

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in August. Matt Slone, Scott Hamilton, Kinney Robinson, Larry Newsom.

LITTLE IDA - First in July. Scott Hamilton, Richard Staten, Harvey Estep, Buford Brock, Hobart Justice, Stony Blackburn.

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

LITTLE ZION - Second in August. Ishmal Hall, Charles Newsome, Johnie Bentley, Gene Johnson, Estil Hamilton.

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

MT. OLIVET - Fourth in August. Scott Hamilton, Jeff Dillon, Clyde Lewis, Glyn Maddox, Estill Hamilton.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in June. David Slone, Terry Bryant, Alex Collier, Ellis Amburgey.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in October. Paul Boggs, Walter Akers, Buddy Carty, Hillard Newsome, Teddy Honaker.

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

ANTIOCH - First in June. Willis Tolliver, Hiram Adkins, Roy Caudill, Jason Lowery.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in October (1999). Richard Staten, Hobart Hamilton, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, Doug McCarty, Willis Tolliver, Roger Hicks.

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Third in July. Danny Hamilton, David Slone, Hobart Justice, Jessie Pack, Chuckie Hall.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in September (1999). Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Ira Adkins, Jr., Hargis Tuttle.

MORNING STAR - Third in July. Gene Johnson, Terry Ratcliff, Barry Lucas, Ray Hamilton, Danny Adams, Willis Little.

LITTLE BETHEL - First in September. Lon Beverly, Buddy Carty, David Sloan, Hobart Justice, James Branham, Elisha Branham.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in October. Roger D. Hicks, Philip Mosley, Burton Ratliff, Paul Vance, Morris Wicker, Monroe Jones, Chuckie Hall, Russell Hicks.

MACEDONIA - Third in September. Paul Vance, Jerry Runyon, Garfield Thacker, Raymond Stapleton, Paul Stapleton.

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

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

ETERNAL ROSE - none.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

LITTLE FLOCK-MARCUM MEMORIAL - Fifth Sunday in July 2000. Ministers called: Paris Tackitt, Harrison Runyon, Russell Hicks, Willis Tolliver, Edwin Hay.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

LITTLE REBECCA

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	121 W. Broadway, Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-3865
Elder Faris Tuttle	505 St. Rt. 603, Shiloh, OH 44878	419-896-3569

MAGGIE'S HOME

Elder Don Mullins	35833 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946
Elder Paris Tackitt	344 3rd. St., Beaver, OH 45613	740-226-6343

LITTLE POLLY

Elder James Poe	19549 Homer Rd., Marshall, MI 49068	616-781-3776
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LITTLE FLOCK

Elder Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd., Thurman, 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., Rt 6, Lancaster, OH 43130	740-969-2988
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

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	281 Citrus Ridge Dr., Davenport, FL 33837	941-420-9723
Elder Amos Williams	150 Riley St., Newark, OH 43055	740-344-1073

LITTLE EDNA

Elder Elmer Edwards	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

Elder Herman Belcher	132 Leroy, River Rouge, MI 48218	313-841-2277
Elder Mose Bentley	25537 Baker St., Taylor, MI 48180	313-292-3247
Elder Arvid Blevins	4639 6th St., Ecorse MI 48229	313-386-7827
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

LITTLE FLOSSIE

Elder Larry Dixon	8070 N. Angling Rd., Kendallville, IN 46755	219-347-8082
Elder Russell Hicks	11971 N. Angling Rd. 57, Wolcotiville, IN 46795	219-854-2413
Elder Thomas N. Van Zandt	11346 Wildwood Dr., Marshall, MI 49068	616-781-8191
Elder Morris Wicker	5510 E. 1150 N 57, Wolcotiville, IN 46795	219-854-9475

LITTLE ZION

Elder Rick Akers	58253 Culpepper, Washington, MI 48094	810-781-9321
Elder Glyn Maddox	34633 Poplar St., Warren, MI 48091	810-754-2124
Elder Clarence Owens	34632 Cheryl St., Clinton Twp. MI 48035	810-791-2135

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME

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

Mt. OLIVET

Elder Elbert Hagerman	P. O. Box 173, Kendallville, IN 46755	219-347-6894
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PLEASANT VIEW

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 Alex Collier	Rt. 2, Box 226D, Hillsborough, KY 41049	606-876-4681
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

LITTLE FAMILY

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

LITTLE ANGEL

Elder Milton Dye	3737 Abney Rd., Columbus, OH 43207	614-491-3415
Elder John Jude	1609 Fallbrook Rd., Columbus, OH 43223	614-274-7122
Elder Alan Dee Osborn	571 Alma Omega Rd., Waverly, OH 45690	740-947-9179
Elder Forest Osborn	3425 Kitzmiller Rd., New Albany, OH 43054	614-855-7955

ANTIOCH

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

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

LILY OF THE VALLEY

Elder Evan Hamilton	1322 West Propect, Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-992-4621
Elder Scott Hamilton	794 S. Broadway, Geneva, OH 44041	440-466-0321
Elder Junior Jent	3120 Mill Rd., Dorset, OH 44032	440-293-5018
Elder Chester Newsome	4540 Carpenter Rd., Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-964-7621

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME

Elder Buford Brock	1494 N. County Rd.50 E., Danville, IN 46122	317-745-5228
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	MORNING STAR	
Elder Danny R. Adams	24858 Champaign, Taylor, MI 48180	313-292-8759
Elder Bill Blevins	23400 Manor Rd. N., New Boston, MI 48164	734-753-5869
Elder Ishmal Hall Jr.	36876 Thinbark, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-0194
Elder Willis Little	4541 Grace, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-4486
Elder Covis Tackett	1204 Sandusky St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-5049
	LITTLE BETHEL	
Elder Paul Dye	Box 122, Tyro, OH 44887	419-347-5064
	FAMILY OF LOVE	
Elder Buddy W. Carty	18 High School Ave., Shelby, OH 44875	419-342-4143
Elder Delmas Hall	79 Trux St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-0945
Elder Rufus Slone	224 Deffiance St., St. Mary's, OH 44885	419-394-5146
	MACEDONIA	
Elder Harrison Runyon	705 Runyon Ln., Nelsonville, OH 45764	740-753-1024
	TRUE VINE	
Elder Stephen Borders	770 Wooster Rd. N., Barberton, OH 44203	330-745-7377
Elder Bart Potter	1144 Foxmoor Ln., Ashland, OH 44805	419-281-1688
Elder Kennis Robinson	1947 Tonawanda Ave., Akron, OH 44305	330-794-8821
	LITTLE MELROSE	
Elder Terry Hall	713 Barefoot Dr., Wilmore, KY 40390	606-858-9127
Elder Albert Hamilton	3819 Randall Rd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043	904-284-6046
Elder Doug McCarty	P.O. Box 2018, Keystone Heights, FL 32656	352-473-3424
Elder Johnny Newsome	6402 Bowdoin Ave., Keystone Heights, FL 32656	352-473-9206
	ETERNAL ROSE	
Elder Raymond Gayheart	14061 Twp. Rd.215, Lakeville, OH 44638	330-378-9008
Elder Hargis Tuttle	4494 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-839-5113

**1999
DELEGATES
TO THE
NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION**

Little Rebecca	Faris Tuttle, James Hall, Thurman Jones
Maggie's Home	John Mullins, Lester Prater, Harold Prater
Little Polly	James Poe, Randy Poe, Dennis Halcomb
Little Flock	Floyd Newsome, Dwayne Graves, Don Lawson
Little Ruth	Adron Counts, Kenneth Mullins, Scotty Little
Little Edna	Hobart Justice, Charles Hamilton, Denver Meade
Little Ida	Arvid Blevins, Pat Patterson, Colley Tackett
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Fred Jones
Little Zion	Rick Akers, Glyn Maddox, Alger Newsome
Little Pilgrim's Home	Jackie Hunter, Robert Wallen, Danny Hamilton
Mt. Olivet	William B. Holbrook, Carl Ousley, Kelsey Mullins
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome, Stoney Blackburn, Basil Elliott
Little Family	John Turner, Marvin Potter, Ernie Tuttle
Little Angel	Forest Osborne, James Mullins, James Finley
Antioch	Melvin Adams, Jr., Milford Prater, Sr., C.W. Turner
Rose of Sharon	Jan Blevins, Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton, Glen Vanburen, Van Musick
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock, James D. Wagner, Mike Hiatt
Morning Star	Randall Parks, Ishmal Hall, Jr., Willis Little
Little Bethel	Ernest Owens, Glinn Conley, Gary Bervley
Family of Love	Ernie Martin, Delmas Hall, Lavon Isaac
Macedonia	Orville Blevins, Ernest Middleton, Harrison Runyon
True Vine	Kennis Robinson, David Slone, Bart Potter
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty, John M. Elkins, Kenneth Wright
Eternal Rose	Hartis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Kenneth Slone

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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Little Rebecca	Frank Holt	1049 Springmill Rd., Apt #17.	Mansfield, OH 44906	(419) 747-4552
Maggie's Home	Amos E. Reffitt	34108 Old Dixon Rd.	McArthur, OH 45651	(740) 596-4525
Little Polly	Randy Poe	123774 Division Dr.	Albin, MI 49224	(517) 629-4635
Little Flock	Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd	Thurman, OH 45685	(740) 682-6533
Little Ruth	Adran Counts	3645 TWP Rd. 26	Cardington, OH 43315	(419) 946-6621
Little Edna	Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Pk. Rd	Amherst, OH 44001	(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
2 Mt. Olivet	Carl Ousley	4991 Cooper Rd.	Leslie, MI 49251	(517) 589-8736
Pleasant View	Eldon Hall	928 Livermore Ln	Elyria, OH 44035	(440) 365-3459
Little Family	Marvin Potter	7492 Hopkins Rd	Maineville, OH 45039	(513) 683-2492
Little Angel	Forest Osborne	3425 Kitzmiller Rd	New Albany, OH 43054	(614) 855-7955
Antioch	Melvin Adams, Jr.	495 Overlook Rd.	Louisville, KY 40229	(502) 957-2417
Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd St.	Wyandotte, MI 48192	(734) 283-2983
Lily of the Valley	Carl E. Hall	17249 Stocking Rd.	Madison, OH 44057	(440) 298-1490
Little Children's Home	James D. Wagner	17201 Stone Ch. Rd	Laurel, IN 47024	(765) 698-2316
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
Family of Love	Reed Triplett	Box 155	Tiro, OH 44887	(419) 347-7028
Macedonia	David Sturgill	2068 St. Hwy. 1704	Olive Hill, KY 41164	(606) 286-6049
True Vine	Steve Borders	770 Wooster Rd. N.	Barbertown, OH 44203	(330) 745-7377
Little Melrose	John M. Elkins	3809 Ferncreek Way	Keystone Heights, FL 32656	(352) 473-7896
Eternal Rose	Raymond Henderson	933 Mill Rd.	Loudonville, OH 44842	(419) 994-3002

CHURCH MODERATORS AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

Church	Moderator	Asst. Moderator
Little Rebecca	Buddy W. Carty	Robert Wallen
Maggie's Home	Paris Tackitt	Don Mullins
Little Polly	James Poe	Danny Adams
Little Flock	Joshua Hicks	Sam Franks
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	Bill Staten
Little Edna	David Slone	Hobart Justice
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill	Herman Belcher
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks	Morris Wicker
Little Zion	Glyn Maddox	Clarence Owens
Little Pilgrim's Home	Robert Wallen	Danny Hamilton
N 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	Harrison Runyon
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	Ohio
Mt. Zion	5874 St. Rt. 309, Ph. 419-634-1501	Ada	Ohio
Little Flock	Route 1	Ray	Ohio
Little Ruth	Route 3	Marengo	Ohio
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain	Ohio
Little Ida	4060 Drennan Street, Ph. 313-386-9350	Ecorse	Michigan
Little Flossie		Lisbon	Indiana
Little Zion	3181 Romeo Plank Road	Romeo	Michigan
Little Pilgrim's Home	Highway 224, Ph. 419-652-2485	Ruggles	Ohio
Mt. Olivet	M-52, 4 miles N. of	Stockbridge	Michigan
∞ Pleasant View	Box 48, 3589 Beat Road, Ph. 216-723-5345	Litchfield	Ohio
Little Family	S.R. 744, 1 mile west of	Jacksonburg	Ohio
Little Angel	5733 Saltgaber Road, Ph. 614-492-0010	Columbus	Ohio
Antioch	10817 Barricks Road	Louisville	Kentucky
Rose of Sharon	5665 Carolton-Rockwood, Ph. 313-379-4870	S. Rockwood	Michigan
Lily of the Valley	Rt. 534-600, Kawanis Pk. Dr.	Geneva	Ohio
Little Children's Home		Laurel	Indiana
Morning Star	44441 Clay Road	Belleville	Michigan
Little Bethel	S.R. 228	Greensprings	Ohio
Family of Love	Ph. 614-482-2434	Wyandotte	Ohio
Macedonia		Grahn	Kentucky
True Vine	7992 Cleveland Mass Road, Ph. 330-882-6393	Clinton	Ohio
NewMt. Zion		Shelby	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	3	1	0	0	1	2	2	43	3-E 3:30	\$450.00	July
Maggie's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	1-M	300.00	July
Little Polly	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	16	2-E	200.00	July
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	29	3-M	225.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	2-M	175.00	June
Little Edna	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	18	4-M	125.00	July
Little Ida	3	3	0	1	1	6	1	94	1-M	450.00	June
Little Flossie	2	3	0	0	3	3	2	29	1-E	300.00	June
Little Zion	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	30	2-M	200.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	2-M	175.00	July
Mt. Olivet	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	12	4-M	125.00	July
Pleasant View	5	2	0	0	0	3	0	83	1-E 2:00P.M.	350.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	58	4-E	450.00	Aug.
Antioch	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	25	1-E	375.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	38	2-M	400.00	May
Lily of the Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	3-E	125.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3-E	100.00	July
Morning Star	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	38	3-M	300.00	June
Little Bethel	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	19	1-M 2:00P.M.	150.00	July
Family of Love	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	30	4-E	300.00	July
Macedonia	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	28	3-M	300.00	June
True Vine	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	24	3-M 1:30P.M.	500.00	Sept.
Little Melrose	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	12	1-M	150.00	Jan.
Eternal Rose	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	16	2-E	100.00	May
1998 Church Contributions.....										\$5,845.00	
1998 Money for Pictures.....										520.00	
Other Contributions.....										1,168.00	
Grand Total	24	14	0	3	21	23	16	758		\$7,533.00	

M — Saturday morning services
E — Saturday evening services

OBITUARIES

EMORY V. BARTLEY

The Family of Love Church is saddened once again because of the loss of another member. We need each other so much.

Emory V. Bartley, 81 died July 24, 1999 at the Marion General Hospital. He was born on February 4, 1918, in Ash Camp, KY. He was the son of the late William M. and Gusta Mullins Bartley.

On January 31, 1935, he married Hazel Sweeney Bartley. She died Feb. 17, 1992, in Marion. He married Allie Slone Gibson Bartley July 15, 1992, in Marengo, OH; she survives. He was a retired crane operator after 25 years with HPM Corporation in Mount Gilead.

He is survived by three sons, Emory V. (and wife Rose) Bartley Jr., of Galion, Howard Roger (and wife Linda) Bartley of Brentwood, TN, Jack Edmond (and wife Mary) Bartley, of Cary, NC; three stepsons, Mearil (and wife Bonnie) Gibson, of Raven, KY, Ray (and wife Darlene) Gibson, of Raven, KY, Ron (and wife Karen) Gibson, of Marion, KY; two daughters, Mrs. Lysle (Donna Gail) Hill, of Bucyrus, OH, Mrs. Luther (Mary Evelyn) Graham, of Anchorage, Alaska; six stepdaughters, Mrs. Robert (Olive) Sparkman, of Pippa Passes, KY, Mrs. Meredith (Genevee) Slone, of Hi Hat, KY, Mrs. Gene (Ruth) Slone, Pippa Passes, KY, Mrs. Don (Carrie) Williams of Marion, OH, Mrs. Mike (Mary) Brown, of Marion, OH, Mrs. Steve (Lois) Pinnick, of Prospect, OH,; 28 grand children; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Perry Bartley, of Morristown, TN, Charles Bartley of Mount Gilead, OH; two sisters, Nora Jones of Dearborn, MI, Margie Adams of Orland, FL. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill Bartley and Siebert Bartley; a sister, Josie Turner; a son, Foster Douglas Bartley; three grandchildren: Jeff Bartley, Pat Graham and Roger Bartley.

We will all miss him. I will miss joking with him, if I fail to do so he would ask me what was wrong. The Lord extended his life several times, we are thankful for getting to keep him as long as we did, we pray his children will come to the old church which their dad loved so much. He was a great help to the church.

He will smother no more, now he is at rest, no more will he complain or sigh but he will taste that heavenly feast.

A sister in the Lord, Carlene Carty

WILLIE C. & OPAL BLACKBURN

With the help of our Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my dear dad and mother Willie C. Blackburn and Opal Blackburn of Sidney, Ky.

Dad was born on May 16, 1916 and passed away on January 4, 1999. Mom was born on December 16, 1916 and passed away on August 21, 1998. Dad was the son of the late James Ballard Blackburn and the late Mazie (Smith) Blackburn. Mom was the daughter of the late James Harvey Crigger and the kate Martha Jane (Hankins) Crigger.

Dad was preceded in death by a daughter, Geraldine Blackburn and a daughter-in-law, Deloris Blackburn.

Mom was preceded in death by a daughter Geraldine Blackburn and a daughter-in-law, Deloris Blackburn, two sisters Hazil Smith, and Gladys Williamson, two brother, Cecil Crigger and Perry Andrew Crigger.



Emory V. Bartley



Willie C. & Opal Blackburn

The late Elder G.C. Bird, married dad and mom on December 17, 1936 in Canada, KY. They would have been married 63 years in December 1999, but God had other plans for dad and mom.

Dad was an Army Veteran and a retired coal miner and mom was a devoted wife and homemaker.

Mom and dad were blessed to have four children to wit: Phyllis Ann (Blackburn) Kiser, Elder Stoney Blackburn, Irene (Deanie) (Blackburn) Pinson, and Geraldine Blackburn (deceased).

Dad was a member of the Dix Fork Church of the Old Regular Baptist. He joined the church in June 1970. Mom was a member of the Dix Fork Church of the Old Regular Baptist. She joined the church in July 1950. Dad and mom were very faithful and worked hard for the church. Dad was an Ordained Deacon and Treasurer for the Dix Fork Church for many years.

Dad and mom loved the Dix Fork Church and I surely know the church will miss them very much because they loved my mom and dad a lot. They would have done anything for the church to keep peace in the church.

Dad leaves two brother to wit: Wayne Blackburn, Paris Blackburn, and seven sisters: Sylvia Smith, Darlene Crigger, Leona Stanley, Dolly Deskins, Arminda Stanley, Yvonne Howell, and Jean Williamson.

Mom leaves one brother, Earl Crigger, and four sisters: Bessie Pauley, Inis Brown, Edith Williamson, and Marie Allen.

Dad and mom were blessed with ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

As I remember, I can truly say that these two people I call mom and dad were very much in love with each other. They left a light that all who knew them could see and follow. As a family, we never had the riches of this world, but something far better. We had the love of being a family. I sure do thank God for the wonderful dad and mom that we had. Mom and dad wanted their family and friends to have the very best.

When I first got saved and joined the church I would go back home and dad, mom and I would sit in the backyard. We would talk about the goodness of the Lord and how much love there is in God.

Mom and I would sit in the swing and she taught me some of the tunes of the Old Regular Baptist Songs. Dad and mom were such a light to me that I will never forget them and how I still love to walk around the homeplace on Dix Fork where I used to walk with them. When I am there, I know it will never be the same as it used to be, but the memories will always carry on.

Services for mom and dad were at the Dix Fork Church in Sidney, KY. They were buried at the Blackburn Cemetery on Dix Fork.

I believe that when God sends for his church, dad and mom will get up and be caught up in the air with God and all his children, and then they will be satisfied. So dad and mom just sleep on until we meet again to be with God Forever and ever.

As I close this obituary of my dad and my mother, I will truly say that I lost the two best friends that I ever had on Earth that a person could have. I will try to be strong and keep on doing the things God wants me to do. To my sisters I will say that dad and mom loved us all the same, because they proved that to us while they were alive and with us. For all of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren, never forget what these two people did for you. They taught you many of the values of life and showed you how a married man and woman should love and treat the other.

Written by your brokenhearted son, Elder Stoney Blackburn

PEGGY BROWN

It is with deepest sympathy that we write this obituary for our beloved mother, Peggy Ann Brown, who passed away Sunday, September 27, 1998 after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by three children: Joyce Freeman of Flat Rock, Michigan; Judy Brown of Taylor, Michigan; James Brown of Brownstown, Michigan. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and her loving son-in-law, Greg Freeman. Surviving siblings are: Betty Hill of West Virginia, Mary Metz of West Virginia, Rena White of New York, William Craigo of Michigan, Shirley Rubley of Alabama, Lucille Sneed of West Virginia, Eloise Estep of Florida, William Johnson of West Virginia, Charles Buttrick of West Virginia, Marie Buttrick (deceased) and Pete Simms (deceased).



Peggy Brown

Peggy was born April 11, 1933 in West Virginia where she later met and married Brother Floyd Brown. They later moved to Detroit, Michigan where they raised their family.

Peggy had a wonderful personality and touched everyone she knew, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she was very close and fond of. Not many days would pass which she did not spend time with them and love them as the individuals they are.

Peggy will live in all of us who knew her, in our hearts and in the very loving and devoted family she leaves behind.

Written by her daughter-in-law, Debbie Brown

WILLIAM DEXTER CISCO

I write this with a very sad heart. William was a brother with a giving and loving heart. Growing up with him is a time that will always stay in our hearts and thoughts.

Every day I think of him and hope it'd just a bad dream. But, Jesus died on the cross so that we may live for eternity. If not for Jesus, his mother, brothers, sisters, wife and friends could not bear this tragedy. William enjoyed life and I feel that seconds before his death he asked Jesus to be his personal Savior. We don't always know if others will have the same chance. One should not put off accepting Christ, thinking they will have time tomorrow.

As I sit here writing this I think of how lucky William is. He's in Heaven before me. Everytime I touch a bow or shotgun, he will be with me. He loved to hunt, fish, or just to be outdoors with family and friends. He will be greatly missed by me and others.

William was born May 18, 1962 in Morehead, KY to Dexter Cisco and Seamawn (Newsom) Cisco, and died January 15, 1999. His father preceded him in death. His broken-hearted mother still survives to mourn his loss.

He married Candy Ann Stephens, February 15, 1991. Besides his loving wife, he left three children to mourn his loss. They are: Justin, William Tyler, and Brittany Cisco.

Additional survivors include four brothers: Thermol (Phyllis) Johnson of Jackson, OH, Terry (Debra) Johnson of Belleville, MI, Greg (Ann) Johnson of Huntington, IN, and Frankie Cisco of Huntington, IN; three sisters: Sherry (William) Loar of Huntington, IN, Oretha (Paul) Weaver of Huntington, IN, Faye (David) Enyart of Huntington, IN; and a grandmother, Gracie Newsom of Belleville, MI.



William Dexter Cisco

Proud to be his brother, Terry B. (Cisco) Johnson

TROY JR. COLLINS

With the help of the Lord, we can do anything. Without him we can do nothing. I will put my trust in him as I write this obituary of my dear little nephew - Troy Jr. Collins.

God gave a little baby boy to Troy and Sally Collins on Sept. 20, 1983. He called him away on July 7, 1999. I'll never forget the pitiful cries of my sister as I walked through the emergency room doors. "My Baby, My Baby, please God don't take my baby"! I followed her voice till I found the area that held his little lifeless body. This was their child that they lovingly raised, cared so much for and tried to protect him from all harm, as good parents do. This was the little boy who always smiled and had such respect for his family. This was the little boy who wasn't ashamed to say "I love you". This was their



Troy Jr. Collins

baby boy. How do you comfort someone when they've lost a precious child. I'll tell you how. On your knees asking, "Oh God, please hold them up". That's the only way to comfort such pain.

Troy Jr. loved to put model cars together. He had a showcase of his handy work. Then as he grew older his love shifted to restoring a classic Trans AM and Camaro. Of course, dad was still there helping him, just as he helped with the models when he was a child. When the classic cars were ready for testing, he and his dad would try them out. Troy Jr. wouldn't let his dad drive fast. He'd say "Now that's enough dad". He was afraid of speed.

He was a passenger in a truck, entrusting his life to a friend who made a terrible mistake and lost control. Young people, be careful. Your life is just a breath away from death.

His Aunt Barb had a dream the night Troy Jr. was killed. In her dream, Troy Jr. had on a long white robe and he had wings. He said, "Aunt Barb, look, I can fly and it feels so good". She was so happy to see him, she tried to touch him and he would fly away every time. He was so happy. I believe with my whole heart that Troy Jr. was not of the age of accountability. He was such an innocent, shy, loving young boy. I never heard a bad word from his sweet lips. He loved his family so much and he showed it. I know he would say, if he could, "Thanks everyone for loving me".

Troy Jr. leaves behind his parents Troy and Sally Collins of Plymouth, Ohio, his sister, Sabrina Dials and brother-in-law O.J. Dials of Willard, Ohio, one nephew, Dustin Dials of Willard, Ohio, and Troy Jr.'s sweet little girlfriend Jessica. He also leaves his maternal grandmother, Brenda Hicks and step-grandfather, Monroe Hicks of Plymouth, Ohio. Preceding him in death are: his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Collins, his maternal grandfather, Archie Greathouse, and his step-grandfather, Abe Tuttle.

Thanks everyone for all support you have given this family. I'm sure Troy Jr. would say thank you too.

Written by his Aunt, Gert Elliott

MRS. KIRBY COMBS

Mrs. Mayme Combs, 80, died at 9:07 am Saturday, March 6, 1999 at Licoln Center West, where she had been a resident since February 19. She had been in failing health for the past five months.

She was born on December 1, 1918 in Hazard, KY, one of eight children of John and Margaret Mullins Smith. On July 24, 1952 she was married in Knott County, and they came to Connersville for residence at that time.

She attended the Little Children's Home of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Laurel.



Mrs. Kirby Combs

Survivors include two daughters: Mrs. John P. (Glenna Kampf and Mrs. Nernard) L. (Sherry) Bryant, both of Connersville; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, who died January 2, 1992 five brothers and two infant sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Buford Brock at 10am Wednesday March 10, 1999 at Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home. Burial was in the Little Children's Home Church's Cemetary.

Written by her daughters, Glenna and Sherry

MARY DANIELS

In loving memory of my mother, Mary Daniels. Mother was born on October 21, 1916 to the late Casel and Judy Collins at Jump, KY. She died on Tuesday, July 13, 1999 at Seaway Hospital, Trenton, MI. This made her life here of 82 wonderful years.

She was one of 12 children, having eight brothers, five preceded her in death: Lawrence, Ted, Tilden, Noah and Clinton. Remaining are: Preston Collins of Printer, KY, Ed Collins of Shelby, OH and John Collins of Hollywood, FL. She had three sisters, one preceded her in death: Myrtie, remaining are Vernie Messinger of Printer, KY, and Arietta Machowicz of Pembroke Pines, FL.

Mom was married to Clifford Daniels on Dec. 24, 1938. Everyone knew him as "Tip". Dad preceded her in death on Feb. 18, 1974.

Unto this marriage were born three children: Ted of Aplena, MI; Judy of Woodhaven, MI; and Jeff of Houston, TX, who preceded his mother in death on February 14, 1996. Mom was blessed with nine grandchildren: Evelyn, Tom, Joe, Arietta, Scott, Tom, Judy, Jennifer, and Jamie. Thirteen great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Mom and dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church June 21, 1964. They were baptized July 4, 1964. Both mom and dad took membership at the Little Ida Church. In 1965 they went in the Arm of the Rose of Sharon Church and were charter members until their passing.

Mother prayed for two things. God granted her these prayers; one, to be able to stay in her own home and secondly, when it was time to go, to go quickly. I take great comfort in his blessings. I have received many calls and cards of sympathy offering love and support. One letter from a dear family friend said it all: "We all know that 'Aunt Mary' was a wonderful Christian, a loving mother and grandmother, and a dear friend to all. May you find comfort in the legacy she left."

Written by her loving daughter Judy Aiken



Mary Daniels

HARRY O'BRIEN DUTTON

Harry O'Brien Dutton, better known to some as "H. B.", died Thursday, December 3, 1998 at the Tender Care Nursing Home, Southgate, Michigan after an illness of many years.

Harry was born March 29, 1922 at Boone's Camp, Johnson County, Kentucky to the late John and Nannie Lee Jordan Dutton. He was 76 years, 8 months and 5 days of age at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Opal Burke Dutton, of Trenton, Michigan. One son and family: John Grant Dutton and his wife Denise Gravel, two children: Johnny and Katty, of Riverview, Michigan. He is also survived by three sisters: Virginia Frost of Trenton, Michigan; Mary Ruth Hibbits of Florida; and Irene Vvicars of Columbus, Ohio. He also leaves a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.



Harry O'Brien Dutton

Harry was preceded in death by four infant children: three sons and one daughter, his parents, three brothers and one sister.

Harry came to Michigan in 1955 where he worked for the Monsanto Corporation. After twenty three years of faithful and loyal service his health forced early retirement. He served in the United States Air Force during World War II. He was a strong believer in our God but never attached himself to any church. He always loed little children, and was really good to them, buying them presents, candy and soft drinks.

His wife Opal wishes to express her appreciation and gratitude to all the people who were so good to help her in any way they could, and especially for their prayers of support. She also desires to thank Ethel Dutton, Bess Summers and Denise Dutton for providing her transportation to visit Harry during his confinement to the hospitals and nursing homes.

Harry's funeral was held Saturday, December 5, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. at the Martenson Funeral Home in Trenton, Michigan. The service was officiated by Elder William B. Holbrook, with Elders Johnie Bentley, Ray Hamilton and Brother Jay Bevins, all of the Rose of Sharon Old Regular Baptist Church in S. Rockwood, Michigan assisting.

Written by Harry's family

EVERETT EVERAGE

In the lovely hills of Eastern Ky., in Knott County on July 17, 1917, a little boy graced the home of the late Watson and Mille Watts Everage. They named him Everett, and his name he carried until his death on April 28, 1999 in Louisville, Ky. God blessed Bro. Everage to live upon His good earth 81 years, 9 months and 11 days. He was a retired coal miner. On January 11, 1937 he was married to the late Dicie Mullins. Sister Dicie preceded him in death on December 16, 1978. To this union was born the following children: daughters: Margie, Ann, Linda and Jane; sons Robert, Ray and Eurie. On June 1, 1980 he was married to Sister Doshia Caudill, a member of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church. For almost 19 years they enjoyed the company and the pleasure of caring for each other. They were good for each other. Sister Doshie and her children, as well as his, were so good to care for him. His stepchildren that were so good to him are: Colen, Kelly, Keith, Cathy and Carolyn. They respected him as their father. He leaves 37 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, who will remember him as a loving grandfather. Two sisters survive: Unave Amburgey and Junita Mullins.



Everett Everage

In the year of 1951 he joined the Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church of the Indian Bottom Association. Many years ago he brought his membership to the Antioch Church. Here he served as a deacon, a quiet brother and by his lifestyle meek and humble, he proved to the world that he was different, and had that true salvation. He enjoyed singing the old songs of Zion. I never heard Bro. Everage gossip or talk about anyone, which to me is the mark of a christian. The fellowship with him here in the old church has been sweet, the hope of meeting him again in the glory land is such a comfort. Sister Doshie and your precious children will some day receive your reward for caring for Bro. Everage in his sunset years. The love you gave him caused his last days to be happy ones. To his loved ones that haven't repented, remember you must be born again and live a life that is different from the world. Please remember the life, the good advice counsel Bro. Everage left with you. I feel and believe that in the morning of that great resurrection day Bro. Everage will be one in that number that no man can number. Until that time we will wait patiently for our change. It's then we will join our loved ones in a land of perfect peace to ever be with the Lord, the one that gave Bro. Everage to us for awhile to love, of which we did. You moved away, but the memories of you will with us forever stay.

With Love, Bro. Newsome

LETTIE HALL

Lettie Hall was born to Racheal and Henry Thornsberry on November 8, 1918, in Kite, KY.

Lettie and Walter met in the early 40's and were married January 17, 1942. They made their home in Buckingham, KY. They were blessed with two children; daughter, Christine and son, Walter Jr. They moved to Ohio in 1953 making Shiloh their home for 40 years.

Lettie was a member of The Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church for many years. She retired from Midwest Industries in Willard in 1984 and enjoyed many years with her loving husband, Walter, spending the winter in Florida.

She is survived by her husband, Walter Hall, son Walter Hall, Jr., and daughter Christine Caudill and five grandchildren: Steven B. Caudill, Eric B. Caudill, Amy Lynn Hall, J. Dirk Caudill, and Jonathan C. Hall. She is also survived by her two brothers, Lawrence and Jethro Thornsberry and many nieces and nephews that loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by six brothers and six sisters. She found much joy in fellowship with the sisters and brothers of the Little Rebecca Church.

Sister Lettie was a faithful sister, sincere and honest sister that loved everybody and everything about Old Regular Baptist, she didn't only consider her church as home, she enjoyed going to church in our correspondence.

She was such a light to everyone and especially to her husband, Walter. You could just see the love between them. Any place she wanted to go to church he would take her, so I'm sure he will never forget the life she lived before him and children. She raised her children to respect the church and love the Lord.

She was so close to her natural sister, Becky Slone, while they walked together here on Earth they seemed so happy. Do you believe they are happy now?

Her sisters and brothers at the Little Rebecca Church have lost a dear loved one. We will miss sister Lettie, but think of how happy all the angels in heaven are, they just received a new sister to join in their holy band.

Sister Hazel Pullum



Lettie Hall

SISTER MILLIE HALL

Millie Hall, age 69 (our mom) of 814 Adams Street, Marion, Ohio went to be with our Lord and our Dad on Friday, June 4, 1999. Mom married Dad, Estill Hall, on April 22, 1949 in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. She was a member of The Little Ruth Church of Old Regular Baptist in Marengo, Ohio.

She was a loving wife and mother. She was never satisfied in this life after Dad was gone. She grieved and mourned many years for him. She told us in the hospital that she had seen Dad and was going to go to him.

A resident of Marion since 1952, she is survived by four sons: Earl (Judy) Hall, Dan (Jan) Hall, Rick (Gloria) Hall and Lester (Brenda) Hall all of Marion, Ohio. Two daughters, Nadine (Stanley) Simpkins and Joanne (Ronnie) Rawlins, both of Marion, Ohio.

She is also survived by four sisters: Lilly May Johnson of Bevinsville, Kentucky; Alka Mae Myers of Cedarville, Ohio; Alberta Isaac of Springfield, Ohio; and Cordia Slone of Jamestown,



Sister Millie Hall

Ohio. Two brothers: Ersell Hall of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Garland Hall of Jamestown, Ohio; sixteen grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, father, one grandchild, one great-grandchild, three sisters and one brother.

I would like to say to Sister Millie's family, my heart is breaking as I write this. She was so precious to me, as she was to all of you. I don't know if I could describe just how I felt about her. She was a Sister that was very special to me.

She loved this Old Regular Baptist Church. She loved the old time way, and never wavered. For her there was nothing else, when I joined this old church she was the first person I got to know here in Marion that was in our church. It was a great comfort to me to know I had someone to talk to that believed the way I did. Through the years, our friendship and love grew. So many times, we had good long talks about our church, our families and our friends. We've even cried on the phone. There was hardly anything we couldn't talk about. Oh how much we all love and miss her. If I went away, I had to let her know so she wouldn't worry. She truly was a friend. She loved to hear Brother Buddy Carty sing "Clouds Opened Up and There Stood Jesus." I believe the clouds moved away for her in Marion General Hospital the day she left us. I saw a smile on her face. I believe she saw Jesus. She kept moving her arms so much while she was dying. Sister Ivy Ratliff said she believed with all her heart she was reaching out to the Lord. Children, we have to try to go on without her here on Earth, but we will always have those precious memories. I hope when you read this, you will remember the good Christian life your Mom lived and make arrangements to meet her in Heaven. She has no pain now. Her suffering is over. I truly feel our loss is Heaven's gain. I love you all.

Written by Sister Heeda Thomas, Family of Love Church and Sister Millie's Family

The memorial for Sister Millie Hall will be at The Little Ruth Church the second Sunday in August 2000. All Old Regular Baptist ministers are welcome.

EDNA HAMILTON

It is with a sad and broken heart we try to write this obituary of mom. Mom was born on April 26, 1917 to the late John and Hulda Little Tackett. She passed away October 28, 1998. She met and married Garfield Hamilton on Sept. 19, 1936. He preceded her in death in June of 1983. To this union was born two daughters: Goldie Hunter (whom she made her home with) and Genive Shipley both of Wellington, OH, three sons: Ernest of Piketon, OH, Danny of Nova, OH, and Tom of Mentone, IN.

She had 19 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren. She has one brother, Ola Tackett of Grayson, KY and one sister, Polly Johnson of Craynor, KY.

She was preceded in death by five sisters and five brothers and one grandson.

Mom was a member of Little Pilgrim Home Church of Ruggles, OH. She loved her brothers and sisters very much. She would come and stay with her son Danny and family every weekend and go to church with us as long as she was able. She is missed very much by all of us.

To her loved ones, Granny, Moma has gone to a better place where she won't have trouble breathing, and she won't be in pain anymore. If you want to go where she has gone, you need to make peace with God. That is what she would want. Rest on Moma, we will meet you in heaven some sweet day.



Edna Hamilton

Written by a broken Hearted family Danny and Roxie Hamilton

GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around his garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon the Earth and saw our mom's tired face. He put his arms around her and lifted her up to rest. God's garden must be beautiful; he always takes the best. He knew our mom was suffering; He knew she was in pain. He knew that she would never get well on Earth again. He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were a hard to climb so he closed her weary eyelids and whispered "Peace be thine".

It broke our hearts to lose her but, she didn't go alone.....for part of us went with her the day God called her home.

WE LOVE AND MISS YOU GRANNY!

LOVEVADA (TACKETT) HOLBROOK

Born: December 20, 1923

Past away from this life: January 13, 1999

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that we must write this obituary of our dear mother and beloved wife and companion of 55 years. Married on June 14, 1944 to Jackson E. Holbrook in Pikeville, KY. To this union were born three children: Eld. Gary Allen Holbrook of Okeechobee, FL, Brenda Vada (Holbrook) Allen of Palm Springs, FL, and Jackie Geraldine (Holbrook) McCleese of Vanceburg, KY. She enjoyed and loved her six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren ranging from ages 2 through 12.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church since 1951, and celebrated every day with the Lord and her family. She traveled to many churches and made many friends through the years and will be sorely missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her parents Jonah Tackett and Daisey Elizabeth Tackett, and a step mother Lizzie Tackett, her two brothers: Latchie and Preston Tackett, two sisters: Daisy Ruth, Addie Hanner and her step sister Bertha Burke. She now rests at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Ft. Pierce, FL.

She fought for many years with that old pain in her body and was a strong fighter till the end. Her body lay broken for many days and the only thing functioning was her mind and heart but she made it known that she would miss us, but she had to go. We miss her greatly with each passing day, but knowing that she is happier now than she could have ever been here comforts us greatly. We hope to reunite with her soon on the other shore where happiness is constant and pain is no more. Rest now sweetheart you've earned your robe and crown.

Written by her loving Family—"We Miss You Sweetheart"



Lovevada (Tackett) Holbrook

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 was 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 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, KY. Those who remain to mourn her passing are the maternal grandparents, Gerald Akers of Almont, MI, and Debroah Akers of Florida. The paternal grandparents are Burl Johnson, Jr. of N. Carolina and Marisa Meadows of Kentucky. Her maternal great-grandparents are Lillian Akers of Almont, MI and Lois



Eryn Abigale Johnson

Powers of Auxier, KY. The paternal great-grandparents are Burl Johnson, Sr. of Kentucky and Alberta Johnson of Tennessee. And a great-great-maternal grandmother Edna Smiley of Kentucky. Little Abby also has a half brother, Taylor McKennon Golden/Johnson. And a whole host of relatives 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

MAUDE LOWE

It is with a sad heart, but many precious memories, that I write this obituary of my loving mother, who I miss so much. I was on my 137th week going to the rest home at 6 o'clock every morning to comb her beautiful hair and see that she ate her breakfast, and to do other things she needed done, and with the good help of my sister-in-law, Ruth, who would go every evening go feed her supper, for as long as she lived. If I had church company, my daughter, Joyce, would go for me, and when my sister, Janive, came she would go and take my place while she was here.



Maude Lowe

Mommy was born in Martin County, Kentucky, June 25, 1901. On June 8, 1918, she married our dad, William Harvey Lowe. They had eight children, three of whom preceded her in death, the five remaining children are Elva Gilliam, Thelma Aiken, Nelvia Hunt, Burley Lowe, and Janive Underwood. She had nineteen grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, two sisters, three infant daughters, and two sons-in-law.

Mommy was baptized into the Regular Baptist Church, at the hands of Old Brother Ester Hopkins and Old Brother J.E. Taylor, August 17, 1934, and lived the best life of anybody I know. She shouted so much, and sang so beautiful. She was such a good mother, she raised us and taught us so well. She was such a hard worker, but enjoyed life so much.

She was 97 years, 3 months, and 5 days old, when she died. We took her back to Kentucky and Brother Richard Staten preached her the best funeral I ever heard. All our family was so pleased. We buried her by Dad on the Old Lowe Cemetery. Her memorial will be preached the 4th weekend in October, 1999, in the Family of Love Church.

Written by her daughter, Elva Gilliam

RUDOLPH MOSLEY

Rudolph Mosley was born February 15, 1946 in Garner, Kentucky. He was the son of Birtchel Mosley and Mary (Slope) Mosley. He died as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on October 29, 1998.

He was married to Lettie Gibson on July 1, 1965. To this union was born two children: Brent of Lancaster, Ohio and Michelle Adams of New Lebanon, Ohio. Surviving besides his wife and children are son-in-law, Dale Adams and daughter-in-law Patty and grandson Austin. Also surviving are his dad, Birtchel Mosley, Sr. and stepmother, Shirley of Garner,



Rudolph Mosley

Kentucky. Five brothers: Birtchel Mosley, Jr. of Kendallville, IN, Quinton (Sweet) of Pataskala, Ohio; Arnold of Garner, Kentucky; Phillip of Hazard, Kentucky, and Robert (Buddy) of Ft. Meyers, Florida. Three sisters: Heeda Thomas of Marion, Ohio; Ruby Richardson of Dayton, Ohio; and Helen Groff of Columbus, Ohio. He and Lettie were owners of Rudco Construction Co. in Pataskala, Ohio. Lettie was always a faithful and loving wife and companion to him and always stood by his side ready to aid him in any of his struggles of life.

I have many memories when we played together growing up in a big family in Knott Co. Rudolph was a hard working, kind, and generous person who helped many less fortunate people in their needs. My wife Sandy and I had lunch with Lettie and him two weeks at their home. God gave us an opportunity to talk to him about the Lord, and the importance of receiving Him into his life before it was too late. At one point during our talk, tears came into his eyes and he got up and came around the table and hugged me and told me he loved me. The last time I hugged him before he left I said, "Son don't forget the things I talked to you about," He said, "I won't." I know we have a great and merciful God who is eager and willing to save anyone who will call upon His great name. I also know that He can save in a moment and twinkling of an eye if a humble heart calls upon Him sincerely. My brother lived about forty-six minutes after that terrible accident and that was plenty of time for God to save him. Romans 10:8-11 says: "The world is nigh, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is the word of faith, which we preach: That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confessions made unto salvation. Remember also, the man on the Cross was already nailed to the Cross and dying when he said, "Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Jesus said in that dying moment, "verily I say unto thee, today thou shalt be with Me in Paradise." My hope and prayer is that he took advantage of that opportunity. I know our God is a just and loving God and surely did his part. Sleep on brother, we hope to meet you where there will be no more accidents. We all love you and will always have loving memories of you.

Birtchel Mosley, Jr.

ADAM MULLINS

With much sadness, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Adam Mullins. He was the son of the late Wilburn Mullins and Rachel (Hampton) Mullins of Myra, KY. Adam was born in Lionelli, KY, on April 30 1928. He depart this life on Feb. 8, 1999 at Wyandotte General Hospital. All his brothers and sisters preceded him death.

Adam and Jomae (Hall) married August 27, 1949, and to this union was born four children. One daughter, Nedra Gay preceded him in death. The surviving children mourn the loss, sons Lanny (wife Carol) of Trenton, MI, Terry of River Rouge, MI, and a daughter Sandy Pruneau (husband Mark) of River Rouge, MI. Adam also leaves six grandchildren and five great grandchildren which he loved very much.

Adam and Jomae came to Michigan in 1950 to make it their home. After working 40 years at Great Lakes Steel, he retired in 1990. Adam had been sick for a long time. Although he never joined any church, he loved the Old Regular Baptist. Adam professed a hope in Jesus about two years ago to Elder Arvid Blevins.

We want to thank all the Old Regular Baptist Ministers, Little Ida Church and Girrback-Krasum Funeral Home. Dad will sadly be missed by a host of friends and family.

Written by his loving wife and children Jomae, Lanny, Terry and Sandy



Adam Mullins

JOHN VESTER MULLINS

It is with a sad and broken heart I'll try to write the obituary of my beloved husband John Vester Mullins. He was born in Beehive, KY on October 14, 1924 to the late Dewey and Flossie Mullins, departed this life at his home on London-Groveport Road, Grove City, OH, with his children and family around him March 16, 1999. Making his stay on Earth 74 years and five months. He told us all, he was going home to live with Jesus.

On November 27, 1948, he married Rella Dean Hall of Virgie, KY. To this union was born seven children: Gary (wife Theresa) Kingsley, Mich, Belinda (husband John), Grove City, OH, Sandra, Pilkington, Bham., Al., John Jr., Gallipolis, OH, Ronald (wife Jenny), Columbus, OH, Wayne (wife Patty), Bidwell, OH, David (wife Lisa), London, OH.

He is survived by his wife, seven children, son-in-laws, daughter-in-laws, 15 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, three sisters and four brothers. On Jan. 11, 1958 he joined the Little Ruth Church at Marengo, OH and was baptized Jan. 12, 1958. The last 28 years his membership has been at Little Pearl Church in Vinton, OH. He served as Clerk and Asst. Clerk until he passed away.

Through all his sickness he didn't give up. He didn't want to sit down and stay home. Two weeks before he died, we told him the doctors couldn't do anything else for him. He was dying. He looked at me and said I have so much love in my heart. I wish the whole world could see. Then a few days later he said, just look what I'm trading this old body for. You children have heard your dad say lots of time with a thankful heart, we have an unbroken circle. Now our circle is broken but if you all would repent and live for Jesus we could be with dad again and have a beautiful circle in Heaven. Where all is joy and love forever and ever.

Sleep on my love. I believe with all my heart I'll see you again someday.

Written by your lonely wife.



John Vester Mullins

DELANO NEWSOM

On January 25, 1999 God chose to take Delano home very unexpectedly. Most of us have made the statement that if we had our choice when death is near we would choose not to linger, causing a burden for our family. Never realizing the affects, of such a shock, to our loved ones. When faced with this sudden loss, it has been so very hard to accept the fact that we didn't seize the opportunity to tell him so many things that we left unsaid. Nor did we have the change to say "good bye".

Everyone who knew Delano and our family, must know that God chose "our rock", "our peacemaker", "our optimist", "our prayer warrior". My children have caught themselves starting for the phone when their kids are sick and in need of prayer. He left such a lasting impression on my grandchildren. He showed them so much love and attention. My 5-year-old granddaughter has grieved so much and had hundreds of questions I have had to try and answer.

He was born to Jonah and Gracie (Addington) Newsom in Lionilli, KY on May 6, 1937. Mom and dad were ecstatic when he arrived because they had lost two children prior to his birth. We often teased him about being spoiled. But, in reality, his bubbly personality caught the attention of anyone whose life he ever touched.

Left to mourn his loss is his loving wife of 43 years, Peggy (Freeman) Newsom; his children:



Delano Newsom

Wade Allen and Connie Newson, Amonda and Mike Mills, Darven and Jean Newsom, Steven and Timothea Henson, and Kenneth and Viccijo Henson; 16 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Survivors also include: his broken-hearted mother, Gracie Newsom; his brothers: Otto (Bea) Newsom and Algar (Brenda) Newsom; his sisters: Mildred Hall, Seamawn Cisco, Beulah Faye Heflin, Eula (Paul) Ward, Freda (Ronald) Roman, and Reeda (Paul) Dalton. Also many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews, who always called upon him when in need of prayer.

I cannot leave out his cousins/best friends, Stan and Beatrice Akers. I thank you Stan, for always being there for him when he needed someone to talk to or just a shoulder to lean on. He loved you like a brother, as I'm sure you loved him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jonah Newsom; brother: Freddie Elmo Newsom; sister: Madalean Newsom; brother-in-law: Cecil Hall; niece: Kathy Lavon Johnson; and nephew: William Cisco.

Ten days before his death on January 15, 1999, our nephew, William Cisco, was murdered in Indiana. Delano was among the first to get to our sister to help her through her grief. Only God knew the additional grief we would have to endure a few days later.

He was a member of Morning Star Church of Old Regular Baptist in Belleville, MI, being baptized in 1980. But, to the brothers and sisters of the churches from Kentucky to Michigan, he was a beacon to them all. I know thousands loved him and are grieving with us.

Only God knows how very much we miss him. And, I know that God will carry us when it seems that we just can't go on without him. But, I'm so thankful that God understands the state of our broken hearts and selfish minds when we wish him back, knowing he is better off than we are.

I realize we should be striving to celebrate his life in lieu of grieving his death, as Delano would demand us to do. But, in nature, we tend to regress. My prayer is for all the family to recall his loving/teasing smile, his amorous sense of humor, and the sincere compassion he felt for us and anyone he met. In our hearts, we know for certain he was assured of our love for him.

We are left with many happy memories. One of which is always on my mind, is that of him on his tractor manicuring his little manion on the "Ridge."

"We were not there to say good bye, but we will be there to say hello." (his son, Wade, had this inscribed on his tombstone).

Written with love by his sister, Freda Roman

BERTHA M. PARSONS

With a sad and broken heart we will try and write this obituary for loving mom (Bertha Parsons). Mom was the daughter of the late Henry and Armina Meade Henderson.

Mom was born April 26, 1923 in Floyd County, KY. Mom passed away January 26, 1999. On December 14, 1939 she was united in marriage to our dad the late Fred Parsons. To this marriage there were three daughters: Juanita Williams of Grethal, KY, Irene Williams of New London, OH, Emogene Hunter of Ashland, OH, and a son Bernard Parsons of Millersburg, OH. Mom also leaves behind 11 grandchildren. 14 great-grandchildren, a sister, Emily Gayheart of North Fairfield, OH. A brother Henry Henderson of McDowell, KY.



Bertha M. Parsons

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church over 50 years ago. She was a member of the Little Pilgrim Home Church of Ruggles, OH. Mom had extended illnesses and found out she had cancer.

Mom was only with us a few short months after she received news of the cancer. Everyone loved mom. Mom was a good and high-spirited woman.

Mom is sadly missed . It just isn't the same without her. But we know mom is in a better place (Heaven).

We love you mommy!!

Written by her loving children and grandchildren.

MELVIN PRATER

With a sad and heavy heart I'll try to write an obituary of my sweet husband, Melvin Prater. Melvin was born in Kentucky on Dec. 27, 1912. He passed away on June 25, 1999 making his stay here on earth 86 years.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Marie (Slone) Prater whom he married November 15, 1960. One son, James Herman Prater preceded him in death. Troy James Prater, Billy Joe Prater, Carles Prater, Harles Prater, Glendon Prater, step-son Larry (Peggy) Slone, step-daughter Ada (Randy) Temple, Lana (Woody) Woodman, daughter-in-law Sue Prater, 20 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, 1 great-great granddaughter, brother Oscar "Bud" Prater, sister Pearlle Patton, sister-in-law, Marinda Slone who lived with us.

Melvin and I had a very good life together, He enjoyed his children and grand children. Melvin loved going to church when he was able. After he was so ill, he would love for church members to come and see him.

Melvin told us that he felt there wasn't anything in his way. He wanted to be baptized, but, never was able enough as his sickness took over. He said he wanted to go home where he could rest forever.

We will miss him around the house, but, he is in a better land than we are. Sleep on, I'll meet you over there soon.

Love your wife, Marie (Slone) Prater And your family



Melvin Prater

FANNIE HUNTER WICKER REAMS

Fannie Reams was born in Knott County District of Rock Fork near Garrett, Kentucky, on December 22, 1909. She was the fifth child of eleven born to Dan and Julie Hunter.

Fannie passed away to be with her Lord and Savior on May 19, 1998 at the home of her daughter Earlie Higgins, near Marengo, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents Dan and Julie Hunter, seven brothers and three sisters. Also preceding her were her first husband, Bill Wicker, who was shot and killed in March, 1940, after 14 years of marriage and three children; son Worley, who died in 1985; and infant son, Sam, who died at less than one year of age. Fannie remarried later to Walter Reams who passed away in 1969.

Fannie is survived by her daughter Earlie Wicker Higgins and son-in-law Carlos Higgins of Marengo, Ohio; daughter-in-law Geneva Reynolds Wicker, wife of Worley, of Wabash, Indiana; 2 stepchildren, James Reams of Stevenson, Alabama, and Betty Jo Reams McAllister of Fayetteville, Tennessee. Also surviving are 9 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild, 5 step-great-grandchildren, and 1 step great-great-grandchild.

Fannie is remembered for having a small store and restaurant across the road from the Stumbo Memorial Hospital at Lackey, Kentucky. This was during the late 1930's with her first husband, Bill Wicker, where he was shot and killed in 1940. Fannie later married Walter Reams and lived there



Fannie Hunter Wicker Reams

until the late 1950's. She was known and remembered for her helping hand and open heart to her many friends in the area.

Fannie, divorced from Frank Reams, ended up at Mt. Sterling, living there until 1992. She then moved to Marengo, Ohio, to live near her daughter Earlie. While in the Mt. Sterling area, she attended the Mt. Sterling Old Regular Baptist Church regularly, and while in Ohio she was attending the Little Ruth Baptist Church near Marengo, and the Old Regular Baptist Church at Wyandott, Ohio until her health prevented her from going. Almost two weeks before she passed on to meet her Lord, the Little Ruth congregation met at Fannie's bedside and held their services there in her daughter's home. Following this meeting, she declared to everyone that she was "Ready to go home," and a few days later she did that.

In the picture with her is her 5-year-old great-grandson, Kendall Jason Coffman, with whom she was totally devoted and loved dearly. He lived next door and was the last person with whom Fannie spoke to just prior to her falling into a coma and passing on.

Greatly missed and still loved by family and many friends. Written by daughter and son-in-law Earlie and Carlos Higgins.

FRANCES N. SENTERS

It is with a heavy heart, much sorrow and love I will try to write the obituary of my grandmother on behalf of the family. We miss you a lot grandma, and there is not a day that goes by that we don't think of you. "Sleep on Darling, I will see you when Jesus calls me home and we will never be parted again." That is what she wrote to my grandpa nine years ago, and now, it eases all our heartaches to know they are together once more. My grandmother was wonderful at all she did; being a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother.

Frances N. Senters was the daughter of William Heanon Stanley, who passed in 1966, and Kansas Mae Stanley, who passed in 1993. Grandma was born on August 22, 1927 and left us on April 30, 1999, making her stay on this earth 71 years, 8 months and 8 days. She had one brother and one sister who preceded her in death, William Stanley and Christine Austin. She leaves behind three of her brothers and sisters to mourn her loss.

My grandma and grandpa met and fell in love, that is how I always was told. They had for children: one son, Harold Johnny Senters who preceded her in death on June 1, 1965. Her remaining children are two sons, my uncles, Larry G. Senters and Richard A. Senters both of Columbus, Ohio, and each of them misses their mother deeply. She has one daughter, my mother, Glenna Y. Senters, who lived with her. Not a day goes by that any one of them does not think about my grandma. My grandmother also left behind 11 grandchildren who all miss her very much, as well as the 5 great-grandchildren do, a sixth expected around January.

My grandma joined the Little Angel Old Baptist Church on February 1, 1974 at St. Anthony's Hospital by Forest Osborne, my grandpa Harold Senters, Hiram Adkins and Ballard Brown. She was baptized on February 28, 1974 by Forest Osborne and Hiram Adkins. She was a faithful member until she got too sick to go to church. She would get dressed and then cry saying she just couldn't make it, unable to understand the reasoning behind this weakness.

It wa not much later we found out about the cancer, and not long after that she was peacefully gone. Throughout the time of her illness all her children were there for her and each of them now have a sorrow in their heart for their dear mother.

I love you and miss you so much grandma, and I will always have the memories of you in my heart, forever. We all miss you, and we all loved you more than words could ever say.

Written by your loving granddaughter with much love, Andrea



Frances M. Senters

Go rest on dearest mother, you will always be loved and missed. I pray that I will see you one sweet day with Dad and everyone. I know when you reached the golden gates that Daddy was there waiting to welcome you home. It is with much pain in my heart that I will try to say a few things about my mother. Not only was she the most significant person in my life, but she was my best friend.

It is sometimes hard to believe she is gone. I wake up sometimes thinking she is still here. I expect to see her coming down our hallway, then reality hits, and I realize she is gone. "Momma loved Daddy" . . . and knowing this, knowing that she is happier, it makes me smile knowing my Mom and Dad are together again. My brothers and I talk often of how much we miss her, and think back on childhood memories, how we had to have had the greatest mother (and father) on this earth.

Day by day the hurt gets less, or maybe I just become used to it, but the missing her will never go away, neither will the memories. I will always carry you with me. I love you Mom.

Your loving daughter, Glenna

*She closed her eyes to rest awhile, her path had become too steep,
When that hour came that she wasn't here we all began to weep.
She'll wake where there is sunshine and springtime all around,
She'll awake to see rainbows and flowers on the ground.
She's gone to rest, like all those before, leaving all of us here to wait,
She's gone to where there's streets of gold, and she's there waiting by the pearly gate.
We'll remember her with love and smiles, being glad her sickness has past,
We look forward to seeing her again, our family circle complete again at last.
When we need her we'll just have to close our eyes, and we'll see her like we did before,
She'll be alive but within our hearts, that will have to do until we're together once more.*

THAD HENDRIX SHELTON, JR.

With a loving heart and precious memories I will write the obituary of my darling son, Thad Hendrix, Jr. He was born on September 7, 1960 in Detroit, MI. He departed this life after a brief illness, on December 4, 1998. Thad, was the son of the late Thad Hendrix Shelton and Fronia Shelton of River Rouge, MI. He also leaves to mourn his children; Thad H. III, Tommy, and his only daughter, Kanissa. Three brothers - Charles of Greenville, TN; Roger of Lakehills, TX; and Avery of Southgate, MI. Two sisters-Patsy of Salem, Virginia and Joanne of Dearborn, MI. His oldest brother, Dwight preceded him in death. Thad was a good son, a dedicated father and stood strongly by his family in times of need. With such a large family of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws we all have such fond memories. He was always a joy to be around, he was loved by us all. He will be greatly missed. My only hope, is to one day be reunited in our Heavenly Home with our Lord and Savior.



Thad Hendrix Shelton, Jr.

Written by his loving mother, Fronia Shelton and Family

DAISY SLONE

Daisy was born on May 8th, 1928 to Ivon and Nellie Chaffins of Knott County, Kentucky. We were married on April 4th, 1946 and we were together for 52 years. We were blessed with 3 children, two daughters and son, Elvita Mullins of Ligonier, Indiana; Lewie Slone and Carolyn Sue Hicks both of Kendallville, Indiana. We also are blessed with 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. As I sit here trying to write about the one I love so dearly, I try not to think about the last two years that I had to watch her gradually fade away. I'm thinking about the good times we had together. So many times we would go to church together and we would sing on the way to church and on our way home.



Daisy Slone

She loved for the church people to come and visit our home, and sing and hold prayer for her. Daisy had a lot of love for everyone. I truly believe in my heart and mind, that she's at rest now and that she'd made it right with God before she took her peaceful sleep.

I remember one time in the hospital, she passed out and when they managed to wake her, she told them they should have left her alone, that she had been in heaven and the angels were all around her, it was so peaceful there. They said they didn't know where she went but they know she went somewhere.

Daisy said she didn't have anything in her way and was ready to go home. I believe and feel in my heart that on September 17th, 1998, the angels came and flew to heaven with her in their arms.

The children and I miss her so much, there's not a day goes by that we don't think about her. We all miss her dearly.

Written by her loving family, Herbert, Elvita, Lewie, and Carolyn Sue

EDNA SMILEY

With much sadness in nature, but a wonderful feeling in the spirit of the Lord, knowing our mother is in her new home. She wanted to be there with daddy for so long. They are now walking those streets of gold hand in hand. With the help of God, we are writing this obituary of our beloved mother, Mary Edna Hall Smiley, 92. She passed on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 in Highlands Medical Center of Dana, KY. She was the daughter of the late Floyd Hall and Laura Boyd Hall. She joined Little Salem Old Regular Baptist Church of Dana on 6/21/52.



Edna Smiley

She was preceded in death by her husband, Miller Smiley and three children. She is survived by two sons: Ermon Smiley of Attica, MI, and Charles Floyd Smiley of Collins, OH. Five daughters: Lillian (Smiley) Akers of Almont, MI; Beulah (Smiley) Samons of Vermilion, OH; Eula (Smiley) Conn of Dana, KY; Cornela (Smiley) Conn of Dana, KY; Louanna (Smiley) Conn of Wakeman, OH. One brother Able Hall of Louisville, KY; and one sister, Emma Boyd of Frankfort, KY. She also left behind 33 grandchildren, 79 great-grandchildren, and 44 great-great-grandchildren. For the last 25 years of her life she made her home with her children, that she loved so much. She traveled from state to state to be with them all, until the last six months of her life. Everyone she talked with, she spoke of Jesus and his love, they all loved her for it. She left a path of loving kindness everywhere she went. Mother, I don't know if there is any hope of ever getting over the loss of you, but we have to try by the grace of God. Precious memories, oh what sad and lonely homes we have been left with since our mother went to be with the Lord. I miss her so much I can still almost see her

singing and praying to praise the Lord. Since God has taken my mother from me, her smiling face no more will I see. My heart is so heavy, many tears have I shed, but God showed me my mother is not dead, but with my daddy, they are happy and free. I can hear the blessed Angels singing, "now they are here with me".

The blessed saviors wings carried our granny away. The one that showed us peace and love and taught us how to pray. I'll never forget the righteousness and caring that she left with us. I pray someday we'll meet her in our Father's house. I can feel my granny watching over us, she is never far from our hearts. Written by her broken hearted children, in the Lord.

MY SWEET GRANDMA

The angels will sing when my grandma gets there. The angels will welcome her home.

The angels will sing when my grandma gets there, Ohhh, what a beautiful day.

My Jesus has called my sweet grandma home, home where she'll

Be free. Her love she will share with the angels up there; Ohhh, what a glorious day.

I know your happy grandma, your spirit has been set free.

Now you will know the joys of true love more abundantly.

With no pain, no anxiety, and no earthly clump to bind

That beautiful spirit of yours. Be free grandma, enjoy true

Love with our Father and the angels above

TAKE OUR LOVE WITH YOU!

DOUGLAS SPARKMAN

It's with a broken heart that I will try to write this obituary of my beloved daddy. Douglas Sparkman of Topmost, KY passed away February 24, 1999 in Martin, KY in a tragic automobile accident. Making his stay on earth 71 years, 8 months and 23 days at the time of his passing.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Martha Hall Sparkman whom he married January 22, 1947. Also left to mourn his passing are nine sons and daughters-in-laws: Don and Liz Sparkman of HiHat, KY; Mark and Nancy Sparkman of Prestonburg, KY; Eugene and Leslie Sparkman of Kite, KY; Clyde and Jackie Sparkman of Mariba, KY; David and Ola Sparkman of Topmost, KY; Vernon and Debbie Sparkman of Topmost, KY; Jerry and Regina Sparkman of Topmost, KY; Grover and Lisa Sparkman of Willard, OH; Scotty and Shonda Sparkman of Topmost, KY. Four daughters and son-in-laws: Phyllis and Jackie Bolen of Hindman, KY; Linda Coburn of Orange Park, FL; Velma and Clarence Miller of Martin, KY; Tamie and Orbin Hall of Paintsville, KY. Also, Pa's grandbaby whom live with him Darren Little Scotty. Twenty-four grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, one brother and sister-in-law, Marcus and Norma Sparkman of Pippa Passes, KY and one sister, Norma Jean Patton, and a host of nephews, nieces, and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother and one granddaughter, Misty Sparkman.

We had a story book daddy. He was the most loving husband and daddy on Earth. Daddy was a member of the Thorton Gap Old Regular Baptist Church. But most important, he gave his heart to the Lord over 20 years ago. Daddy was a humble man and had a heart full of love. The love that daddy had only comes from God. If you want the love that daddy had, and you want to see daddy again you need to call out to the Lord with a sincere heart and confess your sins. Jesus will save your soul. Daddy didn't die. As David says in the 23rd Psalms he just walked through the valley of the shadow of death. I believe us kids will get to witness the coming of my Savior the Lord Jesus Christ and daddy's resurrection. The word say concerning this: "But I would not have



Douglas Sparkman

you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the ark angel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Daddy we miss you so much but I'll see you again. So sleep on daddy.

Written by your broken hearted son and brother in Christ Grover

Note: His memorial will be June 2, 2000, at 1:00pm at Sparkman Family Cemetery. Brothers called are Elder Buddy Carty, Elder Bill Hall and Elder Chuck Hall.

ELSIE STEVENS

Elsie Margaret (Stevens) Blevins, 75 years of age, was born March 27, 1923 in Grahn, KY. She was the daughter of the late Nelson and Sarah (Barker) Stevens of Grahn, KY. She departed this life on October 2, 1998. On August 4, 1945 she was united in marriage to Orville Blevins. To this union was born five children - four sons: Earl and Phil from Alliance, OH, John from Sebring, OH, Ron from Beloit, OH and one daughter - Ellen Rowe from Sebring, OH. Elsie also raised four stepchildren: Jewel Oney from Sun City, FL, Teddy Oney from New Castle, IN, the late Bill Blevins from Mansfield, OH and the late David Blevins from New Castle, IN.



Elsie Stevens

She is also survived by a sister, Audrey Stevens from Beloit, OH, a brother John Stevens from Alliance, OH, 11 grandchildren, 12 step-grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and 24 step-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two stepsons and three brothers. Clayton Stevens, Lester Stevens, and Victor Stevens.

She lived in Ohio for 39 years. She was buried in Garden Ridge Cemetery in Olive Hill, KY.

She joined Macadoni Church of the Old Regular Baptist of Grahn, Kentucky in 1981, and she attended church regularly until she became ill and could no longer walk. She was very ill for over 30 years with diabetes. She was blind, but before she left here, she saw that new home and mansion over yonder. I believe he gave her those eyes to see those places before she had to leave here. Thank the Good Lord we will meet again and all that loved and served him. When he tells his son, it's enough, go down there and bring them home.

We miss your smile, we miss your laughter, and we miss your gentle touch. You will never be forgotten. Your memory will stay with us forever.

Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sadly missed by your Husband, Children, Family & Friends.

MALINDA TURNER

It is with a sad, aching heart that I will try to write an obituary of my mother, Malinda Turner.

On August 11, 1908 she was born in the family of William and Phoebe Caudill of Doty Creek in Letcher Co., KY. She was the last of ten children born into this family to leave this world of sorrow entering into a land of rest. Mother passed away on June 28, 1999. She suffered a severe heart attack, spent 11 days in the hospital and 28 days in a skilled nursing facility trying to regain her ability to walk. Each day was such a struggle for her that she only got worse instead of better until finally at about 10am on the morning of the 28th, the Lord, in His tender mercy, took her last breath. Ps. 104 vs.28..."thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust." Blessed are they who die in the Lord for henceforth they rest from their labors.



Malinda Turner
(Photo-1994)

At an early age, mother met and married Wayne Turner from Breathitt County, Kentucky, who passed away January 1956. To this union was born Ula Mae, born on Christmas Eve and died on Christmas Day. Next came Norman Quentin who passed away at the age of 50, in 1983. Lillian Lucille was the next to grace this household and now lives in Louisville, KY with her husband, John Cheney. Last to be born into this family was me, Coeburn Wayne who lives in Finchville, KY with my wife Lois Jean (Thornsberry).

Mom and Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Little Dove in Knott County, KY. I believe it was in 1948. Dad was later ordained as a Deacon. Mother brought her letter to the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church in Louisville, KY in 1975.

Lucille and Jack's children are: Johnny who has one son, John; Kenneth Quentin - sons Kenny and Nathan, Daughter May; Teresa Malinda Forman - sons Jimmy and Joey, (twins), Michael and Nicholas; Clifford Wayne, daughter Ashley; James Turner - son Danny; Gerald Leo (Jerry); and Jake Donovan.

Coeburn and Jean's children are Dorthy Renee, and David Wayne - son Ethan, daughters Kadee and Jessica.

Mother loved her grandchildren and I am sure each one could tell of the times mother would talk to them about the Goodness of the Lord and the need to repent of their sins. It was such a blessing to have a mother in the Old Church who thought it an honor to dress like a sister of righteousness and whose main topic of conversation was about the Lord. She is finally resting from her labors. Mother would often say that she didn't understand why the Lord let her live so long. I believe it was because of her love for her children, and grandchildren who needed a mother to love. I hope the remembrance of mother's love will continue to direct them in the way of the Lord so they may learn to love Him as she did.

Brother Hillard and Sister Melster would visit Mom at her apartment and it was difficult to determine who got the greater blessing, Bro. Newsome or Mother. They would always "kid" with each other and mother would always direct Bro. Hillard's attention to her "goodie" drawer where she kept candy and cookies (knowing how well Bro. Newsome loved his sweets).

Brother Milford Prater and Glenda would visit her and he would sing some of the old songs that she dearly loved. The Antioch Church friends and members were so kind to visit during her illness and brought food and refreshments to the family at the funeral home.

We could go on and on about Mother, but she would not approve - as she told me many times that when she passed away, "don't sing songs about Mother, sing songs about Jesus", so let us give honor and glory unto the Lord.

It would be wrong for me to not mention how my wife, Jeannie, took such good care of her for

the past two years or so by bathing her and keeping her apartment clean. We will all miss her and hope one day to meet her around God's Great Throne.

Lucille has wanted to help take care of Mother, but has been so sick she could not take care of herself. Her husband, Jack, has been so good to take care of her and was always there to take care of Mom.

I can't find any place to stop writing, so with tear filled eyes, I'll repeat Mom, - "Repent and be born again", then we can all hope to meet again.

With Loving Memories, Coeburn

AVEN (ALLEN) WICKER

Aven (Allen) Wicker was born on January 31, 1928 to Lace and Minnie (Chaffins) Wicker in Mousie, KY. He was one of nine children. At the age of sixteen he joined the military and stayed in for about fifteen years.

He married Edna Hunter on January 7, 1956 who took such good care of him in the last couple of years as he grew so weak. Aven had two sons, William G. of Edgerton, OH and Roger of Kendallville, IN. He also had one granddaughter, Lacey Darlene Wicker. A sister, Gracie of Kendallville also mourns his loss, as well as the Little Flossie Church and a host of friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Aven was almost always smiling even when we felt he was in much pain. He loved for the church members to come visit him and when the Lord was mentioned, his eyes would fill with tears.

He never joined the church but he would defend her precepts and ways and came to the church house as long as he was able.

His wife Edna said he told her that he was praying and she felt he made it through. I also feel that he is know only resting until the Lord calls for his children to come home.

Written by Elder Larry Dixon and Edna Wicker



Aven (Allen) Wicker

BOBBY AND WILLIE WILLIAMS

*"Sweet is the rose that blooms in the spring, It's petals open up for the morning rain.
Only nothing lasts forever the pedals will fade The rose will die, It will go away,
But my love for you now that's another thing. It makes my heart happy, It makes my heart sing,
It won't fade with time, it'll always be there, Just like Jesus, our love, our bright shining star.*

When I feel down and I feel blue, I think of the good times I spent with you.

I know that Jesus has shown me the way, That I can be with you two boy's some grand day.

So rest my tow loves, I know your happy up there, Resting under the alter of the one so fair."

My two beautiful son's, you left this world at such young ages, Bobby was 27 and Willie was 17. How do I let go? Without Jesus to rely on what do you do? Thank the Lord we have Jesus.

Bobby and Willie were two fine young men, you couldn't know them and not love them. What stands in my mind is what they would have to say to all the young people still here. I believe they would tell you that the young die, the same as the old, to turn away from all the things that you think is so great, to turn toward Jesus so you can spend eternity in paradise and not in fire. That God is real and death is but one breath away.

All you young people that think you have all the time in the world, or I'll just wait till I get older. Take a look at my sons ages. None of us know when we'll breath our last breath.

Brothers and Sisters, we must pray for our children and never let up. We must do all that we

can with them. Spend everyday like it's our last day with them. Never let work take away all the pleasure of time spent with them. We must teach them all we can about Jesus. God bless each and everyone of my sisters and brothers in Christ. I love all of you very much.

Sister in Christ Wanda Williams

CARDIA MARIE WILLIAMS

It is with much sadness, a broken heart, loneliness and the help of my sweet Savior, Jesus Christ that I will attempt to write an obituary of my darling mother, Cardia Marie Williams.

Mom was born one of 12 children to Kenis and Mary Ellen Blevins on August 31, 1940 and left behind this sinful world to begin a new life in glory, making her stay on this earth 58 years. Tow of mom's brothers and one sister and her father preceded her in death. Mom leaves to mourn her loss her mother, Mary Ellen Blevins of Ecorse, Michigan, 4 brothers, Arvid, Lynn, Walter and John Blevins of the downriver area; four sisters, Mrs. Faye Wakefield of Hartselle, Alabama; Mrs. Ophelia Hanson, Mrs. Geraldine Loree, and Mrs. Vanessa Broome, whom also reside in the downriver area. She also leaves two daughters: Mrs. Cindy Kopietz of Wyandotte, Michigan and Ellen Fischer of Ecorse, Michigan; two grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and a great host of friends and relatives who will miss her gravely.



Cardia Marie Williams

Mom was very will most of her life, but now she will suffer no more and when Jesus declares that time shall be no more mom wil take on a more glorious body that is completely whole. Mom bore her sickness well and she was deaf in her left ear, but about two months before she died, the Lord opened that ear and she could hear very well. Mom was overjoyed and called everybody she kew to tell them of her miracle healing, and she praised God for it. Mom died listening to a tape of two of her brothers and sister-in-law singing the great hymns of faith. Mom just politely went to sleep in the night never to wake up again in this cruel Old World. Mom sought after Jesus and begged Him for forgiveness and she prayed until she found peace with Him and then she was baptized into the Old Regular Baptist on September 7, 1979 and was a member of the Little Vineyard Church until her death. Mom was the only child to enjoy the pleasure of being baptized by her father, the late Elder Kenis R. Blevins Sr. I was blessed to write a few lies of a poem which goes like this:

*"Mom you're in peace now, and God up above,
I can only hope that the time you had here, you knew of my lofe.
You looked so peaceful when I first saw you,
But still I can't help feeling so sad and so blue.
The love and the closeness the two of us shared,
I know the happiness you have nwo can never be compared.
You were not only my mother, you were my best friend.'
I loved you so much, I don't want it to end.
Thihs is not goodbye, because one day I'll be there.
Then again our love we can once again share."*

In closing I'd like to say to my family and friends, if you want to see mom again you will have to beg for forgiveness from your sins and seek the face of mom's best friend Jesus Christ. I am going to meet my mom in heaven someday, won't you please come and join me and live happy forever in the great resurrection morning.

Written by her broken-hearted and lonely daughter, Cindy Kopietz and the family

LAURA WILLIAMS

Laura Williams, age 91 died Friday, Jan. 15, 1999 in Presbyterian Village New Baltimore MI.

She was a former resident of Buchanan County, VA. She was of the regular Baptist Faith and the widow of Robert Williams. She was preceded in death by: Mary Mardis, Hettie Childress, Alma Compton, Worley Compton, Lydia Deel, Lila Hartford, Ernest Compton, Garland Compton, and Bonnie Compton.

Survivors include three daughters: Alfa Owens, Helen Bostic - both of Roseville, MI, Ivalee Mullians of Algonac, MI; one son, Henry Williams - Royal Oak, MI, two sisters: Eunice Owens - Clinton Township, MI, Myrtle Fouts, Utica, MI, sixteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at Haysi Funeral Home. Clarence Owens officiated. Burial was in Bostic Cemetery, Prater, VA.



Laura Williams

RAYMOND WILLIAMS

With a sad and aching heart I'll try to write a few things about my brother. Whom I miss so very much.

My brother was born in St. Mary's West Virginia on Feb. 9th 1936. When he grew up he moved to Akron, OH and worked for Babcock and Wilcox in the little town of Barberton, OH. Brother left behind his wife, Linda Williams and seven children: Earl, Tony (who is now deceased), Debra, Jeff, Mike, Raymond, Richard and several grandchildren.

What I'll always remember about Ray is the way he would bring strangers into his home and feed them even set up beds if they had nowhere to go.

Brother suffered a lot the last few years of his life. But he started going to the True Vine Church three years ago. If my memory serves me right he only missed three times in the last three years. He came to love the Lord in this time and on his death bed, the night before he died he told Bro. Steve Borders he accepted Jesus as his savior. What a glorious night that was. It made me one of the happiest Brothers in the world. I believe that some sweet day we'll meet again in Heaven. His lungs and heart gave away, but he'll take on a brand new body up there. All his suffering is now over.



Raymond Williams

(No Grave Will Hold Us)

Dearest Husband and Brother, You just had to go, Oh! How all of us love you so.

Your suffering is over, you'll feel no more pain, A heavenly crown was yours to gain.

No grave will hold us on that last day. When Jesus comes to take all of his children away,

Way up to heaven, we'll go on high. To meet with our savior up past the sky,

Oh how beautiful that day will be, When our savior, we'll all see.

Oh Sweet Brother of mine, We'll walk and talk with Jesus and have a wonderful time.

Love: Brother Bob, Wife Linda, Sister Hazel, Sister Wanda, Bertha, Wilma, and Children

KENNETH LEE YATES

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my father. He was the son of Earl M. Yates and Mildred (Ramey) Yates. He was the grandson of Charley Ramey and Emma Jean (Adkins) Ramey. He was born July 15, 1946 in Huntington, West Virginia. He passed away December 5, 1997. Left to mourn are two daughters: Angela V. Yates and Sonya R. Yates, both from Columbus, Ohio. He had 5 grandchildren, two sisters: Sheila Braden and Teresa Yates; niece, nephew and several aunts and uncles, cousins and his closest friend, Robert Munyon.

He has been sadly missed. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of him. He will always be in our hearts and in our thoughts.



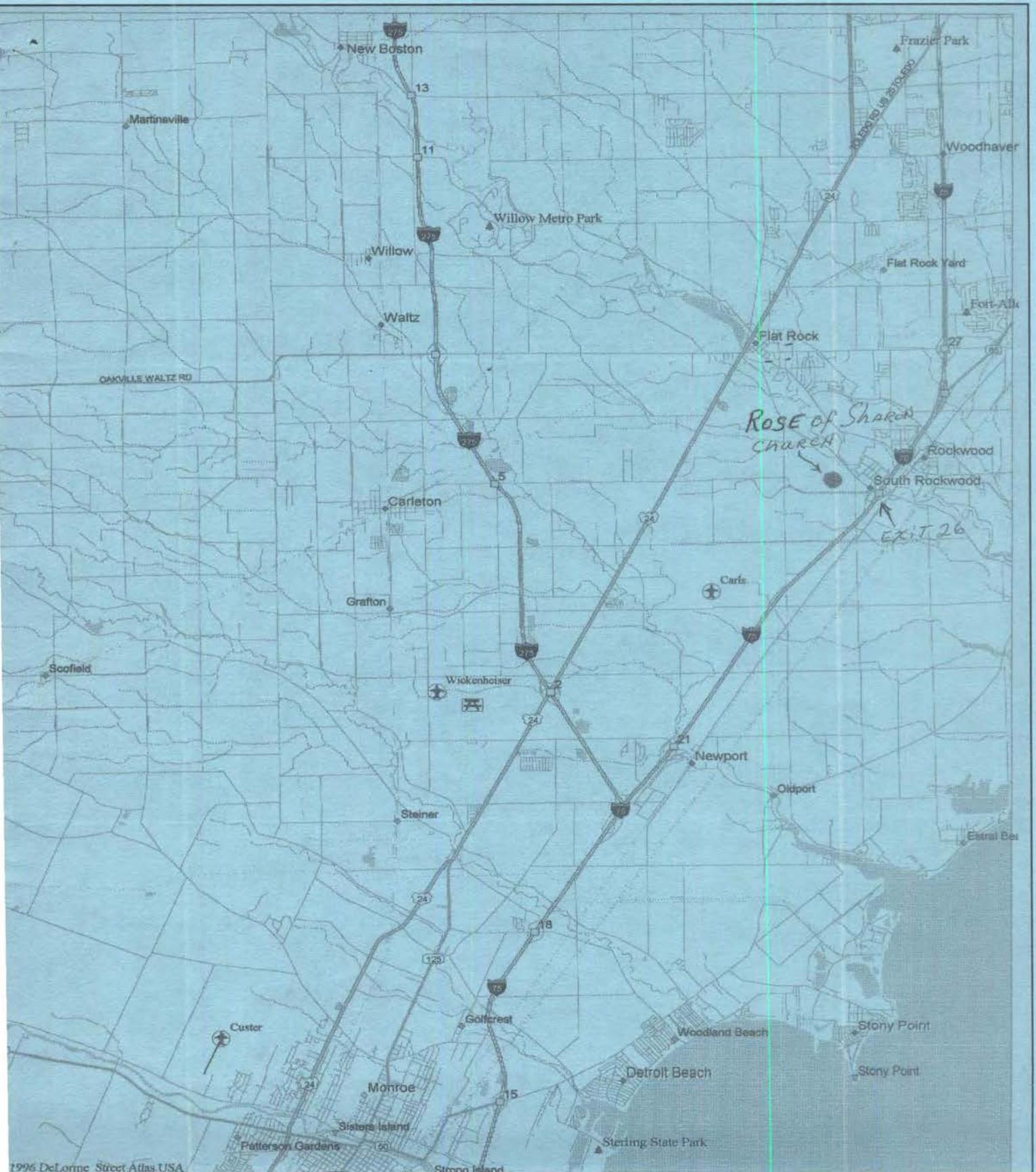
Kenneth Lee Yates

With Love Father, missing you, your daughter, Angela Yates

The Rose Beyond the Wall

*A rose once grew where all could see, Sheltered beside a garden wall,
And, as the days passed swiftly by, It spread its branches, straight and tall.
One day, a beam of light shone through A crevice that had opened wide.
The rose bent gently toward its warmth Then passed beyond to the other side.
Now, you who deeply feel its loss, Be comforted, the rose blooms there,
Its beauty even greater now, Nurtured by God's own Loving care.
(author unknown to me)*

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