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



In Session Assembled With
Rose of Sharon Church
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**Dedication to the memory
of the Late Elders,
Brothers and Sisters of the
Northern New Salem Association**

Let's stop and pause, as we dedicate this 43rd Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association to the memory of our beloved Elders, Brothers and Sisters who have crossed the chilly tide since our last setting. Leaving us with precious memories of happy days spent with them here, on the way to the promise land.

We wait in hope, of a brighter tomorrow, in which we hope to join their company in a land of pure delight where all shall be peace and love. Surely this must be heaven.

With Love
Bro. Newsome
Clerk

If one's tongue is loose, it will cause other parts of the body to malfunction.
Bro. Newsome



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

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PROCEEDINGS

Of The
Forty-Third Annual Session of the
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist
The Church of Jesus Christ
August 4, 2000

Friday Session

Was such a lovely sunny morning, yet there was a cool breeze in the air, here in this part of the vineyard up north. What a joy to see and feel the love of God's people as they gathered from distance far and near to attend this 43rd Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association.

The house was filled to capacity and soon their voices were heard in singing the old hymns of Zion. Giving God glory and honor for His many blessings bestowed on His people.

Alternate, Eld. Hargis Tuttle, very humble, was blessed to preach of God's love and goodness. His discourse was very warm and spiritual. A humble and uplifting prayer was offered by Eld. Tuttle.

To preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. Danny Hamilton approached the stand with much fear, was soon blessed by God's holy spirit to preach an old time sermon on a travail from nature to grace. There was a drawing power and men and women are to be obedient to the spirit of God, which will lead them to repentance.

After delivery of the Introductory Sermon, the delegates were asked to assemble in the house to conduct the business of this the 43rd Annual Session. Those who were not delegates to assemble at the place prepared for preaching.

The delegates gathered in the house and after one of Zion's song was sung, Eld. Willis Tolliver, Moderator of the Philadelphia Association, was called on to make remarks, which was warm and well ordered of the Lord. Eld. Tommy Dials, Moderator of the Sardis Association led in prayer, asking God to be in our midst, that we may work in love and peace.

Eld. Roy Caudill, Moderator, announced that the 43rd Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, August 4, 2000

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed in to the Clerk. On motion by Eld. Danny Carty, second by Eld. Buford Brock, the letter from the Rose of Sharon Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. Arvid Blevins, second by Eld. Billy Miller 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: Willis Tolliver, Murl Caudill, Ellis Holbrooks. 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: Monroe Jones, Ralph Caudill, Ray Hamilton. Bro. Mike Hiatt made a motion, second by Eld. Arvid Blevins to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharged them of their duties.
3. By a motion made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Eld. Buford Brock, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
 4. On motion by Eld. Robert Wallen, second by Eld. Arvid Blevins, reading of the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum were omitted.
 5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and received none.
 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: Ellis Holbrook, James Waddles, Autie Puckett Jr., John E. Hicks, James and Elisha Branham, James Hamilton, Chuck Hall, Monroe Jones, Forest Hall, Arnold Adkins, Woodrow and Jimmy Dye, Charlie Sammons, Frank Adams, Roger Hicks, Donald Adkins, Talmadge, Bill and Jeff Hicks, Bobby S. Slone, Jimmy Sowards, Lowell Mullins, Ralph Slone, Jr., Cletis Easterling, Ted Burke. Letter in the hands of Eld. Ellis Holbrook. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Bro. John M. Elkins 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: Ked Adkins, Estill Hamilton, Earl Hill, Clyde Blankenship, Brad, Palmer and John B. Hamilton, Terry Bryant, Bill Thompson, Charles Newsome, Floyd Jude, Tennis Sturgill, Sollie Miller, Jr., Elbert Estep, Gary Sanders, O.C. Holbrook, Bobby Johnson, James Mounds. Letter in the hands of Eld. Gene Johnson. Eld. Stoney Blackburn made a motion, second by Bro. Ernie Owens 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: Lowell Adkins, Willis E. Tolliver, Ira Adkins, Jr., Wayne Caudill. Letter in the hands of Eld. Willis E. Tolliver. A motion was made by Eld. Doug McCarty, second by Bro. Landis Beverly, to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Chester Cochran, Thomas J. Dials, Marion Duncan. Letter in the hands of Eld. Thomas J. Dials. A motion was made by Eld. Robert Wallen, second by Eld. Buford Brock 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: David Lester, Lacy Justice, Dewey Matney, Shird Mullins. Letter in the hands of Bro. Shird Mullins. A motion was made by Eld. Elmer Edwards, second by Eld. Ray 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: Don Gray, Murl F. Caudill, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Rodney D. Slone, Bobby Whitaker. Letter in the hands of Bro. Aaron Whitaker, Jr. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Danny Carty to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 7. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of the delegates from the Rose of Sharon 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: Tennis Sturgill-Union; Monroe Jones-New Salem; Tommy Dials-Sardis. Saturday A.M. Elders: John B. Hamilton, Union; Willis Tolliver, Old Philadelphia; Murl Caudill, Old Indian Bottom; Jimmy Waddles and Roger Hicks both of New Salem.
8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: C.W. Turner, Sam Franks, Ralph Caudill, Buddy W. Carty.
 9. A motion was made by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Eld. Robert Wallen that we the Northern New Salem Association correspond by letter and delegate with the following Associations and the Clerk prepare the letters to our Sister Associations: (a) New Salem; (b) Union; (c) Philadelphia; (d) Sardis; (e) Old Friendship and (f) Old Indian Bottom.
 10. Appointed a committee to arrange the agenda for Saturday consisting of one delegate from each church together with the officers of the Northern New Salem Association, and the officers and delegates from our corresponding Associations. Committee to meet back at the house at 2:30 p.m. Friday evening.
 - (a) Eld. Stoney Blackburn made a motion, second by Eld. Don Lawson that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 5, 2000.
 - (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. Tennis Sturgill - Union; Eld. Monroe Jones-New Salem; Eld. Tommy Dials-Sardis.

Saturday, August 5, 2000

Met pursuant to adjournment this the second day of this blessed old Association. As the lovely sun in early morning began to cast its shadows around and about the Rose of Sharon church, it did not cast a shadow on the faithful believers who had begun to make melody in their hearts by singing the inspiring songs of Zion. Eld. Chuckie Hall of the New Salem Association, being young in age, was blessed to bring up the services. His discourse was filled with sweetness that I wish the youth of this land could experience. An humble and uplifting prayer was offered by Eld. James Branham also of the New Salem Association.

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. Robert Wallen, second by Eld. Arvid Blevins to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Eld. Lon Beverly for our 2000 Session was read by him. A motion was made by Eld. Arvid Blevins, second by Eld. Paul Dye to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2000 Minutes.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday. Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Monroe Jones, Ray Hamilton, Ralph Caudill reported as follows:

2000 Church contributions	\$5,660.00
2000 Money for Pictures	495.00
Other contributions	—0—
Total money received for 2000	\$6,155.00

A motion was made by Eld. Doug McCarty, second by Eld. Buford Brock to accept the report of the Finance Committee and discharge them of their duties.

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

Treasurer's Report

A.	Balance August 6, 1999	\$1,681.56
	1999 Church contributions	5,845.00
	1999 Picture money	520.00
	Other contributions	<u>1,168.00</u>
	Total money on hand August 8, 1999	\$9,214.56

1999 Expenses

B.	Printer's Fee	\$5,017.50
	Secretary's Fee	200.00
	Postage, U.P.S. Freight	392.11
	Supplies, Stamps-Letters Printed	14.50
	Preparing Manuscript	<u>300.00</u>
	Total Expenses for 1999	\$5,924.11
	Total of A	\$9,214.56
	Less Total of B	<u>5,924.11</u>
	Balance	3,290.45
	Plus Interest Earned	<u>78.37</u>
	Balance August 3, 2000	\$3,368.82
	Plus money received for 2000	<u>6,155.00</u>
	Total money on hand August 6, 2000	\$9,523.82

Money sent by the Sister churches of the Northern New Salem Association to the Rose of Sharon Church in helping host the 2000 Session **\$8,060.00**

6. Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Doug McCarty to accept the treasurer's report. By the same motion Eld. Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 4,300 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.
7. Eld. Mike Hiatt made a motion, second by Eld. Don Lawson 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 obituaries throughout the year on disk or typed, double-spaced, to me. Clerk)*
8. The following ministers were chosen to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Saturday evening: Elders: (1) Floyd Jude-Union; (2) Estill Hamilton-Union; (3) Hillard Newsome-Clerk. Sunday morning Elders: (1) C.W. Turner-Northern New Salem; (2) Lowell Mullins-New Salem; (3) Wendell Hamilton-New Salem; and (4) Roy Caudill-Northern New Salem.
9. On motion by Eld. Stoney Blackburn, second by Bro. Duane Graves, the report of the Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the year 1999 and 2000 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 2000 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Milton Dye, Buddy Carty, Buford Brock, Dan Thornsberry, David Slone, Danny Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Scott Hamilton, Sam Franks, Wayne Turner, Paris Tackitt, Duane Graves, Larry Newsome, Ballard Brown, Roy Caudill, Hillard Newsome, John Elkins, Floyd Newsome, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton. Letter in the hands of Eld. Milton Dye.

- (b) **Union** — When convened with the host churches to be held at the Association Building, Ashcamp, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 2000 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buddy Carty, David Slone, Doug McCarty, Wayne Turner, Paris Tackitt, Hillard Newsome, John Elkins, Milford Prater, Larry Newsome, Denver Meade. Letter in the hands of Eld. Paris Tackitt.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the Mt. Olivet Church, at the Association Building, Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2000 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Milton Dye, Buddy Carty, Sam Franks, Dan Thornsberry, Buford Brock, Scott Hamilton, C.W. Turner, Paris Tackitt, Doug McCarty, John M. Elkins, Ezra Thornsberry, Duane Graves, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton. Letter in the hands of Bro. John M. Elkins.
 - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the host churches at the Association Building, Varney, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 2000 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buddy Carty, Dan Thornsberry, Arvid Blevins, Ray Broome, Sam Franks, Wayne Turner, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton, John M. Elkins, Ezra Thornsberry, J. Salmons, Larry Dixon, Stony Blackburn, Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hillard Newsome.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Little Zion Church, Panther, W. VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2000 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buford Brock, Doug McCarty, John M. Elkins, Danny Carty, Landis Beverly. Letter in the hands of Eld. Buford Brock.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Mallet Fork Church, Pinetop, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 2000 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buddy Carty, Buford Brock, Dan Thornsberry, Delmas Hall, Scott Hamilton, Sam Franks, Wayne Turner, Ezra Thornsberry, Don Lawson. Letter in the hands of Eld. Wayne Turner.
11. On motion by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Bro. John M. Elkins the request from the Little Flossie Church was granted. Requesting to change their memorial meeting from the first in September to the first in October starting in 2001.
 12. Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Don Lawson to grant the request of the Macedonia Church: That due to past record keeping of the 28 members on the church ledger, only 14 can be confirmed, which should be reflected in the 2000 Statistical Table.
 13. Bro. Ezra Thornsberry made a motion, second by Eld. Ray Hamilton to grant the request of the Little Rebecca Church the honor of hosting the 44th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association. Also to grant the request from the Family of Love Church in requesting to assist the Little Rebecca Church. Association to be held on Friday before the first Saturday in August 2001.
 14. By a vote of delegates, Eld. Stoney Blackburn was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon. Eld. Danny Carty is to be his alternate and Eld. Hillard Newsome is to write the Circular Letter for our 2001 Session.

15. A motion was made by Eld. Roy Hamilton, second by Eld Robert Wallen to omit reading of the current minutes.
16. Eld. Stoney Blackburn made a motion, second by Eld. Elmer Edwards, that we the Northern New Salem Association, adjourn until time and place mentioned in the 13th item of the current minutes, Saturday's work.
 - Eld. Ellis Holbrooks, Moderator of the New Salem Association was called on to make remarks and Eld. James Branham of the New Salem Association led in prayer, bringing to a close this joyful 43rd setting of this blessed old Association.
 - Done and signed by order of the Association.

<i>Elder Roy Caudill</i>	Moderator
<i>Elder Louis C. Jackitt</i>	Ass't. Moderator
<i>Eld. Willard Newsome</i>	Clerk
<i>Elder Calburn Wayne Turner</i>	Ass't Clerk

Sabbath Morning, August 6, 2000

As a well orderly congregation of faithful believers and friends were assembling in the sanctuary of the Rose of Sharon Church, a lite mist of rain was dampening the good earth. Yet it did not hinder the inspiring songs of Zion being sung by the congregation to penetrate the hearts of the humble, bringing joy.

Services for the morning were introduced by Eld. C.W. Turner, prayer by same, of the Northern New Salem Association. Followed by Eld. Lowell Mullins and 3rd. Elder Wendell Hamilton, both of the New Salem Association.

Fourth on the stand was Eld. Ray Hamilton, followed by Eld. Roy Caudill, with Eld. Johnnie Bentley offering a dismissal prayer, all of the Northern New Salem Association.

Thanks to you, the Rose of Sharon Church, the Brothers and Sisters of our sister churches and the many, many friends who laboured in love to care for us. Everything was pleasant, the food good, but your love and hospitality caused all to feel loved and wanted in the north land.

We missed the folks in Campers Village. Please take up a little space near the Little Rebecca Church come next August and there once again we can share in your love.

Bro. Newsome, Clerk

Circular Letter by Elder Lon Beverly

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association:

I was chosen by a secret vote of the delegates of the Association at our 1999 Session to write the Circular Letter for the year 2000 for your inspection, to approve or reject. It is a great honor that you have bestowed upon such a weak vessel as I am. With the help of the Lord and the prayers of my brothers and sisters I will try to write a Circular Letter. I don't know how to read and write. I will put my trust in God, that He will give me the words to write. I want to give Him all the honor and glory. Without Him, I could not write this.

This scripture is on my mind: (1st Cor. 11:4, 5) *"Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoreth his head. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoreth her head; for that is even all one as if she were shaven."*

A tree is known by the fruit it bears. (St. Matt. 7: 17, 18, 19) *"Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."*

So Brothers, I believe that we are either in or out. The life we live will prove what we are.

Brothers, I feel that God's law will teach us how to live and conduct ourselves in this life. It teaches us how to love one another. It will also teach us how to raise our children. I teach my children that they must have faith in God. They have to separate themselves from the worldly things and fall down at Jesus' feet and pray for their sins. When they feel that God forgives them, they will be a stick in the building because I feel a timber is prepared out in the field. Brothers and Sisters, I feel if we are the children of God, we would not want to hurt one another. I feel we ought to weigh every word out before we speak. (St. John 13:34) *"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."*

My love is for the old Baptist family. When I came into this family, I didn't come to change anything. I came in to build upon it, not to tear it down, because I love the old time ways. I feel she is my life. Brothers and Sisters, I love you with my whole heart. I would let you walk on me before I would hurt any of you. Because I feel in late May, 1961, I met a man called Jesus out in the field. He told me everything I did against Him. That is why I got into trouble with my sins. I prayed so hard and so long to make peace with Him. I feel he spoke peace into my heart and that He forgave me of my sins.

Brothers and Sisters, in my closing remarks may I beg you to love one another and to stand firm for the old time way. I feel she is slipping away from us. My hope is that we can live in love, peace and fellowship each other here on earth so we can have a home in Heaven when this life is over. I hope we will all meet around God's Throne. My prayers are with you all. May God bless you.

Your unworthy Brother in the Lord,
Lon Beverly

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. Mark 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, Luke 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, Luke 22:20, John 13:7-8, 1st Tim. 5:9-10

ARTICLE 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

John 5:28-29, 1st Cor. 15:51-53, Luke 24:46

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel, except such as are regular 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 reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2000-2001

NOVEMBER 2000

LITTLE MELROSE - First in November 2000. Paul Boggs, Arnold Whitaker, Paris Tackitt, Johnny Bentley, Murl Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Roy Caudill, Hillard Newsome.

APRIL

ANTIOCH - First in April. Arnold Whitaker, Danny Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Teddy Honaker, Jimmy Dale Sanders.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in April. Roger Hicks, Curtis Hall, Covis Tackett, Chuckie Hall, Estil Hamilton.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in April. Scott Hamilton, Earl Hill, Jeff Dillon, Savel Combs.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in April. Willis Tolliver, Paul Boggs, Monty Iverson, Richard Staten, Hobart Hamilton, Doug McCarty, Jerry Estep.

MAY

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in May. Billy Miller, Jesse Hagans, Don Lawson, Buddy Carty, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Scott Hamilton, Tennis Sturgill, Rick Akers.

LITTLE IDA - First in May. Woody Pack, Estil Hamilton, Willis Tolliver, Danny Carty, Ira Adkins, Jr.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in May. Scott Hamilton, David Slone, Buford Brock, Bill Cotton, Squire Hamilton, James Hamilton.

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

MACEDONIA - Third in May. Ellis Holbrook, Orvin May, Paul Coleman, Offie Bartley, Raymond Stapleton.

MORNING STAR - Third in May. Doug McCarty, Lon Beverly, Rodney Slone, Ted Burke, Rick Akers.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in May, Sat. 2:00 PM. Wayne Turner, Arnold Whitaker, Haston Whitaker, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton, 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, Bill Blevins, Scottie Hamilton, Dan Carty, Willis Little, Clifford Newsome.

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

LITTLE ZION - Second in June. Arvid Blevins, Larry Newsome, David Slone, Earl Hill, Eddie Slone, Jeff Dillon, OC Holbrook.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in June. Ishamal Hall, Jr., Willis Tolliver, Johnny Bentley, Estil Hamilton, Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker.

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

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in June. Teddy Robinson, Richard Staten, Elbert Haggerman, Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Willis Tolliver, Murl Caudill.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in June. Sat. 2 pm. Willis Tolliver, Woody Pack, Hobert Hamilton, Richard Staten, Johnny Bentley, Melvin Fields.

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in June. Covis Tackett, Estil Hamilton, Garfield Thacker, Billy Miller, Mike Webb, Gordan Akers, Jeff Dillion.

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

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in July. Arnold Whitaker, Garry Blevins, Wayne Turner, Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Chuckie Hall.

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

AUGUST

TRUE VINE - Third in August. Jeff Dillon, Larry Newsome, Randy Poe, Danny Adams, Dee Osburn, Eddie Wallen.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in August. Hiram Adkins, Johnny Thornsberry, Johnny Bentley, Doug McCarty, Danny Adams, Buddy Carty, Milton Dye.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in June. Harrison Runyon, Johnny Newsome, Murl Caudill, Kennis Robinson, Don Blake Little.

LITTLE POLLY - Second in September. Jeff Dillion, Terry Curry, Randy Poe, Danny Adams, Danny Carty, Ricky Akers.

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, Danny Carty, Richard Staten, Jason Lowery, Hobert Hamilton.

LITTLE RUTH - Second in July. Buddy Carty, Kennis Robinson, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Offie Bartley.

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

LITTLE IDA - First in July. Scott Hamilton, Buford Brock, Stoney Blackburn, Harvey Estep, Hobart Justice, Jerry Overstreet.

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in October. Danny Hamilton, Estil Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart.

LITTLE ZION - Second in August. Charles Newsome, Estil Hamilton, Gene Johnson, Stoney Blackburn, Bill Blevins, Johnie Bentley.

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

MT. OLIVET - Fourth in August. Danny Adams, Jeff Dillon, Scott Hamilton, Estil Hamilton, Elbert Hagerman.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in June. David Slone, Terry Bryant, Johnie Bentley, Tennis Sturgill, Ellis Amburgey

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in October (2000). Hillard Newsome, Buddy Carty, Milton Dye, Willis Tolliver.

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

ANTIOCH - First in June. Willis Tolliver, Roy Caudill, Squire Hamilton, Chuck Hall.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in October (2000). Jeff Dillon, Sam Franks, Lon Beverly, Elbert Hagerman, Scott Hamilton, Bill Blevins.

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

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in September (2000). Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Ira Adkins, Roy Caudill, Johnny Bentley.

MORNING STAR - Third in July. Tennis Sturgill, Ray Hamilton, Covis Tackett, Larry Newsome, Randy Poe.

LITTLE BETHEL - First in September. James Branham, Elisha Branham, Paris Tackitt, Buddy Carty, Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayhart. This is for year 2001: Bill Staton.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in October. Philip Mosley, Burton Ratliff, Wayne Turner, Teddy Robinson, Roger D. Hicks.

MACEDONIA - Third in September, 2001. Scott Hamilton, Wayne Turner, Murl Caudill, Woody Pack, Don Lawson.

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

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

ETERNAL ROSE - none.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

LITTLE FLOCK-MARCUM MEMORIAL - First Sunday in July (July 1, 2001). Ministers called: Russell Hicks, Willis Tolliver, Harrison Runyon, Chester Cochran, Bill Staton, Morris Wicker, and Paris Tackitt.

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	616-781-1218
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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., Lancaster, OH 43130	740-969-2988
Elder Don Lawson	204 2nd St. Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	740-468-2203
Elder Raymond Stapleton	73600 Stapleton Ln., 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	863-420-9723
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 St., 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, Wolcottville, 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, Wolcottville, IN 46795	219-854-9475

LITTLE ZION

Elder Rick Akers	58253 Culpepper, Washington, MI 48094	810-781-9321
Elder Clarence Owens	3790 Lapeer Rd., Metamora, MI 48455	810-678-3145

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME

Elder Danny C. Hamilton	367 Twp. Rd. 1031, Nova, OH 44859	419-652-2485
Elder Eddie Wallen	330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090	440-647-3539
Elder Robert Wallen	123 Main 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	859-498-6232

LITTLE ANGEL

Elder Milton Dye	3737 Abney Rd., Columbus, OH 43207	614-491-3415
Elder John Jude	1609 Fallsbrook 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	5040 Carleton-S. Rockwood Rd., South Rockwood, MI 48179	734-783-5037
Elder William B. Holbrook Jr.	13388 Parkway Blvd., Carleton, MI 48117	734-654-6883

LILY OF THE VALLEY

Elder Evan Hamilton	1322 West Propect, Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-992-4621
Elder Scott Hamilton	P.O. Box 768, 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, Tiro, 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

**2000
DELEGATES
TO THE
NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION**

Little Rebecca	Roy Collins, Danny Carty, Landis Beverly
Maggie's Home .....	.Harold and Lester Prater, Don Mullins
Little Polly .....	.James Poe, Randy Poe, Danny Adams
Little Flock .....	.Don Lawson, Floyd Newsome, Duane Graves
Little Ruth .....	.Kennith Mullins, Scotty Little, Adron Counts
Little Edna .....	.Elmer Edwards, Denver Meade, Jay Samons
Little Ida .....	.Arvid Blevins, Herman Belcher, Billy Miller
Little Flossie .....	.Russell Hicks, Larry Dixon, R. J. Combs
Little Zion .....	.Gerald Akers, Joseph Akers, Rick Akers
Little Pilgrim's Home .....	.Darrel Hall, Robert Wallen, Danny Hamilton
Mt. Olivet .....	.Elbert Hagerman, Kelsey Mullins, Carl Ousley
Pleasant View .....	.Stoney Blackburn, Matt and Kenneth Slone
Little Family .....	.Earnie Tuttle, Marvin Potter, James Watts
Little Angel .....	.Forest Osborne, Ezra Thornsby, Wilburn Nichols
Antioch .....	.Melvin Adams, Milford Prater, Hillard Newsome
Rose of Sharon .....	.Ernest Thornsby, Ray Hamilton, Rick West
Lily of the Valley .....	.Glenn Van Buren, Doug Johnson, Evan Hamilton
Little Children's Home .....	.Buford Brock, Mike Hiatt
Morning Star .....	.Bill Blevins, Dean Counts, Randall Parks
Little Bethel .....	.Paul Dye, Ernest Owens, Glinn Conley
Family of Love .....	.Delmas Hall, Reed Triplett, Lavon Isaac
Macedonia .....	.Harrison Runyon
True Vine .....	.Kennis Robinson, Steve Borders, David Slone
Little Melrose .....	.Doug McCarty, Terry Hall, John M. Elkins
Eternal Rose .....	.Hartis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Johnny Henderson

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Church	Clerk	Address	City, State	Telephone
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	19535 Homer Rd.	Marshall, MI 49068	(616) 781-2680
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	5056 W-500, S	Wabash, IN 46992	(219) 563-5001
Little Zion	Gerald Akers	789 Fairfax	Almont, MI 48003	(810) 798-2190
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny Hamilton	367 TWP Rd. 1031	Nova, OH 44859	(419) 652-2485
61 Mt. Olivet	Carl Ousley	4991 Cooper Rd.	Leslie, MI 49251	(517) 589-8736
Pleasant View	Tim Hall	789 Finwood	Elyria, OH 44035	(440) 365-9036
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	Earnest Martin	41 Trux St.	Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-6914
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	6809 Ferncreek Way	Keystone Heights, FL 32656	(352) 473-7896
Eternal Rose	Raymond Henderson	5915 CR 22	Lakeville, OH 44638	(419) 994-3031

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 .....	.Rick Akers .....	.Clarence Owens
Little Pilgrim's Home .....	.Robert Wallen .....	.Danny Hamilton
20 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	.63181 Romeo Plank Road	.Romeo	.Michigan
Little Pilgrim's Home	.Highway 224, Ph. 419-652-2485	.Ruggles	.Ohio
^N 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 Carleton-		
	.S. Rockwood Rd., 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	.I-64-Ex. 161 W. US 60-Rt. 182-4.6 miles	.Grahm	.Kentucky
True Vine	.7992 Cleveland Mass Road, Ph. 330-882-6393	.Clinton	.Ohio
Little Melrose		.Melrose	.Florida
Eternal Rose	.14061 Township Rd. 215	.Lakesville	.Ohio

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	44	3-E	\$450.00	July
Maggie's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	1-M	350.00	July
Little Polly	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	14	2-E	100.00	July
Little Flock	4	0	0	0	3	2	1	27	3-M	225.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	2-M	175.00	June
Little Edna	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	4-M	125.00	July
Little Ida	1	0	0	1	1	2	4	89	1-M	450.00	June
Little Flossie	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	1-E	300.00	June
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	23	2-M	150.00	July
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	2-M	175.00	July
Mt. Olivet	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	14	4-M	125.00	July
Pleasant View	1	1	0	0	0	5	1	79	1-E	300.00	May
									2:00P.M.		
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	56	4-E	450.00	Aug.
Antioch	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	1-E	385.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	39	2-M	400.00	May
Lily of the Valley	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	3-E	100.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3-E	100.00	July
Morning Star	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	36	3-M	300.00	June
Little Bethel	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	18	1-M	175.00	July
									2:00P.M.		
Family of Love	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	26	4-E	250.00	July
Macedonia	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	14	3-M	150.00	June
True Vine	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	20	3-M	500.00	Sept.
									1:30P.M.		
Little Melrose	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	13	1-E	150.00	Jan.
Eternal Rose	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	16	2-E	50.00	May
2000 Church Contributions.....										\$5,660.00	
2000 Money for Pictures.....										495.00	
Other Contributions.....										—0—	
Grand Total	18	10	0	3	10	22	23	719		\$6,155.00	

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OBITUARIES

MEMBERS

ARCHER AKERS

With God as our help and guide we will try to write the obituary of our dear dad to wit: Archer Akers. Dad was born July 5, 1929 to the parents of Elmon and Ada Alice Akers in the rolling hills of Dana, KY. Dad was the third of five sons born into the Akers household. He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Hatler and Richard.

Dad met and married our mother Jewell Akers on July 27, 1946 and unto this union was born eight (8) children: Stanley and Beatrice Akers of Jenkins, KY; Nana Fay and Rick Akers of Washington, MI; A.J. Akers of Washington, MI; Roger and Denise Akers of Romeo, MI; Luella Folas of Washington, MI; Adella and Milan Nickson of Utica, MI; and Janine and Dave Grove of Arlington, TX. Mom and one infant daughter, Kimberly Ann, preceded him in death. Dad has two brothers left to mourn his passing: Thurman Akers of Dana, KY and Bill Akers of Warren, MI.

Dad and Mom were blessed with nineteen (19) grandchildren and nine (9) great-grandchildren. Dad worked for the Ford Motor Co. for thirty (30) years. He worked hard to raise his family and did the best he could to give them the things that we needed. Dad joined the Little Ida Church on December 10, 1960 and was baptized by Elders Sid Hudson and Homer Elliott. He later moved his membership to the Little Zion Church where he served as a deacon until his death.

After mom passed away dad became lonely and expressed his need of a companion. He was blessed to meet and marry Lillian Boyd Akers of Dana, KY on September 23, 1998. They both expressed their love for one another and said that they were happy. We know Lillian that your home is empty without him because on the second (2nd) day of January 2000 the Lord sent the death angel to your little home and took Dad out of this old unfriendly world. As David said, "he went the way of all the earth". Although death has come and stilled our dad's voice we can still hear him say that he loved us and begging us to make preparation to meet death when it comes knocking at our door. Love one another and make peace with the great God of all Glory.

Written by his broken-hearted family



Archer Akers

PEARL (MARTIN) BLEVINS

Psalms 89:15: Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk O Lord in the light of thy countenance.

In love and by the Lord's guidance, we will try to compile an obituary of a dear mother and sister in Christ, Pearl Blevins.

Pearl was born on September 23, 1932 to George and Mary (Tackett) Martin of Grethel, Kentucky. She was one of 16 children. Fourteen brothers and sisters, mother and father preceded her in death. In the early dawn hours of December 20, 1999, in the Oakwood Hospital, the soul of Sister Pearl took its flight from her stricken body to her eternal rest, the place she spoke of and prayed for often, making her stay here on God's footstool 67 years, 2 months, and 27 days.

Early in life on April 17, 1948, Pearl met and married Arvid Blevins. They had 51 years of happiness together celebrating their 50th anniversary in 1998. To this union, God granted 6 children. They also raised with special love and care a daughter, Francis (Hamilton) Holbrooks. Pearl spoke so proudly of all her family.



Pearl (Martin) Blevins

Pearl leaves to mourn her loss a loving husband, Arvid; one sister, Daisy Dorton of Brownstown, Michigan; 6 children: Jonda Blevins of Ecorse, Michigan; Harold (Bo) and Kay Blevins of Ecorse, Michigan; Gail and Frank Keathley of Oscoda, Michigan; James and Penny Blevins of Ecorse, Michigan; Keith and Kathy Blevins of Wyandotte, Michigan; Donald and Yvonne Blevins of Ecorse, Michigan; and Francis (Hamilton) Holbrooks; nine grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and many friends and relatives. She will also be sadly missed at the Little Ida Church, the church she attended and supported faithfully.

Pearl found her need of a Saviour, gave her life to God, and was baptized on April 5, 1964. She was the first of seven baptized that day. She was a great help to Brother Arvid in his ministry and his travels over the years, telling him to go preach the gospel. The poet may have had someone like Sister Pearl in mind when he wrote: "Sister thou wast mild and lovely, Gentle as the summer breeze, Pleasant as the air of evening, As it floats among the trees." So was the life of our dear sister.

She has taken her rest from pain and sorrow. Her soul is at rest waiting for the day of Resurrection.

Jonda, you spent many hours seeing to the needs of your dear Mother. God took note of all you did for her. He will reward in His time.

Brother Arvid, your loss is great we know. The hours will be lonely, but God cares and will be there for you.

Children: You all will remember many things of Mother. It may bring a smile or perhaps a tear. Let the light Mother left of her daily life be a beacon for you to follow. Trust in the One she served all these years, so the circle will not be broken. She loved all of you so very much. Praying God will bless all of you abundantly, we remain,

Servants in Christ, Brother Ralph and Sister Leona Caudill

My First Christmas in Heaven

*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
With tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular! Please wipe away that tear,
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
But the sound of music can't compare
with the Christmas choir up here.*

*I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.
I know how much you miss me,
I see the pain inside your heart,*

*Even though I am so far away, we really aren't apart.
So be happy for me loved ones, you know I hold you dear,
Be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above,
I send you each a memory of my undying love.
After all "Love" is the gift more precious than gold,
It was always more important in the stories Jesus told.
Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do,
I can't count the blessings or the love He has for you.
So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear,
Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

VICIE CASTLE

Vicie was born December 14, 1916 and departed this life on April 24, 2000. Making her stay 83 years 4 months and 8 days. She was the daughter of the late Johnny and Judy Vanderpool Shepherd. She was the last one of the family to go.

On September 28, 1938 she married Hillard M. Castle. Unto this union there was no children. Vicie leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews. And sisters and brothers-in-law. And many friends.

Hillard and Vicie joined the Little Polly Church in the early 1950s. They served as Deacon at Little Polly Church. And they came into the arm for Mt. Olivet Church and served as Deacons there.

Their home was open to their Brothers and Sisters. Which many has stayed with them. After Hillard's death, Vicie would cook for the church and was willing to keep the Brothers and Sisters.



Vicie Castle

Later on the Lord showed her to move on, so she took her membership to the Little Vineyard Church of the Old Regular Baptist in the Union Association.

Just a few days before her death she said one night her bed was full of little babies. And on another night she played and talked to a little baby, that no one else could see. I know she is so happy now, for she was wanting to go Home.

Written by her sister-in-law and sister in the Lord, Easter Newsome

PEARLIE SAMANTHA CAUDILL

Psalms 116:7-9: Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

We will try to write an obituary of a dear mother and Sister in Christ, Pearlie (Pearl) Caudill. As twilight's shadows began to fall on November 30, 1999, at the Heritage Hospital, Taylor, Michigan, Pearl took her flight from this land to her eternal rest God promised her, making her stay here on Earth 94 years, 3 months and 10 days. Pearl was born to Richard and Elizabeth (Hatton) Centers on August 20, 1905. Her family, mother, and dad preceded her in death. Pearl spoke often of her life as a child during the Depression days.

In 1926, Pearl found the love of her life, Samuel Henry Caudill. They married July 31, 1926. To this union God granted four children:

Bernice Huff of Manistee, Michigan; Fred Caudill of Belleville, Michigan; Marie King and Samuel Richard Caudill of Sumpter, Michigan. Her husband, Samuel, son Samuel Richard, and Marie preceded her in death. Sam and Pearl moved to Michigan in 1951 and raised their family there.

She leaves to mourn her loss Bernice, Fred, 16 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, a host of friends, and the Little Ida Church.

Seeing her need to serve the Lord, Pearl (and Sam) turned to God. Both were baptized the same day in 1977 at the Little Ida Church. They loved the church and served God faithfully til God called them home, always wanting prayer when we visited their home. While in the nursing home, she would ask about everyone and we'd hold prayer before leaving. She loved to see you come. Brother Pat and Sister Eva Patterson gave her loving care and seen to her needs faithfully. She loved them so. God will reward you both for your diligent care.

To the children and friends of Pearl: She has served her life here, gone on to her peaceful rest to await a great and glorious day. You each have your own special moments of Mother and grandmother to look back on. Pray that you can meet her again in that land God provided for us all.

Written by your unworthy servants in Christ, Bro. Ralph and Sis. Leona Caudill



Pearlie Samantha Caudill

BESSIE ELLIOTT

With the help of my Savior, I will attempt to write a brief sketch of my life. I was born to the late Basil and Gracie (Blanton) Hamilton on February 13, 1921, at Grethel, KY. I am leaving 3 sisters and 2 brothers: Tessie (Ted) Hall, not only a dear sister but my best friend; Edith Spurlock, Oak Hill, Ohio and Ruth Porter, Ocala, FL and Jake Hamilton, Pekin, IN, and Billy Hamilton, Prestonsburg, KY.

I met and married the love of my life, John Elliott on January 7, 1939. We were married 56 years until he departed this life. Part of me seemed to die with him. I helped



Bessie Elliott

raise his 3 children after his first wife Maxie died. Homer preceded me in death in 1986, leaving Barbara Carlini, of Eustis, FL and Clara Flannery of Longwood, FL.

John and I were blessed with 9 children: Monford of Houston, Texas; Jack of Shelby, Ohio; Donna Hardin of Hillman, Michigan; Ronnie of Fairfield, California; Basil of New London, Ohio; Glenna Elliott of Shelby, Ohio; Phyllis Dale of Harold, Kentucky; John Douglas of Richmond, KY; Vickie Kendrick of McDowell, KY. I was also blessed with 30 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 15 step-grandchildren. I was blessed to take into my family Bro. Don and Charlotte Lambert and Bro. Steve and Sister Diane Borders. I never gave birth to them, but I love them the same as my own children.

At the age of 35 I felt the need for a change in my life. After praying and seeking God's mercy, one lonely evening the Lord came my way. He took out that stony heart and gave me a heart of love. I have tried to show that love for the last 40 years everywhere I went. The Bible says, "by my love and kindness have I drawn thee" has been my theme. I have always wanted to see everyone come to Jesus and live. I have always told my children if I have done anything good in this life, give God the glory and honor for he is worthy to be praised.

I joined the church and was baptized into the Little Ida Church in Michigan April 19, 1959. After moving back to Kentucky in 1966, John and I being led by the Spirit moved our letter to the Little Rosa Church. Serving the Lord and this church has been my life. I have found love, comfort, peace and spiritual food within her walls. All I have ever wanted is to be a faithful servant to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Now as I close I want to say to my children, grandchildren, family and friends. My Savior and my God is just a prayer away. My Lord stands ready to hear you and to forgive whenever you ask. He has so much love and mercy. Repent and let Him lead you in all His ways. He will give you a drink of that living water that I received many years ago. He has promised to never leave us or forsake us and keep us in his presence through all our troubles, heartaches, and afflictions. Bless that hope of glory-King Jesus. Children when all is said and done and my life is ended, I am going home, I am going home. Please don't weep for me, but through His Holy Spirit you can and will be able to rejoice. To my Brothers and Sisters in the church, love one another as our Lord has loved us. To all those that believe, I'll be waiting just across the river. Come and see me in my new home. Bye for just a little while.

With Love in my Lord and My Savior Jesus Christ, Sister Bessie Elliott

HURSHEL ELLIOTT

It is with a heart full of sorrow and joy that we write this obituary of our wonderful father, Hurshel Elliott. We are sorrowful at the loss of him here on earth, but filled with joy because his suffering is over. He will always be here in our hearts.

Hurshel Elliott, son of Francis "Bud" Elliott and Darkie Alley of McDowell, Kentucky, was born on October 3, 1925 and passed away June 8, 2000, making his stay here on earth seventy-four years, seven months and five days.

Hurshel met and married Delpha Mitchell February 18, 1946. To this union six children were born. Left to mourn his loss are two sons: Kenneth and Karen Elliott; Randy and Robin Elliott; and four daughters: Glenda and Clovis Lawson, Glema and Ralph Manuel, Shirl and Charlie Harris, and Venda and Bob Carlson.

Also left to mourn are eighteen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and eight sisters and brothers: Lona Martin, Leona Mitchell, Oma Moore, Lucy Schmittou, Hazel Nickols, Andrew



Hurshel Elliott

Elliott, Francis Elliott Jr., Roy Elliott, and a host of nieces and nephews and friends. Thirteen brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Today, Daddy is where he knew he was going to be for the last thirty-six years. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Little Rosa in McDowell, Kentucky on April 18, 1964. He was proud and honored to be an ordained deacon for thirty-five years.

We don't believe Daddy struggled to stay here as long as he did for himself; but for Mommy and his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Daddy was a man who loved having his family and friends just drop in to spend time with him, and no matter if you stayed five minutes or five hours, he'd always say, "You don't have to rush."

In the last few years he came to treasure those visits even more. We don't know anyone who ever had anything bad to say about Daddy. He was such an easy going person and was always there to help anyone who needed it. Daddy greeted any and all at his door with open arms. We know that there are a lot of wonderful fathers in the world, but we can honestly say that there are none better than the dad that God blessed us with. If we could have sat down and special ordered our dad, he is exactly what we would have asked for.

God blessed us with two angels. Daddy has gone home, but he has left us our dear mother to watch over us here. We will all do our best to go on as he raised us to do, and make him proud because we know that he's watching over us all as he has done all of our lives.

Written by his loving and broken-hearted wife, children and grandchildren

Special Memorial-Brother Hurshel Elliott

Second Saturday and Sunday of June, 2001, Rose of Sharon Church

**Ministers called: Elder Ray Hamilton, Elder Johnnie Bentley, Elder Ralph Caudill,
Elder Larry Newsome, Elder Scott Hamilton, Elder Danny Adams**

DONNA GAIL GAY

With a very sad and aching heart I will try to write the obituary of my beloved aunt, Donna Gail Gay.

She was one of the four daughters born to Elmer and Magalene Adkins on the 21st day of February, 1951.

The Lord saw fit to take her home on the 7th day of August, 1999. This made her stay on earth 48 years, 5 months and 17 days.

Aunt Gail leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, Ernie Gay; daughter, Wanda Dyer (Billie), and her son Justin Gay and the love of her life, her only grandchild, Matthew Mefford. She also leaves behind two brothers: Johnney Adkins and Michael Adkins both of Akron, Ohio. Three sisters: Wanda Williams of St. Mary's, West Virginia; Mary Hennon of Akron, Ohio; and Diana Borders of Barberton, Ohio. Many nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Aunt Gail joined her mother, daddy and baby brother Ricky at the foot of God's throne that day in August and left a family of broken hearts who live with the hope to meet them all one day.

Aunt Gail was a member of the True Vine Church in Clinton, Ohio and attended regularly when she felt well and when she didn't. She visited her sister churches and loved for the saints of God to come to her home where they were met with that special smile and plenty of love.

When God called her home, He took a precious part of our family, but He also saw fit to give us three special angels to help fill a void that was left in our hearts. He gave to us, Hailey Marie Adkins, granddaughter to Johnney, Shyloh Le'Gail Borders, granddaughter to Diana Borders, and Aeriana Marie Ostich, granddaughter to Mary Hennon. What a blessing to know that we serve a God that can bring us comfort even in our times of sorrow.



Donna Gail Gay

Your family will always miss you Aunt Gail, but some sweet day, I pray, we will meet again and walk hand in hand into that city that lies four-square.

Written by your loving niece, Tina Borders

Farewell: I did not know thy worth, but thou art gone and now tiz prized, so angels walked on earth unknown but when they flew were recognized.

Thomas Nood "The Absentee"

ALFAIR GIBSON

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write an obituary of a dear sister in the Lord.

Sister Alfair Gibson was born March 20, 1915 in Floyd Co. KY. She left this world for a better home on October 10, 1999, making her stay here on God's footstool 84 years, 6 months, and 20 days.

Sister Alfair joined the Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ Church in May of 1947 and had her membership at the Little Bethel Church in Green Springs, Ohio. Before she passed away, she was a good and faithful member and filled her seat as long as she was able. When she got sick and was not able to come to church, she wanted her Brothers and Sisters to come to her home and have church. We have seen her shout praises to the Lord so many times. I feel our loss is heaven's gain.



Alfair Gibson

She left one son, Homer Gibson, Jr. of Auburn, Indiana; one brother, Harmon Prater of Floyd Co. KY; half sister, Hester Virginia Roly of Lexington, KY. She had 8 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Bro. Homer Gibson; a son, Thurman Gibson; and brother, Herbert Prater.

And Junior, I believe that your mommy's prayers are bottled up, that she prayed many a prayer for you and her grandchildren. And if you all ever see her and Bro. Homer again, you will have to repent and be born again, if you haven't already.

Written by request of Family, Your Unworthy Servant, Elder Paul Dye

LOVEL MAGGARD HAMILTON

MOTHER. What a precious name! Words are powerless when we think of our dear Mother. Her sweet soothing voice and gentle ways have touched so many lives. She has been an inspiration to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters in the church, and everyone she came in contact with; even the nurses and people in the hospital seemed to love and respect Mommy. As we were growing up, Mommy had tough love for us. When she told us to do something, she meant it and we obeyed. Then on the other hand, she was like a mother tigress protecting her young. She loved her family fiercely.



Lovel Maggard Hamilton

Lovel (Maggard) Hamilton went home to rest January 17, 2000. Mommy was born April 14, 1908, in Carter County, Kentucky, to Jim and Lena (Brown) Maggard. She married Anthony Hamilton in 1923 at Clear Creek, Kentucky, on a Number 9 passenger train. Poppie preceded her in death in February 1986. Also preceding her in death were a son, Russell Lee Hamilton, mortally wounded in Vietnam in 1966; five infant daughters, two grandsons and two brothers.

Surviving are three sons and three daughters: Roy (Louise) Hamilton, Athens, Ohio; Robert

(Bonnie) Hamilton, Vinton, Ohio; Ray (Beatrice) Hamilton, Brownstown, Michigan; Rubel (Okie deceased) Kent, Thurman, Ohio; Jewel (Sammy) Franks, Vinton, Ohio; and Dallie (Maurice) Forgey, Thurman, Ohio. Also surviving are: twenty-three grandchildren, seventy-eight great-grandchildren, twenty-four great-great-grandchildren, and one brother: Arnold (Thelma) Maggard of Lake Wales, Florida.

Mommy's life centered around her family and the church. She cooked and fed so many people throughout Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio. Nobody left her house hungry. Mommy gave so willingly and freely of herself. Mommy was an inspiration to the young people as well as the old. Many children have come to Mommy with warts on their hands or feet. She tenderly rubbed them and through her the good Lord saw fit to remove the warts. Oh, how we miss her! But, we're so thankful our Lord blessed her to stay with us as long as He did. He deserves all praise and honor.

Mommy joined the Island Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist in 1936. She was baptized by Brothers Red John Hamilton and Bill Hall. Her membership stayed at Island Creek, Kentucky until she and Poppie moved to Vinton, Ohio. She and Poppie came in the arm to organize The Little Pearl Church in the early fifties. In 1956, Mommy and Poppie came again in an arm to organize The Little Flock Church at Jackson, Ohio. There she remained a faithful member until her death. The Little Flock Church and all the surrounding churches will really miss Mommy. She has been a great light to all who knew her.

In some of her grandchildren's words: As a child being around Mamaw was such a blessing. So many times when I was sick, Mamaw would lay her hands on me and pray so humbly. Soon, I felt better. All of Mamaw's grandchildren and great-grandchildren respected her opinion and many times looked to her for advice. Mamaw was an angel on earth — a true example of a God-fearing and God-loving Christian woman. Mamaw's trust and faith in the Lord led her to a rich and full life during her 91 years.

Written by her children and grandchildren

MENDA HAMILTON

It is with the help of the Lord we will try to write an obituary of our beloved wife and mother Menda Hamilton.

Mom was born August 12 of 1936 in East McDowell, Kentucky. God called her home April 2, 2000, making her stay on earth 63 years.

She was the daughter of the late Curtis and Molly Newsome.

Menda was united in marriage on January 2, 1953 to Squire Hamilton and to this union was born four sons: Larry and Joseph Lee Hamilton of Harold, Kentucky; Scott Edward Hamilton of Geneva, Ohio; three daughters: Jean Elaine Moore of Mousie, Kentucky; Jeanette Van Buren of Ashtabula, Ohio.

Also preceded in death: son Squire Hamilton Jr. and daughter, Joanne Hamilton. Also left to mourn her death are five brothers:

Floyd Newsome of Clarksville, Tennessee; Lloyd and Elmer Newsome of Ashtabula, Ohio; Delmer Newsome of Osceola, Florida and Hanzel Newsome of Cleveland, Ohio. Two sisters: Minnibell Bull and Geneva Gillespie of Ashtabula, Ohio. Also left to mourn her death are 13 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

Mom was a member of Old Regular Baptist Church. She joined Little Ida Church of Ecorse, Michigan on March 10, 1968 and held her membership until 1972, where then she went to the Lily of the Valley Church of Geneva, Ohio and held her membership there until 1994, where she then held her membership at the Old Zion Church of Grethel, Kentucky.

Mom was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 32 years. Mom loved her



Menda Hamilton

a fine job with her. I pray that each of you that haven't made peace with God just remember that your mother always prayed for you and you can meet her in heaven if you will just turn to the Lord.

Written by her Sister-in-law and Sister-in-Christ, Sister Barbara Keathley

DESSIE LITTLE

It is with a sense of sadness and pain that we write this obituary of our dear mother Dessie Little. Mom was born on May 4, 1915 in Pike County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Patrick Robinson and Frankie McCown Robinson. Both of them preceded her in death. She was the eldest daughter in a family of eight girls and five boys.

The two older brothers, Denver and Dennis preceded her in death. Also, a sister Rebecca Hanlin.

Mom married Frank Little in 1936, and to this union was born three children. The first one a son who died shortly after birth. The two daughters Clo Ann Braulin of Columbus, Ohio and Phyllis Jean Strunk of Oak Hill, West Virginia were left behind to mourn both their mother and father who had passed away in June of 1979.

Along with her daughters Mom left behind four granddaughters: Kristi Dial, Tracie, and Stacie Strunk all of Oak Hill, West Virginia and Rachel Braunlin of Columbus, Ohio. Six great-grandchildren: Courtney, Justin, Morgan, Nathaniel, Scott and Chelsey.

The remaining brothers: Daniel of North Carolina; Delbert of Toledo, Ohio; and Troy of Pikeville, Kentucky. Sisters: Della Milam of New Mexico; Joyce Simon of Florida; Donna Leedy of Columbus, Ohio; Elizabeth Hunt, Geneva Epling, and Bessie France all of Pikeville, Kentucky.

Mom joined the Old Regular Church at Caney Creek in 1952. She was an attending member until 1960, when we moved to Columbus. Although we went back as often as possible, it was very difficult during the winter months. After dad died she moved her letter to Columbus, Little Angel Church, which she dearly loved.

Mom had her first stroke in 1992 and never completely recovered. She lost the use of her right side, but continued to do for herself until 1995, when she got so bad off that she could not handle things by herself. In 1997, we had to put her in a nursing home where she died December 22, 1998. The last six months she was in a coma so we never got to say goodbye to her.

Although we miss her and wish she could have stayed longer with us, we know that she is much happier. She is with dad and her mother and father where we think she wanted to be.

We love you mom, and hope to see you some day.

Written by her lonely daughters, Clo Ann and Phyllis



Dessie Little

ELDER GLYN MADDOX

With our precious memories, and our loving hearts, we will write the obituary of our loving dad, Charlie Glyn Maddox. Dad was born in Tazewell, Tennessee, to Clarence and Fannie (Carey) Maddox, on January 1, 1930. God took dad home 3 days before his 70th birthday on December 29, 1999. Left to mourn his loss is his loving wife of 49 years, Dossetta (Collins) Maddox, his 4 children, Jerry (Rebecca) Maddox, Eddie Maddox, Patricia (Eddie) Smith, Pamela (Michael) Kiser. 12 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren; his sister, Gwen Rutherford, his brother, Ernest Maddox and a host of family and friends also survive him. Dad was a light to everyone that knew him; he touched so many lives and always had a lot of love in



Elder Glyn Maddox

his heart. If you ever met dad, you knew how loving and special he was. He always showed his love in a hug, or just his sweet smile, or kind words.

There will always be a hole in our hearts without dad. Dad loved to hunt, fish, and he especially loved doing things with his family. Dad always had a great love of his family and being with them, but we all knew his first love was God. He loved to tell people about Jesus.

Dad was a member of the Little Zion Church for 37 years. He was an assistant moderator for 16 years and the moderator for 16 years. He was a faithful servant of God and to his church. There are not enough pages in this minutes to write all there is to write about dad. If dad could speak to us, he would tell us to make preparations to meet him over on the other side of Jordan. We know in our hearts that dad has gone away with a friend, and if we all live our lives for God and believe in Jesus Christ we will see dad again someday.

Written by his loving children

God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be.
So he put his arms around you, and whispered, "come to me."
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest.
God broke my heart to prove to me, he only takes the best.

Author Unknown

DACIE (NICKLES) MULLINS

It is with sadness, yet joy, that I write this obituary and eulogy to a beloved old saint, mother, loving grandmother, wonderful aunt and Sister in our Lord Jesus Christ, Dacie Nickles Mullins. She was born April 6, 1923 at Raven, in Knott County, Kentucky, and passed away early Wednesday morning, September 22, 1999, at her home in Bellville, Ohio. She was 77 years of age at the time of her death. She was the daughter of Sid and Emizell Slone Nickles, who both preceded her in death. She was also preceded by her husband, Denver Mullins, whom she married December 28, 1942 in Johnson County, Kentucky and several brothers and sisters. She leaves three daughters and one son: Patsy Barr of Mansfield, Ohio; Delores Gearhart of Bellville, Ohio; Ruth Edwards of Bellville, Ohio; and Ervin L. Mullins



Dacie (Nickles) Mullins

of Mansfield, Ohio. She also leaves one brother, Carlos Nickles of Mansfield, Ohio; sisters: Gladith Huff Hall of Michigan; Geneva Gibson of Marion, Ohio; and Bonnie Neyland of Arlington, Texas. She had ten wonderful grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She also leaves a great host of nephews, nieces, other friends, relatives and neighbors to mourn her passing.

Sister Dacie became troubled about the condition of her everlasting soul while still a young woman in the early 1950s. She began seeking salvation, greatly desiring to get on the narrow pathway that leads to Heaven. Our merciful Lord Jesus Christ heard her cries and had tender mercy on her. She was baptized into the Caney Fork Old Regular Baptist Church at Raven, Kentucky. She eventually moved to Mansfield, Ohio, where her husband was working and making their living. She had heard that there were Old Regular Baptist Churches in this new land and asked for her letter of fellowship to be laid in with one of the new churches. She first considered placing her letter with the Little Rebecca Church but had heard that there was another church located in Morrow County that was small in size and could use members. She and Uncle Denver spent one whole Sunday driving around in Morrow County, trying to find it. When they finally found it they had to wait another month for the next meeting, at which time she laid her letter in with the Little Ruth Church near Marengo, Ohio.. There she remained a loyal and faithful member until her death, filling her seat as much as she was able.

Sister Dacie was a very warm, loving, compassionate person. She loved to talk about the Lord and tell about her spiritual experience when she was begging the Lord's forgiveness. In her last years she spent many sleepless nights, worrying about and praying for her beloved children, that they would take heed to that small, still voice that was speaking unto their hearts.

I tried to be with her family during the last hours. Unfortunately, my aging body had certain requirements which made it necessary to leave for a few hours on the morning she passed away. However, I was there to see the tender, loving care which the children gave their beloved mother, the sadness in the faces of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I feel that your blessed old mother would want me to tell you, "Weep not for me, but for yourselves, because I am in a better land now."

I don't know what your relationship with God is; that is known only unto you and Him. However, I can tell you that unless you have repented and made peace with God by having that new birth and rejuvenation of the soul, you will never be with Grandma and Mommy ever again. If you haven't already started, I urge you to seek out a lonely place and begin talking with your God, begging him for His tender mercies and salvation for your soul.

Written at the request of Sister Dacie and the family by James G. Hall

Grandma

*As a kid going to see Grandma at the trailer park,
always made me happy as a lark.*

*She would always give me a frozen cherry,
which did make me happy and merry.*

*Whenever I look up into the sky,
I will remember your raspberry pie.*

I used to love to take you out to eat,

I felt honored to sit across from your seat.

*Even when the going was rough,
you always seemed so very tough.*

You were such a good mother and would compare to no other.

*Here the flowers grow for just a season,
but there they will grow for any reason.*

It sure does bring tears, as I look back upon the years.

*As I begin to stumble, I will remember how
you were so strong and humble.*

*It is now soon, that you will again
see the one they called Moon.*

*We would whisper in her ear it's ok to go,
but her will would just say no.*

You were as solid as a rock, that is why

your going to join heaven's flock.

*I remember when you would call on the phone,
I knew it was because you were just alone.*

*As we look down upon you and weep,
it's just because we want to keep,*

*I thank the Lord for taking you fast,
even though I wanted you to last.*

*As I think of you and miss, I will remember that last little kiss.
Just remember our Lord has a goal, and that is to win your soul.*

*As God calls rolls, make sure you have what's needed
to pay the toll*

*It is easier to sleep and rest,
knowing that you were saved and blest.*

*You will enter a mighty fortress,
where there is no misery or distress.*

*You were willing to go far and across,
for the one that hung on the cross.*

*I will no longer frown, because the next time we meet
we will both be wearing a crown.*

Your Loving Grandson, Denny

ORA HALL ONEY

It is with sadness that we write the obituary of our sweet mother and precious sister Ora Hall Oney. Mom passed away November 24, 1999 at the age of 77. She was born January 3, 1922 in Handshoe, KY to the late Mitchell Thomas and Mary Combs Collins. She was a homemaker and a member of Maggie's Home Church.

She is survived by two daughters: Mary Helen Farley (Robert Hills) of Columbus, Ohio; and Teresa (Carl) Long of Hilliard, Ohio; two sons: Kenneth (Maria) Hall of Junction City, Kan.; and Clarence Mitchell (Sue) Hall of Wilkesville, Ohio; two step-daughters: Sharon (Don) Redarowicz of Sun City West, Ariz.; and Regina (Dennis) Golden of Danville, CA; four stepsons: Donald (Junie) Oney and Alan (Donna) Oney, all of McArthur; Larry (Sandra) Oney of Athens,



Ora Hall Oney

and Adam Oney of Danville, CA; four sisters: Mae Pridemore of Wilkesville, OH; Wanda Jo Layne of Dema, KY; Sarah Ivory of Goodland, IN; and Marie (Bernis) Bradley of Ypsilanti, Mich.; a brother Jim (Ann) Collins of Ewington, OH; five grandchildren: Kenneth Hall, Della Lewis, Sheila Gandee, Chad Long and Todd Long; four great-grandchildren: Genesis Miller, Debra and Diana Dusack, and Katelin Gandee; a great-great-grandson, Alex Gamez; and eight step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by both her husbands: Tivis Hall Jr. and Adam Oney; a son Glenn Hall; a grandson, Michael Hall; two brothers, Henderson Napier and Carroll Collins; and a sister Fostine Carver.

Sis suffered with rheumatoid arthritis for many years. Daily, she endured the pain with courage and dignity. Years ago the Lord answered her cries for mercy, and we believe she is now resting at the altar of God.

Written by her children and sister, Mae

ETHEL OSBORNE

Job 19: 25-27: For I know that my redeemer liveth and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though after my skin worms destroy my body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

This is the scripture that came into my mind when Mom passed from this life at approximately 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, October 17, 1999.

Sister Ethel (Oliver) Osborne was born December 25, 1921 in Naples, Kentucky to Grover Cleveland Oliver and Mary (Lovely) Oliver. (What a Christmas gift!!!).

In addition to her husband Elder Forest Osborne, she is survived by two sons: Roger (Shirley) Osborne of Canal Winchester, Ohio; and Forrest Osborne, Jr. (Ozie) (Jane) Osborne of Grove City, Ohio. One daughter: Sandy Mosley (Birtchel) of Kendallville, Indiana. She is also survived by two grandsons, Don Van Horn III, and Roger Russell Osborne; five granddaughters: Shari Perna, Christina Hurdley, Danielle Mcnamee, Deana Gray and Darla Nutt; one sister, Stella Stanley of Columbus, Ohio. Seven great-grandsons and 5 great-granddaughters. Preceding her in death are five brothers, one sister and one grandson, Ronald J. Van Horn.

The dictionary nor my vocabulary does not contain enough words to describe this great wife, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

I am trusting God to give me the words to say in her honor. I have been acquainted with her for about thirty years. As those years progressed my love for her has multiplied greatly. Her loss has hurt me just as deeply as the loss of my own mother.

Solomon said in Proverbs 31, verses 10-31: *"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willing with her hands. She is like the merchant's ship; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet at night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens; She considereth a field and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good" her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor, yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in*



Ethel Osborne

the gates when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom and her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed; and her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her own hands and let her own works praise her in the gates."

I really tried because of the length of this scripture to cut it off in an appropriate place, but it so accurately describes our Mom, I could not find a place to stop. She so often took in the needy and housed and fed them. She carried food to poor children that she knew were hungry. She fed thousands of Church people and kept them overnight, even when she had to bed her family down on the floor. But she did it with love and a charitable heart. The first thing she would say most of the time was "Have you had anything to eat." One week ago when I was in her home, for the last time, even though she could not get up, she kept saying "son have you had anything to eat?"

She was sick for so long and bore so much pain, but in all the pain and suffering she kept the faith in God. She knew that in the Master's own good time He would intercede on her behalf. She knew there was a better home for her beyond this veil of tears. On Sunday Jesus said "It is enough," and sent a convoy of angels and took Mom home. On Saturday, the day before she left us I saw her look up several times. Over and over she would say "Home" and call out Dad and her children's names. I thought to myself she was seeing her future home. Sleep on Mom and take your rest. When Jesus comes back on the clouds of glory to rapture his Church from this earth we will meet you in the air. God will not forget where you lie and you will have the special privilege of getting on the clouds first for the apostle Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 4:15: "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 archangel, 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 to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

So in closing I would like to say to her children, grandchildren and friends who do not know Jesus as your Saviour, He is standing with outstretched arms, bidding you to come to Him. It is not a hard process to be forgiven of your sins. Jesus just wants you to confess Him and repent and believe on Him with all your heart. It is not His will that any perish but all come to repentance and live. Romans 10:8-10 says it like this: "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with heart man believeth unto righteousness: and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Birtchel Mosley, Jr.

My Sister, My Friend

*We grew up as neighbors, in the Kentucky Hills
And sometimes sweet memories still give me a thrill
We both had wonderful parents, Christian fathers and mothers
Who taught us about God
And we wanted to travel in the paths that they had trod
Then we went our separate ways
but when we were blessed to get together
We always had some wonderful days Life brought some surprises,
our husbands both became old Baptist preachers
And to our children they were wonderful teachers
We both raised good families, by the help of the Lord
And sometimes we stayed at home,
while our husbands preached the Word
Our children grew up and left one by one
And sometimes we both felt very alone*

*But God always provided and brought our preacher men home
As we grew older, time seemed to fly
When we got to visit we would both laugh and cry
Now she's gone to Heaven, and we are so sad
But I'll always remember the good times we had
So dear brother we will live in our lonely homes
And with God for our keeper we are never alone
But some day when we get to Heaven we will see our loved ones
over there that to us God has given
And they will welcome us with arms opened wide
And we won't remember
those many days and nights we have cried
And when Baxter and Ethel meet us around God's throne
We will never again be left alone.*

Sister Dorothy Osborne

VICTORIA POPE

With all our love and devotion we would like to write this obituary of our beloved mother, Victoria (Blair) Pope. Mom was born February 5, 1925 in Pikeville, KY. After marrying her husband Frank Pope, they moved to Michigan in 1950. During their 54 years of marriage, three children were born.

God eased her pain and took her to his blessed home on May 21, 2000 after a fighting bout with leukemia. She was 75. She is survived by her husband, Frank; three children: Cooley, Diane and Steve of Michigan; one step-daughter: Frankie of Michigan; four brothers: Alvin, Roosevelt and Don Blair of Kentucky and Ellis Blair of Michigan; three sisters: Elizabeth from Kentucky; Rose from Washington; and Ora of Ohio; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and one step-great-grand child and last but not least, her cute dog, Lacy.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1957 at the Caney Creek Church in Kentucky and then moved her membership to the Little Zion Church in Romeo, Michigan in 1962 where she remained a faithful member until her death.

Mom lived her life taking care of her family and friends. She was always doing something for someone else. She was a very talented woman. Her love of sewing and doing various crafts kept her very content and happy. She devoted a lot of her time volunteering at the senior citizen center, where she sewed lap quilts and cancer pads and taught others to quilt. Mom made many quilts for her family too. I think we all have one on every bed. Mom did everything crafty, from pouring molds to making ceramics, flower arranging, painting pictures, you name it, she did it and I must say quite well at that. She anxiously sold her wares at various craft shows and would have a ball. One of her other loves was gardening, from raising delicious beans to beautiful flowers!!! She loved being outdoors and feeding her family fresh picked veggies from her garden.

Mom's faith in God made her a very understanding and compassionate person. He kept her strong throughout her illness. She never complained about herself no matter how great the pain. Even up until her dying day, she was still smiling and worrying about others. We will always have many, many fond memories of our dear mother. She was the guardian of our family, our mom, our best friend. A mother is love.

Written by her family with all their love and precious memories



Victoria Pope

CORA SANDERS

When all is done and taken place, I'll meet my dear loved ones around the table of grace, where Jesus my Saviour has gone to prepare that I may feast with Him in Heaven so fair. Children won't you come and go with me? It will be a glorious sight for you to see; when all God's children are gathered home to praise him forever around his great throne! It is with much sadness, but a thankful heart that I attempt to compile an obituary of Sister Cora Sanders, a dear old saint of God.

Sister Cora was one of four children born to Albert Clinton and Nannie Boyd Mims of Baldman, Kentucky. Two brothers and her mother and father preceded her in death, leaving one surviving brother, Carl Pritchard Mims of Pikeville, Kentucky.

Sister Cora was born December 29, 1903 and was called home by her precious Savior on May 11, 2000 making her stay here on God's footstool 96 years.



Cora Sanders

Sister Cora met and married Anthony Sanders March 21, 1923. This union was blessed with three lovely children. Her husband and son preceded her in death leaving two daughters: Mrs. Hershel A. (Ruth) Jones and Mrs. Mickey R. (Jewel) Williams, both of Southgate, MI. Sister Cora also leaves to mourn her loss six grandchildren: Mrs. David (Lori) Weaver of Riverview, MI; Mr. Brent Williams of Traverse City, MI; Mrs. Tim (Pamela) Edmunds of Ecorse, MI; Mrs. Eric (Janene) Linnenfelter of Carlton, MI; Miss Lisa Jones of Commerce Township, MI; Mr. James Jones and Valerie Smith of Milan, MI. Seven great-grandchildren: Jennifer and Matthew Linnenfelter, Jeff, Kyle, Kody, and Kolt Weaver and Hannah Jones, as well as a great host of relatives and friends who will miss her very much.

Sister Cora began to feel a need for a special friend in her life who could fill her emptiness, void and loneliness and this friend's name is Jesus Christ, the only one who satisfies. She begged him for forgiveness of her sins and was baptized the third Saturday in March in 1941 into the United Baptist Church of Baldman, Kentucky, by Elder Johnny King. She attended there as much as possible and whenever possible until she came to Michigan, then she continued to attend the United Baptist Church until the church was dissolved.

Sister Cora then started worshipping at the Little Ida Church and was baptized a member by Elder Ralph Caudill and Mose Bently June 13, 1993 and remained a faithful member until her special friend Jesus called her home.

Sister Cora was never at a loss for words because her conversations were always about her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Everyone who knew Sister Cora counted it a privilege to be her friend because of her faith in Jesus. She was certainly a wonderful witness wherever she was, especially in the nursing homes and hospitals. Everyone gathered to listen to Sister Cora's many stories about Jesus and once you heard her you would never forget what she had to say.

We will miss this blessed sister and our church has lost a precious gem. For all of you who wants to meet Sister Cora again, you must humble yourself and become truly sorry for your sins and invite King Jesus into your hearts and lives, and for this you will never be sorry. It will be the first day of the rest of your life.

We feel our loss is truly heaven's gain. Children after you have found Jesus as your personal Savior, there is one thing you will never dread and this is feasting around God's table when it is fully spread.

Written for Sister Cora Sanders

FRONIA SHELTON

Fronia Shelton was born February 5, 1931 in Virgie, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Delmar and Edna (Hudson) Burke, who both have preceded her in death.

Fronia married Warren G. Mullins in 1948 who preceded her in death. Unto this union was born three children: Dwight, who preceded her in death; Roger of Lake Hills, Texas; and Joanne Wilson of Dearborn, Michigan.

In 1958 she married Thad Hendrix Shelton, who preceded her in death. She was stepmother to Charles Shelton of Greenville, Tennessee, and Patsy Hodges of Roanoke, Virginia. Unto this union was born Thad Hendrix Shelton Jr. who also preceded her in death, and Avery Shelton of Southgate, Michigan.

She leaves behind four sisters: Dean Burke of Trenton, Michigan; Shirley Johnson of Wellington, Kentucky; Jean Breden of Eustis, Florida; and Judy O'Neal of Wellington, Kentucky. She also leaves behind three brothers: Acy Burke of Warren, Ohio; Truman Burke of Travares,



Fronia Shelton

Florida, and Tony Burke of Bristolville, Ohio. Fronia was a loving grandmother of 16 grandchildren and a great-grandmother of five.

Fronia was a member of the Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church where she loved to attend services. She will be sadly missed by her church family. She also leaves behind a host of friends and neighbors, who she shared many years of friendship with.

In closing, during her lifetime here on this earth, Fronia made the decision that everyone in this room must make; that is, the decision to give her life to Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of her sins. Because of her decision, Fronia is and will be experiencing God's glory in heaven for eternity. To those of you who have made the decision to accept God's free gift just as Fronia has, this day will not be the last time you will see her, for there will be a reunion one day. If it were part of God's plan, Fronia, out of her love for you, would come back and cry out to those of you who have not made this decision. But the truth is, this will not happen. The choice is before you, "*Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.*" Acts 16:31. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift. Amen.

Written by her son, Avery and family

OMER EDWIN SLONE

"By grace are ye saved through faith." Omer Edwin Slone believed that faith from the heart was the only way to be saved. On May 4, 1979, a good moral life was changed through repentance to God. Omer realized it was an individual matter between him and God. Because God came into his life, our marriage was blessed to last 53 years, and our house became a real "home". He chose to be a member of the Pleasant View Church in Litchfield, Ohio, on April 6, 1980 by being baptized that day by Elders Alex Collier and Stoney Blackburn.



Omer Edwin Slone

Since it was late in life at the age of 55 that he made his choice to receive salvation, he was very dedicated to read the Word of God. He felt he had wasted so much time. The Bible was his standard to live and obey. He knew the Bible had all the correct answers, so he did not depend on anyone else's understanding. He wanted to read it for himself. He enjoyed hearing sermons that lifted up Jesus, and he believed Jesus was all that should be talked about or preached from the pulpit. He believed that the Bible was too thick to preach anything else, and the pulpit was no place to waste time on idle words while there are so many unsaved souls.

Omer was ordained a deacon at the Pleasant View Church in October 1981. He enjoyed working and doing things — "anything to save others." To be with the brothers at church, his work at home was often set aside. He enjoyed helping with the physical upbuild of the church, but most of all, he was interested in the spiritual upbuild of God's kingdom. The Lily of the Valley Church in Geneva, Ohio, needed a deacon so he was borrowed as a deacon there. We didn't get to attend there monthly as our hearts desired, but we were there for communion. They treated us with respect and love.

Omer had two desires of the heart: that he would go before me, and that he would not have to suffer long. God granted both desires. We were told in October that he had prostate cancer, and he died on Wednesday, December 15, 1999. God prepares us to accept things. The intense pain assured him and us that he did not want to stay any longer in this cruel and sinful world because he had the promise that "you don't lose when you die in the Lord." It was so sad to hear him pray to die asking the Lord to come and get him. What was he leaving behind? All this sorrow and pain! The assurance in his heart that Jesus came in on May 4, 1979, never did leave; it only grew stronger. The last scripture he quoted a lot was "Strive to be perfect." He realized he could improve; he desired to live as close as he could. Only Jesus, who lives inside us, is the Perfect One who keeps us saved.

Our two children, Douglas E. (Edd) Slone of New Point Richey, Florida, and Belinda Elliott Reintz, of Elyria, Ohio, both loved and respected their dad. Two granddaughters: Kimberly L. Slone of Prattville, Alabama, and Kelly R. Slone of Jacksonville, Florida; and one grandson: Chad E. Elliott and his wife Lisa, of Cleveland, Ohio, were also very close to their grandpa. Omer was blessed to see one great-grandson Tyler Elliott, who was only four months old when Omer went Home.

Omer was born on Wednesday, November 18, 1925, the first born of Elmer and Bessie Thornsberry of Wayland (Floyd County) Kentucky. Two brothers: Paul and Alex, and two sisters: Jackie Slone and Mary Lois Ramsey, are also deceased. Surviving sisters are Mrs. Roy (Evalee) Slone and Mrs. Bill (Minnie) Forbush, both of Elyria, Ohio; and two brothers, Nelson V. (Joan) of Elyria, Ohio, and Jerry (Sue) of Shelby, Ohio.

My family and I could never thank everyone who helped during Omer's sickness and his funeral and those who remembered me afterwards during my lonely hours. They brought food, sent money, letters, flowers, phone calls, and visits to the Cleveland Clinic and to our home. We could never express our appreciation especially to those who came from out of state to the funeral. All these gestures can only be described as LOVE. A friend is one who knows our faults, yet finds our virtues, too. Friends are worth far more than gold! God bless you all!

Omer asked me the day he died, "Marge, are you going with me?" I told him not unless the Lord calls. He said, "Hurry and come on. Heaven is all we have." He always said, "Marge, you are such an angel." The River Road Cemetery in LaGrange, Ohio holds his body until that glorious resurrection morning to be changed to a spiritual body when it is reunited with the soul to forever be with the Lord, the Captain of my Salvation since July 8, 1952.

Waiting for that glorious morning, Sister Marjorie Slone

OMER EDWIN SLONE—THE BIGGEST MAN WE EVER KNEW

He was your neighbor, your friend, your brother, your second dad, or granddad. Doug called him Dad; Belinda called him Daddy. He was Grandpa to Kimberly, Chad, and Lisa, and lovingly known as "Nobody" to Kelly. He called his great-grandson Tyler "Little Wiggly Legs." But he was "pumpkin" to Marge.

They argued a little — over things like how much salt to put in the beans or over who loved who more. They never sat down to a meal without trying to get the other one to take the last piece of chicken instead of keeping it for themselves. They still sat together on the couch and held hands, and they never parted without a kiss good-bye or leaving a love note. They fell in love 56 years ago when they were just teenagers, and she did everything she could for over 53 years to keep him in good health. Her efforts paid off. We celebrated his 74th birthday on November 18, 1999, strong and active for all but a few months. She prayed for him for 27 years to be saved. Her prayers were answered. They walked together in the Lord for over 20 years.

Omer was a man who quietly did his duty. He did his duty in serving his country in World War II in the army's last calvary unit in Burma, China and India. He said he was scared sometimes, but he knew he had a praying mother and grandmother back home, and a girl waiting to be his bride. He did his duty to his family by faithfully going to work everyday at Ford Motor Company, and coming home by four o'clock to a good supper waiting on the table. And he did his duty to the Pleasant View Church as a deacon. He saw things he wished were different, but his conclusion was always, "I'll go along with the things I don't like to get along with the people I do like." Even when he desperately missed his family who were so far away in Florida and Texas, he would always say he had a loving family within the walls of his church.

He did his duty and more. He was auto mechanic and barber and handyman and honey-do. He and Marge were also the weekly cleaning crew at CornerStone Academy for four years. Most of all, they enjoyed playing the role of grandparents to the children at school encouraging them with a hug or a joke.

He was a good man who realized at 54 years old that good men who die without the Lord, die

without Peace. Thanks to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, he became a good man who could die in peace. During the last few days, he sang every song he knew with a loud and strong voice. He needed reassurance that each member of his family would meet him in heaven, so he questioned us directly. He seemed satisfied with the answers. He slipped away on Wednesday afternoon, December 15, 1999, and was laid to rest at River Road Cemetery in LaGrange, Ohio.

After he was saved, he read and studied his Bible faithfully every day. He wanted to understand it for himself, and he took no one person's word for anything. He studied until he was personally convinced of the Truth. Then it was hard to budge him. He enjoyed having a Biblical debate with Bro. Hayes Chaffins on the phone or loud and animated "discussions" with Belinda, but they usually found common ground in their love for God and His Word.

According to Belinda, every word he said spoke volumes to her, and his opinion of her meant more than anyone else's. He was a complete push-over when it came to kids. The grandchildren each have special memories to cherish in their hearts, but all kids loved him. Maybe it was because his size was not so intimidating, and he knew how to make them smile.

He never lost his dry sense of humor, even in times of pain and discomfort. The day we found out he had cancer, he smiled at us from his recliner in the living room and said, "I'm so glad that I am the one with cancer and not one of you. I couldn't stand to watch you go through this." As the disease progressed, he was amazed at the outpouring of love so many expressed. He thought at first it was just "because of Marge," but he was finally convinced that they really loved Omer too. To the very last minute, he was a great example of integrity and honesty and love.

He was brave and unselfish, but he hated to wait. True to his character to the end, he wanted to hurry up and die. Except for hating to leave all of us behind, he was anxious to go home. Just as a ship fades smaller and smaller into the distance, we watched our loved one grow weaker and weaker. But the greatest joy is knowing that there was One who stood on the other side watching that ship get closer and closer until he reached his destination.

Omer loved many passages of Scripture, but especially John 14: 1-3: *"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."* He believed, and convinced us, that his "mansion" is a new body that will live forever in his Father's house. Now at last, as the song says, "everything is all right in my Father's house." No more pain, no more pain!

His name was "Omer" — a small unit of measure in the Bible — but he was the biggest man we ever knew.

We love you, Dad and Grandpa, written by daughter, Belinda, and grandson, Chad

ZELLA MAE SPARKMAN

With much sadness and a broken heart I will try to write the obituary of my beloved wife, Zella Mae Sparkman. She was the daughter of the late General and Sallie Slone of Knott County, KY. Zella was born in Garner, KY on June 1, 1931. She departed this life on November 19, 1999 at 8:26 p.m. in her home in Kendallville, IN.

Zella married Lee Sparkman on April 27, 1951 in Hindman, KY. To this union was born six sons: Lee Jr. (deceased), James (deceased), Anthony, Carlos, and Hargos of Kendallville, IN, and Jeffery of LaOtto, IN. Also she leaves behind twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren whom she loved very much.

Zella and I were married forty-eight and a half years. I have so many good memories about her that it is impossible to mention them



Zella Mae Sparkman

all, so I will just say they are all great. I will never forget the day she joined the Little Flossie Church of Old Regular Baptist in August 1998. I believe it was the happiest day I ever saw her.

In September 1999 she was diagnosed with lung cancer. She took the news with a smile. She told me she knew she was going to die and that she believed the Lord would meet her at the banks of the river and take her in His arms and carry her across. On November 19, 1999, I believe He did just that. She closed her eyes as she was going to sleep. I believe she is in paradise with Jesus now. So sleep on Zella, I hope to meet you around God's throne when this life is over.

Written by her broken-hearted husband, Lee Sparkman

FLOYD B. STANLEY

With a sad and broken heart I will try with the help of our Lord Jesus to write the obituary of my husband Floyd B. Stanley. He was an Army veteran in the WWII and retired from Dupont Paper Company after 35 years. He was a member of the Little Angel Church, baptized on the fourth weekend of August 1979 by brethren Paris Tackitt and Hiram Adkins.

Floyd is survived by his wife of 52 years, Betty Lou; daughter: Teresa (Scott) Ellsesser of Gahanna, Ohio; sons: Daniel (Pat) Stanley of Ocala, Florida; Mitch (Ramona) Stanley of Greenfield, Ohio; George Stanley of Obetz, Ohio. Grandchildren: Kenneth (Tonya) Holley; Robert (Tonya) Holley; Gary (Lisa) Holley; Tracy (Jason) Ruble; Allison Ellsesser, Stephen Ellsesser, Jenny Stanley, Jeremiah Stanley, Rebecca (Jason Collins); Kate Stanley. 14 great-grandchildren, brothers: George Stanley, Daniel Stanley. Sisters: Ann (Deskins) Knight; Anita Williamson Carmon Edwards. Stepsister: Helen Jean Trace. Stepbrothers: CB Fish, Lloyd Fish, Bobby Fish. Preceded in death by his parents Albert and Mary Ball Stanley; stepmother: Bessie Stanley; brother: Jeff Stanley; sister: Celia Cochran.

Floyd was kind and loved everyone, especially little children. He never saw a little one that he did not want to talk and play with. They would come to him in church and talk to him. He always had gum in his pocket for everyone of them. The last few years of his life he did not get to go to the other churches, but he tried to go every time he could to the Little Angel Church just a few miles from home, not far for him to ride. But when he could not attend the service he always asked the other brethren about where they went. It really helped him to hear about the good meetings. Floyd loved to hear them sing. In the hospital he asked us to play a tape for him of The Letter and Gone Away with a Friend. He was listening to The Letter and after it ended he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus.

I want to tell my children and grandchildren to do what Daddy has asked of them so they all can see him again. We miss him very much but we know he is in a much better place. No words can express the sorrow we feel in our hearts and the love we share. We will miss him but he will never be forgotten.

Written by his loving wife, Betty Lou Stanley



Floyd B. Stanley

ANTHONY WAYNE STURGILL

Our hearts are sad, our minds cannot rest, since one so young and so special is no longer here in our everyday lives.

Anthony Wayne Sturgill was 31 years old when the Lord came and took him out of this world of suffering. Tony was born September 5, 1968 in Lorain, Ohio and lived in Vermilion, Ohio, Brownhelm Township, since the age of 6. He died Tuesday, July 11, 2000 after a three-month illness. Tony's family, friends, and church family were so shocked and unprepared for how quickly he succumbed to the liver cancer that had just so recently been diagnosed.

Survivors include parents: William and Beatrice (nee Rose) Sturgill of Vermilion; brother: William E. Sturgill Jr. of Amherst, Ohio; sister: Joyce Griffith of Vermilion, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

Tony was a member of Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church of Litchfield, Ohio. He dearly loved God and his church and God and his church dearly loved him. Tony loved to travel to and visit all the other churches too. He had been a christian since he was eighteen years old.

Tony was the family historian; he enjoyed gospel singing and his computer. He worked as a core machine operator for P.C. Campana for four years. Prior to that, he worked in his family's business, Sturgill Drywall.

Bro. Tony's dad and mom mentioned over and over how special their son was. He thought of his family as being very special too. Always requesting prayer for his elderly parents, his sister Joyce and her family, his brother Billy and his family, his cousin Pam in KY who was diagnosed with cancer. Tony touched so many lives in his short space of time on earth. He set an example for all of us to be such a light for our Savior.

Bro. Glen Turner, Bro. Basil Elliott and Bro. Frank Fortner were not only Brothers-In-Christ but close friends to Tony. They will miss all the fun times that they had traveling together and laughing with him.

More than two years ago, Tony had given his mother an envelope and asked her to put it in the family safe, not to be opened until his death. His mom said she often wondered what was in that envelope.

In the early morning hours of July 11, 2000, Brother Tony just slipped out of his painridden body and with ease moved into God's care; to never experience pain or disappointment ever again.

So, we (Brother Larry and Sister Patsy Newsome) left the hospital, shortly after his death to go to his home and be with his family. The safe was opened and to everyone's surprise Tony had left the instructions for his funeral and place of burial.

An evening service was held at the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church Wednesday, July 12. The funeral service was Thursday, July 13 at 10 a.m. with Elder Larry Newsome of Pleasant View Church and Elder Hargis Tuttle of Eternal Rose Church officiating.

His body was taken to the Lewis and Ferguson Funeral Home, Sandy Hook, KY. Burial was Friday at 11 a.m. in the Rose Family Cemetery, Bruin, KY.

Tony always told his mom he wanted to die before she did. Tony felt he could not make it without his mother. His mom, thinking back, said Tony had heard her say a few years back that if she didn't change her mind she thought she would want to be taken back to KY when she died, to be buried with her parents, so she understood why Tony wanted to go there too. He knew he would be close to them. We all feel the Lord led Tony to be able to plan the way he did. He was wise in seeking the Lord when he was young.

Tony is greatly missed by his family. Our church family has also suffered in the loss of our brother. We all know that he is in perfect love and care with his Heavenly Father. We are so very, very glad for that.



Anthony Wayne Sturgill

In Christ, Elder Larry D. and Sister Patsy Newsome

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ANTHONY WAYNE BROWN

Anthony Wayne Brown was so many things to so many people. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to many. Wayne, as everyone knew him, was born September 21, 1907 in Blackey, Kentucky. He found someone to love in Phoebe Sumner and they married on November 21, 1928. They had twelve children, six boys and six girls. The children are Douglas Brown (deceased 1998), Mildred Brown Rogers, Paul Brown, Jeanette Brown Caudill, Rex Brown, Roen Brown, Harold Brown, Cora Brown Halcomb, Helen Brown Lee, Donald Wayne Brown, Joan Brown Roberts and Charlene Brown Drakos. The family grew from these twelve children to include 25 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. He was blessed enough to spend 71 years with Mom. Even though some of the years were hard, their love kept them going strong.



Anthony Wayne Brown

God truly blessed Dad and this family prior to his passing on July 12, 2000. Of all the family, Dad was preceded in death by one son, Douglas, and one great-grandchild, Jason. He is survived by Mom, the remaining eleven children as well as one brother, Ray Brown of Ulvah, Kentucky and a sister, Mary Dean Carr of Wichita, Kansas.

The last few years were tough on Dad due to sickness, but through continuous support and caregiving of his children he was able to stay at home and be close by his family. On many occasions, he expressed how grateful he was to his children. During the last days while he was in the hospital, his family were close by and witnessed his desire to be with his "sweet Jesus".

Dad was a hard working man, never known to just sit around. He worked in the coal mines in Kentucky and eventually retired with black lung. He had never ending talents. Some of which included carpentry, clock making and woodworking. Dad really enjoyed fishing and frequently traveled to his pond by way of his golf cart.

Although Dad never joined the church, his heart was with the Old Regular Baptist Church. He left assurance in his final days by telling his children "I am praying to my master night and day. All my children need not worry." We take comfort in knowing that Dad is in a much better place. We also know that God continues to bless our family by allowing us to keep Mom. Her faith and strength in God and her family are beyond measure.

Written by his daughter, Cora Brown Halcomb

LILLIAN LUCILLE (TURNER) CHENEY

As I try my best to write this obituary of my dear mother, I now realize the persistent numbness she must have felt just nine short months ago, when her own mother left this world. It is now that we, her loved ones must keep in mind the words I said to mother to try to console her at her time of grief. She had suffered so long and was truly worthy of leaving this place to meet her Lord, and the loved ones that await her there. She left for "home" on March 22, 2000 from Caritas Hospital after a long fight with emphysema.

On December 22, 1933 Lillian Lucille Turner was born to Wayne and Malinda (Caudill) Turner. She was born in Fredricksburg, Virginia, but they soon moved to Vicco, KY. She was the third child of four to bless their family. Being survived now only by her younger brother Coeburn Wayne Turner.



Lillian Lucille Cheney

As a young girl, Lucille moved to Louisville, met and married my Dad, John Cheney. She felt they were truly blessed with their six sons and one daughter. She had a lifelong career ahead of her, raising her children to maturity, since the span between the oldest and youngest is 18 years. Yes, as Johnny was graduating high school they were preparing for the birth of their youngest, Jake. As I write this I think about all of the times my brothers and I have reminisced about our childhood and each other's childhood. For some of us had started our own family as my mother was raising her two youngest. The thing we all know about mother is that she was such a truly good person through and through. She would help anyone in any way she could. She was often heartsick over the trials of our adolescence. Grandma used to tell us "pretty is as pretty does." I guess my mother was beautiful. We knew as children that she would never fib for us and tell someone we weren't home, unless we walked out the door. Only then she would say, "They just walked out the door." Friends of ours still tell us "your mom is so sweet" or "you're lucky, your mom understands you." To all of you, I say we already know how lucky we are, but thanks for reminding us.

As for my Dad, he too knows how lucky we all are to have had her in our lives. He worked long hard hours to provide for us, with her backing him all the way. She awoke every weekday and many overtime Saturdays (there were 7 kids you know) in the wee hours to cook breakfast and fix his lunch. She'd take a short nap before getting one or more of her children up for school to do the breakfast and lunch thing again. Then she cleaned or cooked or gardened or her favorite thing bathing and singing to her babies before picking us up from school. After school there was practice of band or baton or some other school event and rushing home to have dinner ready for Dad. She had the hardest time keeping us quiet at night so Dad could get his rest. Then as we got older she'd stay up 'til midnight when her newest young driver got home from "riding around". She'd always want to hear about what a good time we had. (Some of us told everything others told very little). She always listened. Then she needed a few hours sleep so she could do it all over again at 4 A.M. She never lectured us about getting along. If we had anything to say about one of our siblings, she found a way to make you know that you were wrong. Not only for saying it, but for even thinking it. You didn't even realize why, until you were on the way home. As adults I'm sure we have all disappointed her at one time or another. Although I don't ever remember hearing those words. She always said I love you, right or wrong, because you're my child. Not only that, she was there for us when we made bad decisions and had to get through trying times. Some of us at times thought we would never get through some of those times. As a mother it must have been hard to see your child struggling. At times I think it was always one or the other of us, going through something.

Now that we no longer have her with us, we may all feel like there was more we could or should have done. She didn't think that at all. She knew that each of us had busy lives and treasured the times we took personal pan pizzas, Milky Way dark, York peppermint patties, hard candy or chocolate cover cherries. She got most of us hooked on crossword puzzles and jumbles. Even this year when the kids had to research for school, she would get the encyclopedias. She loved those phone calls from work when she could barely hear you, because of the noise. We may feel like we didn't do enough to show her how much we loved her. One person who should have none of those feelings is my Dad. Mother was sick for a long time before being diagnosed three years ago. Soon she was put on oxygen. My Dad began doing little things for her to keep her from exerting herself. She didn't appreciate it because she hadn't admitted how sick she was. She soon came to know how much she did need him to do more and more as days went by. For the last two years he was doing anything that was done, for it was all she could do to bathe and brush her hair. She felt very guilty about that. In her eyes, it was her job to take care of him and the house. You see, my Dad is a big strong man, but he's a soft hearted man. His heart has been breaking while watching his sweetheart, the love of his life, his loving wife of 48 years, die a little more each day right before his eyes. His strong arms, his handyman skills, or mechanical ability couldn't help her.

He wanted her to have a lung transplant, he would have spent and sold everything. She was too sick from the beginning to even qualify.

Today as we mourn mother, I know she would have wanted Dad to soon be relieved of his grief and to continue to live life, enjoying his children and their families. We are your legacy Lucille Cheney. I hope you are pleased.

We love you Mother, John & Sherry; Kenny & Connie; Lindy & Mike;
Wayne & Valerie; J.T. & Patty; Jerry; Jake & Kelly

We love you Mamaw, Scott, Kenny, Joey, Jimmy, John, Mary,
Jessica, Nathan, Erin, Michael, Ashley, Adam, Danny, Nick.

Lucille loved the Antioch Church and before it became too hard for her to breathe very well, she would attend as often as as she could. Members and friends of the church loved her very much and were always glad when she came.

She told Brother Newsome and me that she believed that she would go to Heaven when she died and that when she died she wanted her funeral to be at the Antioch Church. I am thankful that we honored her request.

With loving memories, "Little Brother" Coeburn

Mama

*You will always hold a special place in my heart.
You always showed me love, but now we must part.
But don't you worry, I've got memories.
I'll never forget the love that I felt when you comforted me
through the stitches, bumps, and scraped up knees.
Now that you are gone, I know what I'll miss.
I wish you were here to give me that kiss.
You showed me the way when there was trouble,
but now that you're gone the pain will be double.*

*I have always thought of you like no other,
but I always knew that I was lucky to have you for a mother.
I know that I am the man that I am today
because you put your heart into showing me the way.
Now I must go, and now you get to rest,
I just wanted to take this time to say you're the best.
I love you more than anything in the world,
Your Baby
Jake*

BILLY G. FUGATE

"There will be no more death or mourning or pain." (Rev. 21:4). Sis. Fern (Thornsberry) Fugate won't be crying over the death of her husband Bill in heaven. They will be home together with the Lord. Bro. Bill discovered he had cancer in August 1999 and he died at his home in exchange for a home with the Lord in October 1999.

Until his sickness, he didn't seem to be concerned about his soul. He worked at Foseco, Inc. in Brookpark, Ohio, where many people developed cancer during their employment. This cruel disease caused Bill to realize his life here was short, so he began to talk to Sister Fern and to the brothers of Pleasant View Church about his soul. He was bedridden, so he spent a lot of time in conversation with the Lord, too.

It brought much joy to all who knew Bro. Bill to hear him say he was prepared to die. Often he would wake Sis. Fern reciting Psalm 23: *"The Lord is my shepherd,"* and she and Bro. Bill would repeat it together. It was such a peaceful feeling to have that burden gone from his soul. Even though the time here on earth that Bro. Bill knew the Lord was short, his witness for the Lord was strong and, in spite of his illness, his joy was so great! Today he has eternity in heaven, and he believed it was all well worth it.

Bro. Bill was born in 1939 in Rose Hill, Virginia, but he made his home in Berea, Ohio. He and Sis. Fern were blessed with twins, Billy Joe Fugate, now at home, and Mrs. Max (Michelle Lee) Gallo, in military service overseas. They were so pleased to know they had one grandson, but Bro. Bill never got to see him. Other survivors include his mother, Susie Fugate of Berea, Ohio, and



Billy G. Fugate

brothers James, Harold, Armour, Joseph Jr., and Larry Fugate also of Berea, and his in-laws, Bro. Earl and Sis. Hazel Thornsberry of Topmost, KY. His father Joseph is deceased.

Burial was in the Brookdale Cemetery in Elyria, Ohio. The ministers of Pleasant View Church were in charge. Sis. Fern so appreciated all those who shared her sorrow and who helped during his illness.

In Isaiah 66:13 it reads: *"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you."* Jesus' authority over death gives us an eternity of joy with Him in heaven. When death overtakes us, we have a building from God, an eternal home in heaven. (II Cor. 5:1) We must accept God's will to have peace within ourselves and peace with God. He will not forsake us. He is in control! No matter what we go through here on earth, the best is still ahead for all those who love and serve God. Let us praise the Lord for these priceless blessings waiting for us in heaven. God bless all of you.

With faith in His promises, Sister Marjorie Slone

CURTIS HICKS

In loving memory of our precious dad, grandfather and loving husband to his wife Hattie.

A father's love is always with his children, no matter how old we are. Losing a father is one of the deepest sorrows a heart can know. It's been tough losing two sisters and now our dad.

He served our country so that we could all remain free.

Curtis was born in Knott Co., Kentucky May 5th, 1923, to the late Ballard Hicks and Ora (Wicker) Hicks.

Later in life on January 4, 1947, Curtis married Hattie Knox. To this union were born five daughters: Linda F. Hodge, Vickie G. Black, Sherry A. Conley, Diane Morningstar, and Cathy Johnson.

Two of his daughters, Linda Hodge and Sherry Conley preceded him in death. Curtis also has one brother and two sisters who have preceded him in death: Huey Hicks, Flossie Wicker and Bulah Nickles.

Besides his children and wife, two brothers: Ballard Hicks Jr. of LaGrange Ohio, and Roger Hicks of West Liberty, Kentucky, survive him. He has two sisters: Lucy Moore of Kendallville, Indiana, and Dorsie Paton of Eastern Kentucky. He was also blessed to have ten grandchildren.

Dad always loved to go fishing, and we had a lot of great fish fry's. He loved to meet and talk to people and his heart was filled with love for other people.

His goodness, his caring, and his wisdom will live on as a legacy of love that will be with us always. May the memory of his love surround us and bring us peace.

He'll always be remembered as a man, both strong and good, who gave his best for others, and who did the best he could. He'll always be remembered for the joy he brought, and as a man who meant a lot. Our dad!

Dad it is hard to let you go and not have you around — but what is even harder is to have you here and see you suffer — so, God has come to take you to a much better place where there is no more pain and misery.

Thank you dad, for always being there when we needed you — Thank you for being the best role model one could be. There was a time when you watched over us — and then that role has changed again for the last time — and you are watching over us again.

So dad, we will miss your presence and hope and pray we will meet again in our Heavenly Father's home. Thank you dad, for everything you have done for us. We will miss you! Remember we still love you more than you'll ever know. Love always, from all of us!

With loving memories, Your daughters: Vickie, Diane, Cathy, and your wife, Hattie



Curtis Hicks

JAUNITA HODGES

I will try to write an obituary in memory of our sister Jaunita Hodges who passed away April 8, 2000.

Jaunita was born October 18, 1930 to the late Elder Willie and Sis. Rachel Collins who preceded her in death. She had three daughters to precede her in death and two brothers and sisters, Junior Collins and Sam Collins. Sisters: Lucille Moore, Avenelle Absure, and Naomi Ruth Ramey.

Left to mourn her loss were two daughters: OmaJean and Sandra and one son Marvin Ray whom resides in Tampa, Florida where she made her home for the past 30 years. She also had numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren who took her passing very painful. They loved their mamma very much. She also has two brothers and five sisters to mourn her loss: Amos Collins of Avon; Bill Collins of Holiday Lakes; Melva Brewer of Willard; Helen Isaac of Plymouth; Dorise Jones of Greenwich; Gwen Cano of Texas; and Jean Baker of North Fairfield.

I was young when Jaunita moved to Florida, but I do remember she used to read to me and help me do my homework when I was in school.

No doubt in my mind Jaunita spent a lot of sleepless nights worrying about her children and she struggled hard to raise them the best she could despite their wayward ways. She worked at several jobs in Florida until illness forced her to retire.

She lived poor and didn't have much, but thank God that He doesn't look at a person's wealth to make them a fit subject for heaven.

Jaunita had cancer, which seems to be taking its toll on our family, for about three years. Toward the end she was in so much pain, but her suffering is all over now for in her hour of need she called upon the Lord and He heard her cries and came to her rescue and saved her soul. Children we must not wait until we are sick to call upon the Lord for it might be too late. But our loss is surely heaven's gain for Jaunita professed a hope in Christ, to go home where she won't have to worry about house rent and electric bills for now she is rich because she has a father that owns cattle on a thousand hills.

They had graveside services in Tampa. The funeral director tried to speak a few comforting words to the children. He said that surely Jaunita was a very unique lady that of all the funerals that he had conducted and of all the times that he had been on the cemetery he had never seen so many lives that had been touched by one person. It was amazing at all the young people that came to mourn her loss, and the love they showed.

So sleep on our dear sister for some sweet day we will all be together where the circle won't ever be broken again.

Written by her sister in blood and sister in Christ, Jean Baker



Jaunita Hodges

CRATIE KING

With the help of the Lord I will try to write an obituary of my brother, Cratie King.

Cratie was born May 28, 1925 to the late Clarence and Virgie (Breeding) King. He passed away January 24, 2000, making his stay on earth 74 years, 7 months, and 26 days.

Cratie met and married Sarah Carrie (Noble) King and unto this union was born one son, Arvil Gene King.

Cratie was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah; his parents, Clarence and Virgie; two brothers: Lloyd and Aaron King; five sisters: Goldie Holbrook, Thelma Burke, Wayne Beckner, Flossie Amburgey, and Reevis King.

Left to mourn his passing is his son: Arvil Gene and his wife, Gerrie; five grandchildren: Jennifer, Heather, Robert, Belinda and Arnold and seven great-grandchildren. Also, two sisters: Audrey Morrison and Maxine Flodin both of Louisville, Kentucky. Four brothers: Alvin King of Brentwood, Tennessee; Smiley, Vernon, and Hauley King all of Kite, Kentucky.

Cratie told me many times that he felt he had made it right with the Lord. He went to church somewhere every weekend. He really enjoyed going with his nieces, Wanda and Beulah, he talked of it often. He loved the Old Regular Baptist Church and was a firm believer in its ways.

In his last days he saw pretty visions, although he didn't have much breath, he would sing, especially *Amazing Grace*. I feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

I know we will miss him, but I truly feel I will meet him again, where there won't be any pain, sorrows, or good-byes. We'll be engulfed in God's love and in peace and joy forever.

We will never forget you, but will remember the wonderful person you were. There will be a great void in our lives, but someday we will all meet around God's great throne and live forever. I want to say to this family, "If you haven't made peace with God, you can't go where I feel Cratie has gone, today is the day of Salvation, tomorrow may be too late."

I love you all. Written by his brother, Elder Hauley King



Cratie King

LETHA LITTLE

With loving memories and a sad heart I will try to write my mother's obituary.

Mom passed away on July 16, 2000 at the age of 73. She was born on March 11, 1927 in Pikeville, KY to the late Grant and Sarah Sword. She had six sisters and one brother. She married our dad Tanzle on September 4, 1944. They were married for 55 years, had six children, four sons, two daughters. Preceding in death were her sisters: Mattie, Berthie, Hattie and Della; brother: Leander; daughter: Faye Ann and son-in-law Chuck. Surviving family are husband Tanzle; sons:



Letha Little

Charlie, Eddie, Jim, Steve; daughter: Linda; four grandchildren: Brenda, Christine, Jennifer and Brian; two great-grandchildren: James and Michael; two sisters: Luevicie and Pearly.

Even though the kids will never call her by her nickname which was Nanie, and I will never see her in the kitchen cooking or having a cup of coffee with Aunt Clara, I will always remember the Sunday afternoons that were so special to me, and all the holidays we spent together, but most of all, we will miss the love and care she gave to all of us. Mom will be deeply missed, but our joy should come from knowing she is in heaven with Jesus.

Her loving daughter, Linda

MARGAREY (ADAMS) NEWSOME

With the help of the Lord, I'll try to write the obituary of my wife Margarey Newsome.

She was the daughter of Andrew and Mryra Meade Adams of Pike County, Kentucky. She was born on February 26, 1935 into a family of ten sisters and five brothers. She departed this life on November 16, 1999.

Margie met Clyde Newsome of Grethel, Kentucky. On October 13, 1962 they were married and to this union they were blessed to have three sons. Gary at home in Wolcottville, IN; Eugene and Kim of Valentine, IN; and Jason and Tammy of LaGrange, IN. They also have one grandson, Josh Eugene Newsome, and one granddaughter, Katrina Daelynn Newsome. They have one infant grandson, Dale Eugene Newsome, deceased.

She was such a kind and considerate person and loved to cook for her family, and made sure her company didn't go hungry. She worked hard all her life, but with love and meekness raised her children. She had cancer and suffered a long time. She knew her time was short. She dreaded to leave her family, but told them she felt there was a better home waiting for her.

We who are left to mourn, her friends and loved ones, miss her so much. But we pray to see her again in that land without cancer or pain, where peace and joy abound.

Written by her husband, Brother Clyde Newsome
and her brother-in-law, Bro. Klinon Newsome

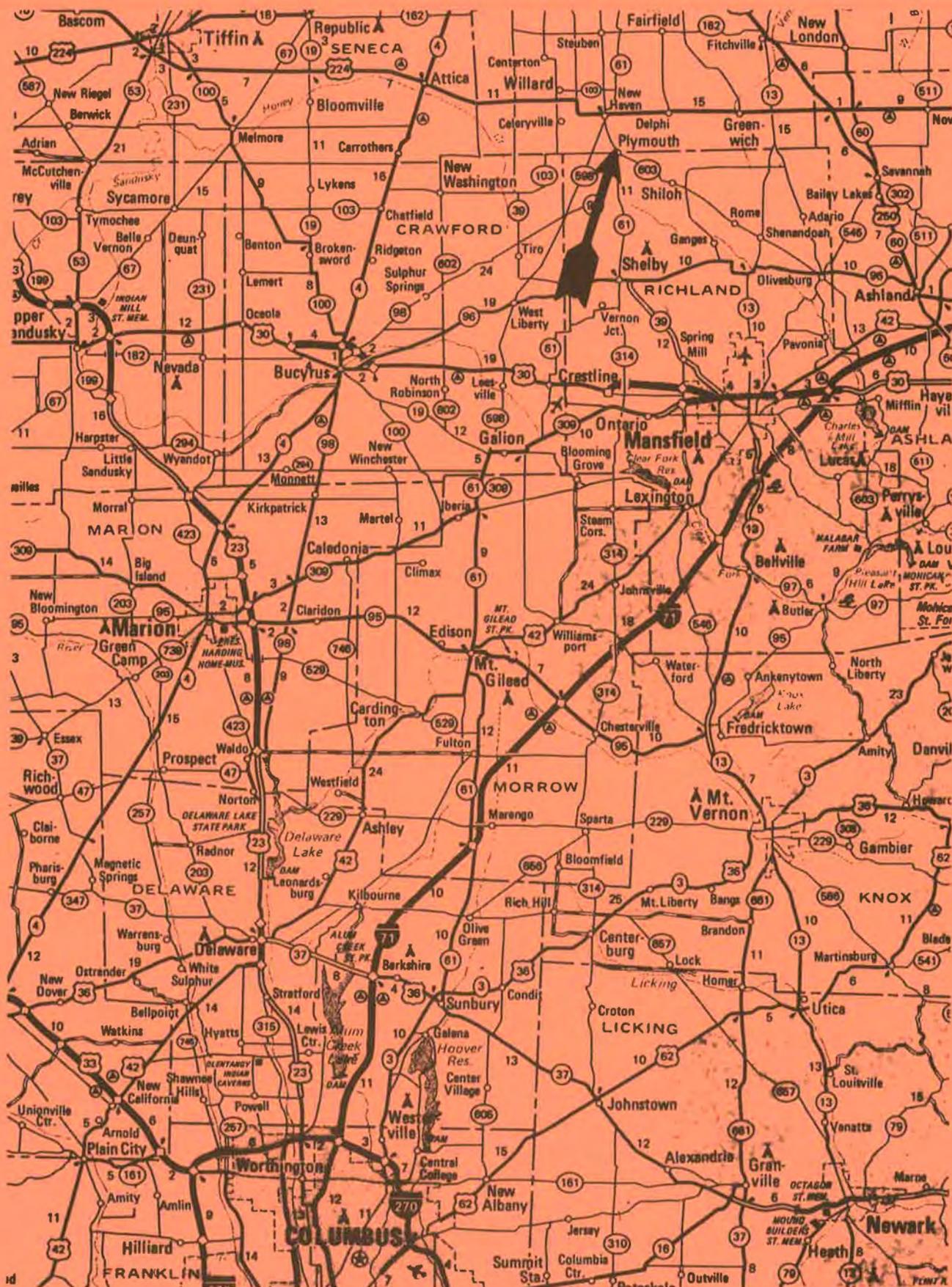


Margarey (Adams) Newsome

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