

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



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

Precious memories will comfort we that remain of our dear brothers and sisters, who have ceased the walks of life here and now entered into their peaceful rest.

It is with honor that we dedicate this 45th Annual Session to their memory. Joyous were the days spent with them here, their fellowship sweet.

Leaving us with precious memories, it is now we wait for that glorious day, in which we hope to join them in a land of perfect peace and joy.

Respectfully
Bro. Newsome
Bro. Turner — Clerks

Shame on you when you talk about others, your tongue needs an adjustment.
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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Introductory Sermon for 2002— Eld. Elbert Hagerman

Alternate — Eld. Bill Blevins

Circular Letter — Eld. Lowell Mullins

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 principles 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 belong to secret orders such as Masons, Odd Fellows or any other related worldly organization that is an offense to our sister association 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 principles as we are not to be a part of a worldly kingdom. 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.)

PROCEEDINGS

Of The
Forty-Fifth Annual Session of the
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist
The Church of Jesus Christ
August 2, 2002

Friday Session

With overcast skies, there was rays of sunshine on the faces of the many faithful believers that had traveled the countless miles to attend this the Forty-Fifth Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association.

Surrounded by the tall, tall trees, were the congregation standing just as tall in spirit as they began to blend their voices in singing Zion's songs in praise to our Heavenly Father.

The alternate Eld. Doug McCarty approached the stand in humbleness, was soon moved on by the good spirit to tell of God's goodness. Giving good advice and council, after which he offered a very humble and uplifting prayer.

Eld. Arvid Blevins approached the stand in meekness to deliver the Introductory Sermon. He preached from the 17th Chapter of Luke, the 26th verse. "As it was in the days of No-e, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." He was blessed to beg sinners to repent.

Those who were not delegates were asked to remain at the pavilion where preaching would soon begin. The delegates were advised to assemble in the sanctuary of the Pleasant View Church to conduct the business of this the 45th Annual Session.

After assembling in the house and one of Zion's song were sung. Eld. Ellis Holbrook, Moderator of the New Salem Association was called on to make remarks, which were sweetness to the soul. Eld. Jimmy Dye, New Salem led in a warm and uplifting prayer that I am sure was pleasing to our Heavenly Father.

Eld. Roy Caudill, Moderator, announced that the 45th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, August 2, 2002

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed into the Clerk. On motion by Eld. Elmer Edwards, second by Eld. Hargis Tuttle, the letter from the Pleasant View Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt to receive the letters and seat the delegates. By the same motion, all queries and requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

The report of the committee appointed to go to the Little Polly Church and to see why they failed to letter and delegate up to the Association for the year 2001, was given by a committee member.

After hearing the report, a motion was made by Eld. Danny Carty, second by Eld. Buford Brock to receive the work of the committee. As they agreed (The Little Polly Church) to all the request ask of the committee and their questions were answered satisfactory. The delegates of the Little Polly Church were welcome back by giving the right hand of fellowship.

Eld. Doug McCarty made a motion, second by Bro. Darrel Hall to accept the report and discharge the committee of their duties.

2. The Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist faith organized by electing the following officers to serve the next year. The following Elders were appointed to take

the vote: Elders Tommy Dials, Murl Caudill and Jimmy Dale Sanders. Officers elected:

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

(a) Noted by the Association concerning our finance committee and was moved and second that our finance committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers. The committee appointed: Elders: Monroe Jones, Hobart Hamilton and Chuckie Hall. Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharge them of their duties.

3. By a motion made by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Eld. Doug McCarty the moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. By a motion made by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Bro. Jerry Caskey, the clerk was asked to read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum. Reading of the Articles of Faith were omitted.
5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and none responded.
6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded by letter and delegate.
 - (a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: James A. Waddles, Troy B. Samons, James and Elisha Branham, Offie Bartley, Chuck Hall, Ronald McCarty, Autie Puckett, Jr., Ellis Holbrook, Monroe Jones, Clyde Lewis, Jimmy Dye, Bud Bates, Don Lambert, Squire Hamilton, Glenn Frazier, Preston Lewis, Kenny Wright, Klinon Newsome, Gary Castle, Danny Crawford, Roger Hicks, Bill Cotton, Jeff Hicks, Rodney Slone, Frank Adams, Carlos Akers, Charlie Samons, Defort Thornsberry and Cletis Hall. Letter in the hands of Bro. Bud Bates. A motion was made by Eld. Elmer Edwards, second by Eld. Eddie Wallen to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (b) **Union** — Represented by the following delegates: Jimmy Dale Sanders, John B. Hamilton, Bobby Johnson, Estill Hamilton, Gary Sanders, Clyde Blankenship, Garland H. Deel, Earl Hill, Astor Eldridge, Gene Johnson, Donald Gibson, Doug Mullins, Tennis Sturgell, Floyd Jude, Eddie Slone, Gene Robinett and Charles Hamilton. Letter in the hands of Eld. Gene Johnson. Eld. Roy Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Conley Daniels 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, Wayne Caudill, Paul D. Moore, Ira Adkins, Jr., Harlan Barney, Gary Adkins, Luther Ramey, Jr., Gary Blevins, Walter Morrison, Paul Boggs, Bert Salmons, Charles Barney, Willis Tolliver, Bill Triplett and Julius Wicker. Letter in the hands of Eld. Gary Blevins. A motion was made by Eld. Sam Franks, second by Bro. Dwayne Graves, to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Ron Hamilton, Richard Staton, Bill Cochran, Charles Jarrell, Gary Young and Eddie Marcum. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hobart Hamilton. A motion was made by Eld. Jeff Dillon, second by Eld. Larry Newsome 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: Junior Coleman, Joe Grizzel, Phillip Estep, Dewey Matney, Monroe Matney, George Thomason, Shird Mullins, David Lester and Earl Stacy. Letter in the hands of Eld. David Lester. A motion was made by Eld. C.W. Turner, second by Eld. Buddy W. Carty to seat the

delegates with us in council and refer their letter to the committee on arrangements. They were seated with us by the right hand of fellowship. See item #18 of Saturday's work of current minutes.

- (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — Represented by the following delegates: Murl F. Caudill, Has-ton and Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Melvin Fields, Claren Williams and Paul Back. Letter in the hands of Bro. Aaron Whitaker, Jr. A motion was made by Eld. Conley Daniels, second by Eld. Buford Brock 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 Pleasant View Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday morning who reported as follows: Friday evening — Elders: Hobart Hamilton — Sardis; Jimmy Dale Sanders — Union. Saturday A.M. Elders: John B. Hamilton — Union; Murl Caudill — Old Indian Bottom; James Branham — New Salem; Ira Adkins — Philadelphia; Jimmy Dye — New Salem.
 8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Billy Miller, Kilby Deel, Savel Combs, Charles Edwards, Greg Sowards, Milton Dye, Don Lawson, D. Osborne, Morris Wicker, Dan Thornsberry, Raymond Stapleton.
 9. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt that we the Northern New Salem Association correspond by letter and delegate with the following Associations and the Clerk prepare the letters to our Sister Associations: (a) New Salem; (b) Union; (c) Philadelphia; (d) Sardis; (e) Old Friendship and (f) Old Indian Bottom.
 10. Appointed a committee to arrange the agenda for Saturday consisting of one delegate from each church together with the officers of the Northern New Salem Association, and the officers and delegates from our corresponding Associations. Committee to meet back at the house at 2:00 p.m. Friday evening.
 - (a) Eld. Hargis Tuttle made a motion, second by Eld. Ezra Thornsberry that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 3, 2002.
 - (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. Hobart Hamilton — Asst. Moderator of the Sardis Association. Prayer by same. 2nd: Eld. Jimmy Dale Sanders — Asst. Moderator of the Union Association.

Saturday, August 3, 2002

Met pursuant to adjournment this the second day of the Northern New Salem Association. Such a lovely sunny morning to be up and about the Father's business. Making melody in their hearts by singing the songs of Zion were the faithful believers of Christ. Eld. Claren Williams of the Old Indian Bottom Association was called on to introduce the services. Sweet as honey were his words of love and peace. Live a good life which will bring glory and honor to God. Prayer by same.

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. Conley Daniels, second by Eld. Eddie Wallen to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Eld. Russell Hicks for our 2002 Session was read by him. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Eld. Buford Brock to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2002 Minutes.

4. The finance committee appointed Friday. Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Monroe Jones, Chuckie Hall, and Hobart Hamilton, reported as follows:

2002 Church contributions	\$6,060.00
2002 Money for Pictures	550.00
Other contributions	1,281.00
Total money received for 2001	\$7,891.00

A motion was made by Eld. Russell Hicks, second by Eld. Ralph Caudill 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 3, 2001	\$3,342.82
2001 Church contributions	5,675.00
2001 Picture money	560.00
Other contributions	604.00
Total money on hand August 5, 2001	\$10,181.82

Expenses for 2001

B.

Printer's Fee	\$6,423.00
Secretary's Fee	200.00
Postage, U.P.S. Freight	518.13
Supplies, Letters Printed, Flowers	—0—
Total Expenses for 2001	\$7,141.13
Total of A	\$10,181.82
Less Total of B	7,141.13
Balance	3,040.69
Plus Interest Earned	29.68
Balance August 2, 2002	\$3,070.37
Plus money received for 2002	7,891.00
Total money on hand August 4, 2002	\$10,961.37

Money sent by the Sister churches of the Northern New Salem

Association to the Pleasant View Church in helping host the 2002 Session \$8,135.00

6. Eld. Elmer Edwards made a motion, second by Eld. Ray Hamilton to accept the treasurer's report. By the same motion Eld. Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 4,000 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. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Scott Hamilton to have obituaries of deceased members and friends of the Northern New Salem Association printed in the current minutes. They are to be typewritten and double spaced. A charge of \$15.00 for pictures is to be submitted along with obituaries to be printed.
8. The following ministers were chosen to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Saturday evening: Elders: Estill Hamilton-Union; Willis Tolliver-Philadelphia; Herman West-Union. Sunday morning: Elders: C. W. Turner, Hillard Newsome, Paris Tackitt, Roy Caudill, all of Northern New Salem.
9. On motion by Eld. Russell Hicks, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt, the report of Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the year 2001 and 2002 were asked to report Associations attended only.

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 2002 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Forest Osborne, Milton Dye, Ballard Brown, Duane Graves, Conley Daniels, Thurman Jones, Paul R. Moore, Ernest Owens, Paris Tackitt, Wayne Turner, Don Lawson, Sam Franks, Raymond Stapleton, Paul D. Matthews, Carl Ousley, Eddie Wallen, Scott Hamilton, Buford Brock, Hargis Tuttle, Ezra Thornsberry, Buddy W. Carty, Roy Caudill, Denver Meade, Paul Dye, Doug McCarty, Don Mullins, Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hillard Newsome.
 - (b) **Union** — When convened with the host churches. To be held at the Association Building, Ashcamp, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 2002 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Ballard Brown, John M. Elkins, Paris Tackitt, Carl Ousley, Scott Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Hillard Newsome, Doug McCarty, Ken Looney, Larry Newsome, Conley Daniels, Delmas Hall, Ezra Thornsberry, Buddy W. Carty, Denver Meade, Roy Caudill. Letter in the hands of Eld. Paris Tackitt.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the South Fork Church at the Association Building at Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2002 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Duane Graves, John M. Elkins, Paris Tackitt, Wayne Turner, Kilby Deel, Sam Franks, Paul D. Matthews, Larry Newsome, Buford Brock, Roy Caudill, Delmas Hall, Doug McCarty, Ezra Thornsberry, Don Mullins, Sam Franks. Letter in the hands of Eld. Sam Franks.
 - (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 2002 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John M. Elkins, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton, Sam Franks, Buddy Carty, Roy Caudill, Paris Tackitt, Delmas Hall, Arvid Blevins, Duane Graves, John Jude. Letter in the hands of Eld. Buddy W. Carty.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Old Samariah Church, Jolo, W. VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2002 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Doug McCarty, Johnnie Newsome, John Elkins. Letter in the hands of Eld. Buford Brock.

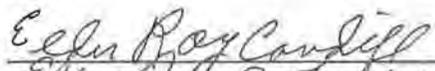
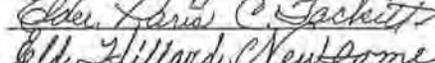
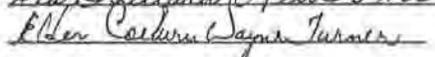
See Item #18 of Saturday's work in current minutes
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the host churches at the Association Building, Pinetop, KY. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 2002 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Duane Graves, Paul R. Moore, Wayne Turner, Don Lawson, Sam Franks, Raymond Stapleton, Scott Hamilton, Buford Brock, Roy Caudill, Buddy W. Carty, Ezra Thornsberry, Delmas Hall. Letter in the hands of Eld. Roy Caudill.
11. Eld. Lowell Mullins made a motion, second by Eld. Ishmal Hall, Jr. to grant the request of the Rose of Sharon church giving them permission to install a sound system.
12. A motion was made by Eld. Ralph Caudill, second by Eld. Larry Newsome to grant the request of the Little Angel Church requesting to build a baptizing place.
13. A motion was made by Eld. Buddy W. Carty, second by Bro. John M. Elkins to grant the request of the Little Flossie Church to have the Chaffins Cemetery Memorial printed in the current minutes under Special Memorials.
14. Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Harrison Runyon that in answer to

the request from the Maggie's Home, Macedonia, Antioch, Little Angel and Little Flock churches concerning the feasibility of finding a permanent place to hold the annual setting of the Association. The move was to have a committee appointed to look into the matter. Committee appointed: Ezra Thornsberry, Sam Franks, Paris Tackitt, C.W. Turner, Buddy W. Carty, Ray Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Harrison Runyon and Hillard Newsome.

15. Eld. Russell Hicks made a motion, second by Bro. Paul Moore to grant the request of the Little Angel Church the honor of hosting the 46th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association. Commencing on Friday before the first Saturday in August 2003 and continuing the two following days with the Little Angel Church, 5733 Saltgaber Rd., Columbus, Ohio.
16. Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Jeff Dillon in answer to the request from the Family of Love, Little Family and Little Children's Home churches concerning Eld. Stoney Blackburn baptizing a candidate into another church not of our correspondence. It was agreed to silence Bro. Blackburn for six months and to take his credentials for this period of time.
17. A motion was made by Eld. Doug McCarty, second by Eld. Scott Hamilton to answer the request from the Pleasant View Church concerning what disciplinary action should be taken when a minister takes part with denominations not of our same faith and order. We as an advisor and counselor advise our churches to adhere to the advice as given by our mother the New Salem Association, which reads as follows:
1940-Item 9: Then took up the item with reference to the query which reads as follows: Would it be out of order for our brethren to preach with preachers of other sects which are not of our same faith and order when called in funerals? We as an Advisory Council, hereby say to all our brethren to NOT preach with those of other sect or order different from ours and those who are not in full fellowship with us and of our same faith and order, in any way, in funerals nor on any other occasion, for it is our opinion to do so, would be involving ourselves in their disorders and bidding them Godspeed and being partakers of their evil deeds.
18. A motion was made by Eld. C.W. Turner, second by Eld. Buddy W. Carty to receive the Old Friendship Letter of correspondence and to send a request to them asking that they refrain from the practice of open communion in their churches. See item 6-E of Friday's work in current minutes.
19. By a secret vote of the delegates Eld. Elbert Hagerman was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. Bill Blevins is to be his alternate and Eld. Lowell Mullins is to write the Circular Letter for our 2003 Session. Eld. Russell Hicks made a motion, second by Eld. Tom VanZandt to move this item up to Item #10 of Friday's work.
20. Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt to omit reading of the current minutes.
21. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Bro. Ralph Manuel to adjourn to place and time mentioned in the 15th item of the current minutes, Saturday's work.

A closing prayer was offered by Eld. Willis Tolliver, Moderator of the Philadelphia Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

	Moderator
	Ass't. Moderator
	Clerk
	Ass't Clerk

Sabbath Morning, August 4, 2002

Not a cloud in the faraway distant blue sky, therefore the bright sunshine of an early morning appeared. Displaying its rays of warmth, causing all to wish for cooler weather.

This being the last and final day of this blessed old Association, pilgrims both young and old began to fill the sanctuary of the Pleasant View Church. Soon the echo of the singing of Zion's songs flowed like a gentle breeze among the congregation.

Services for the morning were introduced by Eld. C.W. Turner, prayer by same. Second on the stand was your unworthy servant, Eld. Hillard Newsome and third was our beloved Asst. Moderator, Eld. Paris Tackitt.

Eld. Roger Hicks of the New Salem Association was blessed to tell of the goodness of the Lord and what a joy to serve Him.

A dismissal prayer was offered by our beloved Moderator, Eld. Roy Caudill.

Words are inadequate to express to you the members and friends of the Pleasant View Church for all your kindness shown to one and all while we were in the North land. May your baskets overflow with God's goodness and may He grant unto you peace and prosperity.

To you that resided in Campers Village, as always you showed your neighborly love, and for that reason you are a special traveler. Roll on safely, put on the brakes and stop at Little Angel so once again we can share in your love.

Circular Letter by Elder Russell Hicks

Dear Brethren, Sisters and Friends:

Being chosen to write the circular letter for the 2002 Northern New Salem Association, I pray that the God of Heaven and Earth will direct my mind to write the things that are pleasing in His sight and beneficial to the reader.

I Corinthians 14:20: Brethren, be not children in understanding; howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men. II Timothy 2:15: Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. If there was ever a time that men and women need the truth it's now. The truth is the only thing that can make us free. Jesus is the truth, the way and the life. No other name given whereby we must be saved, but by Him.

Psalms 127:1: Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. Jesus said, without me you can do nothing. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Brethren, where does the wisdom of God lead us? Proverbs 8:20 and 21: I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance, and I will fill their treasures.

We are not strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundations of the apostles and prophets, Jesus being the chief cornerstone; all the building is fitly framed together for an habitation of God, through the Spirit, which will mortify the deeds that are done in the body, and resurgent dead souls to a lively Hope in Jesus, and cause you to crucify the old man and his deeds, and put on the new man which is Christ Jesus to walk in newness of life. Being purged from your sins and made alive, born again, not of a corruptible seed, but an incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and adideth forever. Where, Brethren and Sisters? In you and in me! I'm in the Father, the Father in me, saith Jesus. Behold I stand at the door and knock, if

any man will hear my voice and open the door I'll come in, I'll sup with him and he with me. He that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of Heaven, and I will write upon him my new name.

He said in His word, "I will never leave you, nor forsake thee, I will be with you always, even unto the end."

How many times have I cast my cares upon him? I love to feel him near. I am thankful that He didn't leave us comfortless. The Spirit of God will lead and guide us in the way of all truth, if we will listen and be obedient. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. He that saith, I know him and keepeth not his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. He that saith he abideth in Him, ought himself to walk, even as he walked. Let Christ be our example in all things. He searches our hearts. He knows every secret thought of our mind.

Now I beseech you Brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned and avoid them, for they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. I pray that God will give us wisdom to know how to behave ourselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. I Corinthians 1:10: Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. Christ is not divided. A house divided against itself cannot stand. We are supposed to be so close that air cannot pass between us. Let God be true and every man a liar. Watch ye, stand fast in the Faith, quit you like men, be strong and the God of all Glory will deliver us from every snare and foe. I'm glad that the Lord is my helper and I will not fear what men shall do unto me. To fear God and keep his commandments are not grievous to the children of God.

There is so much difference in God's Children and the world, as there is in day and night. If you have been chosen out of the world, you are no more of the world, and you do not love the things of the world. For if you love the world you are an enemy to God. Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not unto your house, neither bid him God-speed. If we do we are a partaker in his evil deeds.

Brethren, I believe as the scripture says, He that is sent from God will speak the words of God, and a good man's steps is ordered of the Lord, and that means woman too. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world," I go away, ye are the light of the world, let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

We have a duty to try them which say they are apostles, and are not, and publish them as liars. We need to prove all things and hold fast to that which is good. Them that sin, rebuke before all, that others may fear. Brethren, I love the church of the True and Living God. God has blessed me to live with you almost 44 years. I want to stand firm for the right things, and preach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. I desire to please him above all things. I want Heaven for a home when I leave this world, and I want to feel Him in my soul while I'm here on Earth. I want to be a good soldier to Him that called me.

I would to God, that all men everywhere would repent and be born again, but they must forsake the world. It's their choice, they cannot serve two masters.

I love you all,
Elder Russell Hicks

**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 18:13-14, Acts 13:39

ARTICLE 7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's church on Earth, and the mode is IMMERSION back foremost so as to cover all over.

Matt. 3:13-16, John 1:31-33, Romans 6-4, Eph. 4:5

ARTICLE 8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the 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, Mark 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. 2:9

RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

ARTICLE 3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall 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 without leave of the Association.

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 12. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member provided the chair be filled. And he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

ARTICLE 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the decorum shall be reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2002-2003

NOVEMBER

LITTLE MELROSE - First in November (2002). Paul Boggs, Arnold Whitaker, Johnny Bentley, Murl Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Roy Caudill, Scott Hamilton, Barry Lucas.

APRIL

ANTIOCH - First in April. Don Mullins, Willis Tolliver, Teddy Honaker, Billy Miller, Danny Belcher.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in April. Roger Hicks, Curtis Hall, Covis Tackett, Jeff Dillon, Willis Tolliver.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in April. Eddie Wallen, Earl Hill, Bill Blevins, Scott Hamilton.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in April. Richard Staten, Hobert Hamilton, Doug McCarty, Hank Forgey, Willis Tolliver, James Branham, Bill Blevins.

MAY

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in May. Clyde Lewis, Scott Hamilton, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton, Buddy Carty, Roy Caudill.

LITTLE IDA - First in May. Danny Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Hobart Justice, Willis Tolliver, Ira Adkins Jr., Danny Carty.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in May. Scott Hamilton, Chuck Hall, Buford Brock, Bill Cotton, Squire Hamilton, James Hamilton, Clyde Lewis.

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

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Third in May. Tom Vanzandt, Billy Miller, Estill Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Square Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, John B. Hamilton.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in May, 2 p.m. Saturday. Arnold Whitaker, Haston Whitaker, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton, Danny Carty, Chester Cochran.

LITTLE ELLEN - Third in May. Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Larry Newsome, Don Adkins, Hayes Chaffin, Floyd Jude.

MACEDONIA - Third in May. Garfield Thacker, Hershell Slone, Offie Bentley, Paul Coleman, Orvin May, Eddy Wallen.

MORNING STAR - Third in May. Gene Johnson, Paul Dye, Eddy Wallen, Doug McCarty, Lon Beverly

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL - First in June. Jackie Yates, Clifford Newsom, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Willis Little, Chuckie Hall, Morris Wicker.

LITTLE POLLY - Second in June. Scotty Hamilton, Tennis Sturgill, Buddy Carty.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in June. Murl Caudill, Ked Adkins, Sam Franks, Scott Hamilton, Danny Carty, Doug McCarty, Gary Blevins.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in June. Johnny Bentley, Estill Hamilton, Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Harrison Runyon, Don Mullins.

LITTLE ZION - Second in June. Larry Dixon, Paul Dye, Eddie Slone, Lonnie Staton, Moses Bentley, Ed Howell, Arvid Blevins.

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in June. Clyde Lewis, Burton Radcliff, Ted Honaker, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Doug McCarty, Garlan Deal.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in June. Clyde Lewis, Willis Tolliver, Charles Edwards, Woody Pack, C.W. Turner.

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in June. Gordon Akers, Jeff Dillon, Billy Miller, Garfield Thacker, Estill Hamilton.

MT. OLIVET - Fourth in June. Willis Little, Larry Newsome, James Watts, Clyde Lewis, Johnie Bentley, Danny Carty.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in July. Tennis Sturgill, Eddie Wallins, Chuckie Hall, Clyde Lewis, Murl Caudill.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in July. Savel Combs, Ellis Amburgey, Richard Staton, Gary Blevins, Tennis Sturgill, Estill Hamilton, Danny Carty.

AUGUST

TRUE VINE - Third in August. Jeff Dillon, Larry Newsome, Dee Osborne, Chester Cochran, Bill Cochran, Eddie Wallen.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in August. Chuckie Hall, Johnny Thornsberry, Buddy Carty, Johnny Bentley, Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Danny Adams.

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

LITTLE POLLY - Second in September. Roger Hicks, Danny Carty, Larry Newsome, Lowell Mullins.

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Hiram Adkins, James Branham, Danny Carty, Hobart Hamilton.

LITTLE RUTH - Second in July. Don Lawson, Scott Hamilton, Buddy Carty, Kenny Robinson.

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

LITTLE IDA - First in July. Estill Hamilton, Floyd Jude, Scott Hamilton, Buford Brock, Harvey Estep, Hargis Tuttle.

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

LITTLE ZION - Second in August. O.C. Holbrook, Estill Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Gene Johnson, Bill Blevins.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in August. Hobart Justice, Danny Carty, Clifford Newsome, Squire Hamilton, Scotty Hamilton, Paul Dye, moderator, assistant moderator.
MT. OLIVET - Fourth in August. Danny Adams, Jeff Dillon, Scott Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Estill Hamilton.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in June. Tennis Sturgill, Cecil Newsome, Kennis Robinson, Alex Collier.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in October, 2002. Buddy Carty, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, Willis Tolliver.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in March. Larry Newsome, Hargis Tuttle, Scotty Hamilton, Karrell Addington, Hillard Newsome, Don Mullins.

ANTIOCH - First in June. James Tackett, Roy Caudill, Raymond Gayheart, Murl Caudill.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in October (2002). Scott Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Lowell Mullins, Hobart Justice, John P. Hamilton, Ellis Holbrook, Chuckie Hall.

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

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in September, (2002) 2:00 p.m. Sat. Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Ira Adkins, Jr., Roy Caudill, Johnny Bentley.

MORNING STAR - Third in July. Larry Newsome, Earl Hill, Elbert Hagerman, Russell Hicks, Ray Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle.

LITTLE BETHEL - First in September 2003. Milton Dye, Scottie Hamilton, Danny Carty, Bill Blevins, Eddie Wallen, Hobart Justice.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in October. Phillip Mosley, Burton Radcliff, Morris Wicker, Russell Hicks, Elbert Hagerman.

MACEDONIA - Third in September, 2003. Scott Hamilton, Wayne Turner, Hershell Slone, Ellis Holbrook, Raymond Stapleton, Donald Lawson, Marvin Bryant.

TRUE VINE - Third in October. Scott Hamilton, Garfield Thacker, Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Richard Staton, Alex Collier.

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

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in June. Raymond Gayheart, Savel Combs, Larry Newsome, Alex Collier, Hargis Tuttle.

LITTLE ELLEN - Third in July. Tom VanZandt, Larry Dixon, Elbert Hagerman, Clifford Newsome.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

LITTLE FLOCK-MARCUM MEMORIAL - Fifth Sunday in June. June 29, 2003. (Location: Wilkesville, Ohio, near intersection 160 and county road 8 (Newsome Road). About three miles from the intersection.) Ministers called: Russell Hicks, Harrison Runyon, Chester Cochran, Bill Staten, Morris Wicker, Paris Tackitt, Willis Tolliver.

ROSE OF SHARON - Memorial for Chester Ray on the second weekend in November 2002 at the Rose of Sharon church in South Rockwood, Michigan. Brothers called are: Bill Blevins, Willis Little, Ralph Caudill and the Rose of Sharon brothers.

LITTLE FLOSSIE - The Chaffins Cemetery Memorial. The Sunday before Memorial Day at Four Mile, Kentucky, located between Hindman and Garrett on Route 550. Starting time is 10 a.m. Ministers called: Clyde Lewis, Chuckie Hall and all Old Regular Baptist ministers are welcome.

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 Road, Marshall, MI 49068	269-781-1218
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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 45656	740-682-6236
Elder Sam Franks	1412 Jones Rd., Vinton, OH 45686	740-388-9009
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 Staton	1111 Twp. Rd. 208, Marengo, OH 43334	419-253-5906
Elder Raymond Vanderpool	281 Citrus Dr., Davenport, FL 33837	863-242-8668
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 Hobert 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

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	260-347-8082
Elder Russell Hicks	11971 N. Angling Rd. 57, Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-854-3649
Elder Thomas N. VanZandt	11346 Wildwood Dr., Marshall, MI 49068	269-781-8191
Elder Morris Wicker	5510 E. 1150 N. 57, Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-854-9475

LITTLE ZION

Elder Rick Akers	58253 Culpepper St., 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
Elder Ray (Bobby) Adkins	227 Coulter St., B-13, Creston, OH 44217	330-435-9969

MT. OLIVET

Elder Elbert Hagerman	P. O. Box 213, Angola, IN 46703	260-665-1182
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PLEASANT VIEW

Elder Hayes Chaffins	403 S. Center St., LaGrange, OH 44050	440-355-8461
Elder Alex Collier	961 Pepperwood, Brunswick, OH 44212	330-273-3505
Elder Conley Daniels	3624 W. 114th St., Cleveland, OH 44111	216-251-0709
Elder Larry Newsome	2216 Brownhelm Sta. Rd., Vermillion, 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	8559 Pleasant Valley, Camden, OH 45311	937-787-4785
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 Fallbrook Rd., Columbus, OH 43223	614-274-7122
Elder Dee Osborne	571 Alma Omega Rd., Waverly, OH 45690	740-947-9179
Elder Forest Osborne	2744 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43207	614-492-9435
Elder Ezra Thornsberry	7623 Rt. 335, Beaver, OH 45613	740-226-1911

ANTIOCH

Elder Karrel Addington	501 Micawber, Louisville, KY 40245	502-254-5961
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 Rd., Casco, MI 48064	810-329-4368
Elder Leonard Hamilton	13187 Mortenvue Dr., Taylor, MI 48180	734-287-2249
Elder Ray Hamilton	5040 Carleton-S. Rockwood Rd., S. 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	4760 N. Ridge E., 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	317-745-9182
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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	419-687-2059

	LITTLE BETHEL	
Elder Paul Dye	Box 122, Tyro, OH 44887	419-347-5064
	FAMILY OF LOVE	
Elder Clifford Bradley	18003 SH 231, Nevada, OH 44849	740-482-2095
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 45885	419-394-5146
	MACEDONIA	
Elder Harrison Runyon	705 Runyon Ln., Nelsonville, OH 45764	740-753-1024
	TRUE VINE	
Elder Stephen Borders	770 Wooster Rd., Barberton, OH 44203	330-745-7377
Elder Kennis Robinson	2769 Clearfield Ave., Akron, OH 44314	330-848-8518
	LITTLE MELROSE	
Elder Terry Hall	713 Barefoot Rd., Wilmore, KY 40390	859-858-9127
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 Savel Combs	2555 Wahl Dr., Mansfield, OH 44903	419-774-9938
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
	LITTLE ELLEN	
Elder Lowell Mullins	1165 Oak Ridge Dr., Manteno, IL 60950	815-468-1532

**2002
DELEGATES
TO THE
NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION**

Little Rebecca	Marty Carty, Joe Gibson, Danny Carty
Maggie's Home	Duane Graves, Harold and Lester Prater
Little Polly	Danny Adams, Jeff Dillon, Randy Poe
Little Flock	Don Lawson, Paul Matthews, Sam Franks
Little Ruth	Bill Staton, Bill Smith, Adron Counts
Little Edna	Jerry Caskey, Jay Samons, Elmer Edwards
Little Ida	Mose Bentley, Ralph Caudill, Herman Belcher
Little Flossie	Tom VanZandt, Russell Hicks, Fred Jones
Little Zion	Joe Akers, Buford Conn, Gerald Akers
Little Pilgrim's Home	Jackie Hunter, Eddie Wallen, Dayrl Hall
Mt. Olivet	William B. Holbrook, Elbert Hagerman, Carl Ousley
Pleasant View	Conley Daniels, Alex Collier, Larry Newsome
Little Family	Marvin Potter, Earnie Tuttle, James Watts
Little Angel	Ezra Thornsberry, Arnold Mullins, Wilburn Nichols
Antioch	Wayne Turner, Milford Prater, Sr., Melvin Adams, Jr.
Rose of Sharon	Jay Blevins, Ralph Manuel, Ray Hamilton
Lily of the Valley	Doug Johnson, Scott and Evan Hamilton
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock, Mike Hiatt
Morning Star	Bill Blevins, Ishmal Hall, Jr., Willis Little
Little Bethel	Ernest Owens, Paul Dye, Bill Back
Family of Love	Delmas Hall, Kenny Looney, Buddy W. Carty
Macedonia	Harrison Runyon, Paul R. Moore
True Vine	Kennis Robinson, Dennis Elkins, Randy Robinson
Little Melrose	Mark Baker, Doug McCarty, John M. Elkins
Eternal Rose	Wendal and Raymond Gayheart, Hargis Tuttle
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, Charles Ramey

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	Duane Graves	.028 Bronx Corner Rd.	Ray, OH 45672	(740) 286-5281
Little Polly	Randy Poe	19535 Homer Rd.	Marshall, MI 49068	(269) 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	(260) 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
² Mt. Olivet	Carl Ousley	4991 Cooper Rd.	Leslie, MI 49251	(517) 589-8736
Pleasant View	Dennis Elkins	1461 Kenmore Blvd.	Akron, OH 44314	(330) 745-3492
Little Family	Marvin Potter	7492 Hopkins Rd.	Maineville, OH 45039	(513) 683-2492
Little Angel	Forest Osborne	2744 S. High St.	Columbus, OH 43207	(614) 492-9435
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	Dinnis Elkins	1461 Kenmore Blvd.	Akron, OH 44314	(330) 745-3492
Little Melrose	John M. Elkins	P.O. Box 1319	Interlocken, FL 32148	(386) 473-4559
Eternal Rose	Raymond Henderson	5915 CR 22	Lakeville, OH 44638	(419) 994-3031
Little Ellen	Jimmy Sowards	12612 Harold Ave.	Palos Hts., IL 60463	(708) 448-6894

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	Danny Adams	Jeff Dillen
Little Flock	Sam Franks	Don Lawson
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	Bill Staten
Little Edna	Hobert Justice	Jessie Pack
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
Mt. Olivet	Elbert Hagerman	William B. Holbrook
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome	Alex Collier
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	Steve Borders
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty	Johnnie Newsome
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle	Raymond Gayheart
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins	William B. Holbrooks

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Church	Address	City	State
Little Rebecca	Henry Road, Ph. 419-687-8838	Plymouth	Ohio
Maggie's Home		Dundas	Ohio
Mt. Zion	5874 St. Rt. 309, Ph. 419-634-1501	Ada	Ohio
Little Polly			
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
3 Mt. Olivet	M-52, 4 miles N. of	Stockbridge	Michigan
Pleasant View	Box 48, 3589 Beat Road, Ph. 330-723-5345	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	Grahn	Kentucky
True Vine	7992 Cleveland Mass Road, Ph. 330-882-6393	Clinton	Ohio
Little Melrose		Melrose	Florida
Eternal Rose	14061 Township Rd. 215	Lakesville	Ohio
Little Ellen		Alsip	Illinois

STATISTICAL TABLE

2002

CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	2	4	0	0	2	0	1	44	3-E	\$450.00	July
Maggie's Home	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	27	1-M	150.00	July
Little Polly	4	0	0	2	7	8	1	7	2-E	100.00	July
Little Flock	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	3-M	200.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	2-M	175.00	June
Little Edna	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	20	4-M	150.00	July
Little Ida	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	79	1-M	500.00	June
Little Flossie	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	29	1-E	350.00	June
Little Zion*	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	20	2-M	150.00	July
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	2-M	200.00	July
Mt. Olivet	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	14	4-M	125.00	July
Pleasant View	4	1	0	0	1	0	2	75	1-E	300.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	2:00 P.M. 2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	54	4-E	450.00	Aug.
Antioch	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	24	1-E	410.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	39	2-M	500.00	May
Lily of the Valley	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	3-E	200.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	2:00 P.M. 3-E	100.00	July
Morning Star	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	33	3-M	300.00	June
Little Bethel	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	15	1-M	175.00	July
Family of Love	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	25	2:00 P.M. 4-E	250.00	July
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	3-M	190.00	June
True Vine	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	19	3-M	100.00	Sept.
Little Melrose	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	15	1:30 P.M. 1-E	150.00	Jan.
Eternal Rose	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	17	2-E	50.00	May
Little Ellen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3-E	60.00	June
2002 Church Contributions.....										\$6,060.00	
2002 Money for Pictures.....										550.00	
Other Contributions.....										1,281.00	
Grand Total	31	11	0	2	20	18	22	704		\$7,891.00	

M — Saturday morning services
E — Saturday evening services

*Due to a clerical error in the 2001 Minutes, the total membership of the Little Zion Church was misprinted. It should of read 22 instead of 2.
Sorry. Bro. Newsome

OBITUARIES

MEMBERS

BOBBY LEE BAKER

On June 5th in Pike County, KY a special baby boy was born to Frankie Damron Baker and Ira Baker whom they named Bobby Lee Baker. He deceased this life on January 4, 2002. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Tom and Alvis, and three sisters, Spicie, Mindy, and Becky. Leaving to mourn his loss are six brothers, Elder Ruben, Anthony and Fred of Dorton, KY; Willie of Mann, WV; Franklin Dee and Mayo of Lincoln Park, MI and one sister Mazie Rose of Shelby Gap, KY.

He married Lenoris Mullins on August 17, 1951 and to this union was born two daughters: Diana Ficek and Phyllis Cantrell of McArthur, OH; and one son, Johnny Dale of Wellston, OH. He also leaves 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He leaves several nieces and nephews, one who was very special, Charles Jake Mullins, who visited his Uncle Bobby weekly. He gave so much love and support to our family when the battle became so hard. He could always get a smile from Bob. A few hours before Bob passed away, he opened his eyes, looked at me and said "love you always."



Bobby Lee Baker

When we awoke and went about our day January 29, 2001, we didn't know that from this day on our lives would be forever changed nor did we know the pain and loss that would fill our hearts. For 2 months Dad laid in the hospital fighting to live from the effects of the stroke. He didn't want Mom to leave his side, many times we would go to a quiet place and pray to just allow Daddy to come home, even for just a short time. We brought Dad home and with love Mom took care of him around the clock and we would help her as much as we could. Whenever he would smile, it was like a ray of sunshine filling our hearts. He told Mom he felt like he had to suffer now instead of the hereafter and that the Lord had forgiven him. Many times we would walk into his room and hear Mom singing to Dad, with tears softly running down his cheeks and his hand raised up toward the Heavens. In July of 2001, we watched as they pushed Dad's wheelchair to the edge of the water, preparing to carry him into the lake to baptize him, but with their support Daddy walked into that lake and when they brought him up out of the water his face glowed. This is the picture of Daddy that I hold dear in my heart. Daddy grew weaker and had several smaller strokes. About the only time Mom would leave Dad was to go to church at Maggie's Home. Even though Dad's speech was slurred and very limited, when Mom began to get ready to go to church he made it known that he was going also and for as long as it was possible to take him, we would lift him into the car so he could go to church. He would smile from ear to ear. After church he would come home and try to tell us about who preached. On January 4, 2002 we held Daddy in our arms for the last time, for in the stillness of the night Heaven's Angels came and ended the suffering. Although, there's not a day goes by that we don't miss Dad or wish we could see the sparkle in his eyes or feel the protective love of his arms around us we know he is in a far better place than here.

Written by a broken-hearted wife and daughter, Sister Lenoris Baker and Diana (Baker) Ficek

*This world however beautiful was never meant to be
The place that we would call our home for all eternity
And though we would not choose to leave,
a loving God knows best,
And in His time He lifts us to a place of peace and rest,
For He has built a mansion,
where His children will abide.
Free from pain and sorrow forever at His side.*

*He said He'd never leave us to face our trials alone,
And though sometimes we fail Him,
He never fails His own.
Someday we hope to be together in our Father's love,
For at life's last ending when the weary long for peace
Death is the gift of God that brings
the blessing to release.*

JOHN SHERMAN POWERS

With many thoughts and loving memories I will try to write an obituary of my husband, John Sherman Powers.

Born October 28, 1915 in Magoffin County, Kentucky, he was the son of William (Willie) Robert and Della (Bays) Powers, both preceding him in death. Three sisters and two brothers also preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters: Junie Kay Salisbury (husband Gerry Salisbury) of Beaver, Ohio; a stepdaughter: Lana Jean (Triplett) Peters (husband, Larry Peters) of Ypsilanti, Michigan. Three step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren whom he loved very much.

We were married on October 12, 1951. Lana's father died from heart failure when she was almost five years old. John was a wonderful loving stepfather, father, grandfather and special husband. He too had heart failure ending a long illness.

I believe God said come on home on October 9, 2000. John loved the church but never attached himself. However, I believe with all of my heart he was in God's church. He told our daughters and me he had made preparations for his soul some time ago. This was in 1994. He read and studied his bible. We had many good conversations about the Lord.

Visiting with family and friends and helping in sickness and health was a lifelong fulfilled commitment. His passing has left an irreplaceable void in our hearts and lives. We can thank God for precious memories.

Written by his wife, Pearl (Sowards) Powers



John Sherman Powers

VERDA TACKETT

With loving memories and a sad heart I write this obituary to honor my grandma, Verde Tackett, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, who passed away on November 11, 2001.

Grandma was born on January 8, 1921 to Sylvester and Mary Mullins of Weeksbury, Kentucky. On April 7, 1941 she married Estil Tackett. They were married for 60 years and had two children: Okie and Gwendolyn Kay.

Preceding her in death were sisters: Birdie, June, and Dixie; brothers: Arnold and Orville. Surviving family members are husband: Estil; son: Okie; daughter: Gwendolyn Kay; daughter-in-law: Virginia; sister: Madge; four grandchildren: Tracie (Chris), James (Peggy), Kimberly (Larry), Lance (Niki); and three great-grandchildren: Jordan, Larry, and Josh.

Grandma was the most giving, caring, and unselfish person we could ever know. Her greatest joys were her family, helping others, and attending services at Little Ida Church on Sundays. When anyone had a question they always looked to Grandma for the answer. She was a wonderful teacher, who led by example. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and all that knew her. We find comfort in knowing that she is still taking care of us from heaven. But, there isn't a day goes by that we don't think of her and wish she could be here with us. However, we do know that she is in a far better place and no longer struggles and for that we are grateful.

Three more precious great-grandchildren will be born in 2002. Unfortunately, Grandma is not here to share in our joy. But, I do believe that my baby and the others will have a very special angel looking out for them. That angel is my grandmother who will live in my heart forever.

Written by her granddaughter, Tracie Wellman on behalf of the family



Verda Tackett

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JAMES ELKINS

It is with a sad and broken heart, we will try to write the obituary of our loving brother James (Jim) Elkins, born September 22, 1924. Departed this life May 28, 2002.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie Cassidy whom he was married to for 45 years, also preceding him in death, his Father, Mother, seven brothers, four sisters whom he talked about quite often.

He was a employee for Ford Motor Company for 24 years. Never complained about his job.

He also served his country in the Navy and Armed Forces for 15 years. Being captured and missing in action, but the Lord brought him back for he had another job for him.

He became a servant for the Loving Master, July 16, 1972. He was a preacher, and he loved to sing and talk to sinners while on his way home to that beautiful mansion he now lives in. We will see you some day brother when there will be no telephone calls on Sunday, but together with the rest of the family forever.

Written by his broken-hearted sisters



James Elkins

JANICE LEE ELKINS

Janice Lee (Robinson) Elkins was born May 13, 1944 to Hobert Garrett and Lina (Wright) Robinson at Dorton, Kentucky, in Pike County. God called her home October 16, 2001, making her stay on earth, 57 years and 5 months.

She married John Morgan Elkins December 29, 1962, and to this union was born 4 sons who survive: Gregory Allen (wife-Kim) of Lexington, Tennessee; Jeffrey Shane (wife-Angie) of Lloyd, KY; John Morgan, Jr. (wife-Melinda) of Wurtland, KY; and Mark Anthony (wife-Angie) of Greenup, KY. Janice had 9 grandchildren, who she loved very much: Matthew Clark, John Gregory, Allison Morgan, Ryan Shane, Janna Lynn, Chad Wesley, Adam Garrett, Olivia Grace, and Mark Anthony, II. She is also survived by 7 brothers: John Henry, Swanson, Walter, Shird, Virgil, Roby, and Roland, and 6 sisters: Pluma Hamilton, Yvonne Damron, Carol Tackett, Donna Dennison, Janet Newsome, and Pam Newsome and a host of relatives and friends. In addition to her Dad and Mother, she was preceded in death by 2 sisters: Alka Hamilton and Mary Lou Manson.



Janice Lee Elkins

Janice was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. She was loved by all who knew her. Her home was always open to us all. We imposed for many years for family reunions and get-togethers. It was not unusual for 30 or 40 children to be roaming through her house. For many years, she cooked for and kept the brothers, sisters and friends from the church when they came to Florida or to Kentucky. She made everyone feel welcome. She was a mother and friend to many in the neighborhood and treated them all with love and kindness.

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Janice joined the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church of the Philadelphia Association and was baptized on the third weekend in October, 2000. Those who knew her well, believe God added her to His Church a long time before that, because of the life she lived before us, but she made it manifest to the whole world when she put her light on the candlestick to answer a good conscience to God.

Janice worked at the CSX car shops in Raceland, KY, for 14 years while still maintaining her place as a full time wife and mother.

Janice started feeling sick in the Fall of 1998. The doctors discovered ovarian cancer the week after Thanksgiving. After surgery, Janice had the first series of treatments, which caused her to lose her beautiful hair, and although it broke her heart, it didn't break her spirit or her faith in God. Her hair came back, but when the cancer flared up again, the second series of treatments caused her hair to fall out again. She never wore a wig, but continued to go to wherever she wanted, unashamed. Her beautiful smile, and the special person she was, continued to shine through the pain of the cruel disease. She bore her pain with patience, fought the good fight, and now she rests in the joys of our Lord.

Family and friends, if you want to go where Janice has gone, fall out with sin and close in on the offered mercies of Jesus Christ. Heaven is worth it all.

Written by her brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

TILDA MAY NEWSOM FRANTZ

Sister Tilda May Newsom Frantz of Clyde, Ohio was born in Knott County, Kentucky on February 20, 1915. She passed away on December 27, 2000 at Saint Francis Nursing Home in Green Springs, Ohio.

She joined the Little Bethel Church in Green Springs, Ohio on May 3, 1997.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Morgan Newsom in 1957 and her second in 1985. She is survived by two sons: Jim D. Newsom and Jack Newsom both of North Carolina; two stepchildren: Ernie Newsom of Clyde, Ohio; and Cheryl Newsom of Kentucky.

She is sadly missed by all who knew her.

Written by her brother and sister in Christ,
Brother Ernest Owens and Sister Floria Owens

ESTELLE ROSE HALL

As I start to write my obituary, first of all, I want to thank my God for letting me feel like I am on the mountain this morning as I write this. Oh, how good I feel in my soul! I pray to my God that He will give me a mind of what to say.

I was born to Isaac Rose and Susan Bentley Rose on August 7, 1925 at Neon Junction in Kentucky.

I believe "The Good Lord" gave me a mind to call me into the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ and when I asked Him to show me where to go, and after several weeks of going up to my little room where we lived on Kentucky River, on Webb Branch to pray, I joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at age 14. I felt that all my sins were truly forgiven. They had Sunday night meeting there, at the Little Rock Church at Kona, Kentucky. I joined. I shall never forget it as long as the Good Lord let me keep my mind of how good I felt in my soul that night. I was up on the stand telling my experience and I could not remember going up on the stand. It was the 30th day of June 1940. I was baptized by Brother Elbert Bentley, daddy to Sister Callie Tolliver, a great old family to know.

In order to cut this short, at an early age I met and married Urias Hall, which is now in the old church with me. Thank the Good Lord, I had prayed for so long for him. The Good Lord blessed us with four children, one of which has come to the Lord, Evelyn, and I have begged to the Good Lord, to let the other three come some day where we will all be together, where pain and troubles can never come no more. I believe that I will be with my other loved ones that have gone before. Our oldest daughter is Glenda. Next is Elizabeth, then Evelyn and Buster. We have six grandchildren: Robbie Stevens, Theresa Hicks-Evans, Kellie Reichelderfer-Woodard, Brian Wayne Hicks, Tiffany Reichelderfer-Faulkner and the baby, Amanda Nicole Hall. We have three great-grandchil-



Estelle Rose Hall

dren: Ty Woodard, Evan Faulkner and Madeline Stevens; and one special sister, Alma Cassinelli, of whom we were so close.

I also wanted to mention my good Auntie, Mrs. Bertha Collier, who was so good to my sister and me. I could not lay my hand on the one I loved best — her or Daddy. Oh, how she would sing and shout! She and Daddy came from that good family dating back many years ago from their mother, Jaley Rose, to whom she gave the whole family such good advice and her works follow her yet. The Good Lord let her teach her children well.

So dear Friends, brothers and sisters, my wonderful little family whom I love so much, but most of all, my precious children and their Daddy whom I love so much and hope the Good Lord will let us all meet in Heaven where troubles will be no more.

Your Unworthy Sister, Estelle Rose Hall

VERA LOUISE HALL

I am writing the obituary of a loving wife, mother and grandmother, Vera Louise Smith Hall, born on April 10, 1934 in Jonancy, Kentucky to the late Sid & Lizzie Smith.

On August 10, 1954, Vera married Lloyd Hall, in Lebanon, Virginia. To this union 5 children were born. Jerry Lynn Hall—deceased; Judy Carol (Avery) Wicker of Brownsville, Kentucky; Sheila Deane Hall at home; Lloyd Timothy (Ellen) Hall of Marion, Ohio; Johna Louise (Ben) Sturgill of Ada, Ohio. 5 grandchildren: Kristina Sturgill, Adam Michael Sturgill, Jeffery Scott Hall, Robert Anthony Hall, Keith Edward Hall. One brother: John Kermit Smith of Tipp City, Ohio.

She is survived by her husband, Lloyd; 4 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 brother, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers, 1 sister, 1 son.

She was a member of the Family of Love Church. She joined the church in April 1965. She became ill with parkinsons and diabetes about 10 years ago. She will be missed by her family and friends. We, her family loved her more than life itself. She left us with a lot of memories, especially her grandchildren. She died August 27, 2001 in Marion General Hospital at 11:10 A.M. after a long illness.

Written by her Loving Family



Vera Louise Hall

MINNIE GOOD

In the early morning hours of July 25, 2002, God called our mom to be with Him in heaven.

She was the second oldest of 12 children born to Duran and Frankie Anderson. She was born November 13, 1903. She married Freeman Good November 1926 and to this union they were blessed to have 7 children: 4 boys and 3 girls. Dad passed away February 4, 1960; Paul Dean on June 5, 1980; Alice Phillips in December of 2000. Survivors are: Bobby Eugene Good, Anna Lee Little, Charlene Rockfield, Jerry Leo Good and Gary Reed Good.

Dad was a coal miner in Eastern Kentucky and worked very hard to raise his family. Mom was a homemaker. She took care of the kids and raised gardens, canned all of our food to eat, quilted, and made most of our clothes to wear.

Mom joined the Enterprise Church and was baptized in November 1948. She brought her let-



Minnie Good

ter to Little Angel Church on April 1, 1979 and was a faithful member. She loved going to church and she always took some of the kids. She filled her seat as much as possible. Mom and I traveled around to different Associations and churches. Everyone knew her by her beautiful smile.

She leaves a host of Brothers and Sisters in the Church and lots of friends and most of all the remaining children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

I know she is not suffering now, she has gone to a beautiful city called Heaven. I hope to meet her there someday.

Written by her broken-hearted daughter and a Sister in the Lord, Sister Charlene Rockfield

ELDER BR. RICH GRIFFIN

Br. Rich was born Dec. 18, 1913 in Stone Coal, Kentucky to Harrison and Sally Griffith. The Lord called him out of this world of sorrow on June 8, 2002, making his stay upon this earth a blessed 88 years. He gave his hand in fellowship to the Stone Coal Church on Aug. 13, 1938 making his years of doing the Lord's work 64 years.

Saying I'm just like Paul he made the church wait 14 years before he would let them ordain him. He was blessed of the Lord to moderate 3 churches at the same time and was asked to do even more but of course that was impossible. He was also blessed to wed 3 different times. His first wife Vada Griffith gave him a son, Br. Rayful Griffith, and 2 daughters: Magaline and Phylis, all three of whom preceded him in death. Vada died at an early age, date unknown. His second



Elder Br. Rich Griffin

wife, Oma Conley Griffith gave him 8 sons and 3 daughters: Nadine Castle, Dave, Faye VanZandt, Arnold, Bobby, Jerry, Barb Pritchard, Henry and Larry. Two sons preceded him in death: James and Randall. Oma passed away on Sept. 21, 1988. He is survived by his third wife, Sister Polly Poe Griffith. Br. Rich had 3 brothers and 5 sisters: Dolly, Mitchell, Willie, Mary and Marth, all preceded him in death. Surviving are 2 sisters, Sada, Sara, and a brother Saul. He is also survived by grandchildren and great-grandchildren too numerous to list.

Br. Rich always said tell them about JESUS not about me, but the light that he left us causes us to have a desire in our hearts to tell what is in our hearts. Br. Rich was a good husband, daddy, grampa and brother. But more than that he was a good friend to everyone he met. If he had a dime in his pocket he would give it away if it was to help someone, he said it was pleasing to GOD. If you treated him badly he would pray for you. He said GOD told him it was the right thing to do. He had very little of man's education, but had faith to believe that the GREAT I AM would teach him everything that he needed in this life. He could not write his own name until he was 21 years old, but once a week we would gather at his home and listen while he read the Bible in the Spirit. It was a sound so beautiful it would bring tears to our eyes. He walked through this land with a smile on his face and an old time song in his heart, always looking up and saying I'm the happiest man that ever marked this earth. We already miss that little sound that he made when the meeting was good. We already miss his very presence upon this earth, GOD'S footstool. But there is not one of his children that would wish him back in this land of suffering and sorrow even if it were possible. Children and friends I could tell you that if you want to see Br. Rich again you better get ready for heaven. But Br. Rich would say "I got the book on er son, you better repent if you want to see JESUS."

This was put to paper by his son-in-law, Elder Tom VanZandt. But the information and the words and feeling came from his son, Dave Griffith and his daughter Sister Faye VanZandt. We hope that these are an example of the feelings had by anyone that was to have known Elder Rich Griffith.

IFELO JOHNSON HAMPTON

Ifelo Johnson Hampton age 65 of Marion, Ohio, passed away Friday, May 3, 2002 at Marion General Hospital after an extended illness.

Mom was born May 2, 1937 in Virgie, Kentucky to Hobert and Hester Johnson. On October 12, 1964 in Clintwood, Virginia, mom married Gomer B. Hampton, who survives in Marion, Ohio. To this union were born John Hampton, Elmer Hampton, and Delmar Hampton all of Marion. One daughter, Connie Shuster also of Marion. Four brothers: Vernon Johnson, Berlin Johnson, Ples Johnson and Michael Johnson all of Virgie, Kentucky. Three sisters: Bernie Hall and Annalou Fleming both of Virgie, Kentucky, and Fern Irene Justice of Cooncreek, Kentucky.



Ifelo Johnson Hampton

Mom was preceded in death by three brothers: Danny Johnson, Rodney Johnson, and Darryl Johnson all of Virgie, Kentucky; and one sister: Flossie Johnson of Virgie, Kentucky.

Mom also leaves to mourn her death 11 grandchildren: Shawn Kyle Hampton, Stacy Nicole Hampton, Shay René Banks, Brittany Elizabeth Hampton, Sarah Elizabeth Banks, Jonathan Michael Hampton, Gregory Cecil Hampton, Heather Elizabeth Hampton, Shelby Lynn Hampton, Alex Allan Hampton, and Mason Levi Hampton.

Mom was a homemaker and devoted wife. She was loved by everyone who knew her.

Mom became a member of the Family of Love Old Regular Baptist Church in Wyandot, Ohio. She was baptized by Elder Buddy Carty and Elder Doniel Gibson on April 24, 1983.

Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and Friend who will be greatly missed.

Another child of God has gone to rest in the Paradise of God. She is experiencing what all of God's children is longing for. We can't even imagine in nature what it must be like, but in the spirit I'm sure she got a taste along life's journey from time to time, that kept her pressing on for this day.

She was such a loving little sister. She always had a smile and a hug for us. Maybe in the eyes of man she was not looked upon as anyone great, but in God's eyes she was precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Sister Ifelo was a quiet person. She never said very much, but the smile on her face that meek spirit said it all.

Sister Ifelo suffered a lot in the last year, but thank God we feel she is at rest, for she chose the good part, which is Jesus, that will never be taken away.

Job summed it up in this manner: John 14: "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down, he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not."

Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass; for there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof way old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground.

Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like plants. So man lieth down, and risenth not; till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of his sleep.

If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come.

Thou shall call and I will answer thee; thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

Written by Family and Brother Buddy & Sister Carlene who loved her very much.

WHAT IS A MOTHER?

*A Mother is someone, who always is around,
Someone who listens you've found.
A Mother lets you shed the tears
She gives you her shoulder through the years*

*A Mother tells you of a life above
Someone who gives you all of her love.
We love you Mom, you were our guiding light,
Thank you for making our world so Bright.*

JOHNNY HENDERSON

With help from the Lord we will try to write an obituary for our Daddy.

On July 6, 2002 a host of angels came for Daddy and carried him home. Daddy was born Aug. 23, 1941 in Floyd County, KY to Ben and Dona (Akers) Henderson and was united in marriage to Barbara Gayheart on Dec. 31, 1960 in Martin, KY. One infant son, Tracey preceded him in death.

Surviving is our Mommy, Barbara. Also sons: Marty, Raymond, Reggie, Craig, Neal, Jason; and one daughter: Mona. Twenty-one grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, and many nephews and nieces.

Daddy received the gift of salvation on Nov. 3, 1991 at the late Elder Wrie Tuttle's home. He was baptized into the Pleasant View Church in Litchfield, Ohio on Dec. 8, 1991 by Elder Larry Newsome, Elder Raymond Gayheart, and Elder Stoney Blackburn. He then came with arm to establish the Eternal Rose Church of Nashville, Ohio in 1998. Daddy was ordained as a deacon in the Eternal Rose Church on Aug. 12, 2000. He was also borrowed as a deacon for the True Vine Church in Clinton, Ohio.

The right words are hard to find to tell about Daddy. He was a hard working man all his life. He was a coal miner, silo builder, a welder, and a driller on the oil rigs. Daddy was also a carpenter. All we have to do is take a little drive in any direction and we can see a home Daddy worked on, a silo he built, a church he built or worked on. But most of all you can see hearts that Daddy touched. If you knew Daddy you knew that he loved you, and he was a true friend.

Some say Daddy didn't talk a lot, but those that knew him knew that he spoke from the heart with grace and understanding. All you had to do was take the time to listen. In the last few years Daddy's knees and shoulder were giving him a lot of pain, but it never stopped Daddy from helping anyone that asked. Even if a few hours of work would mean days of pain, Daddy was there.

In the book of Luke, Chapter 11, Verse 33 says: *"No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light"*. Daddy could do this with a hug and a simple "I love you" and you could feel the love he had for you and the Lord. Another thing Daddy tried to do was to get lots of people to come to church. Some of them he had asked for years to come and he always said he would like to see the church so full that they would have to "pack in chairs". Well, Daddy you should have seen your church on the day of your funeral. A lot of your wishes came true.

Daddy was known as Brother Johnny, Johnny, Daddy and Papaw, but most of all as a true friend. We are gonna miss you!!!

Written by Sister Barb, sons and daughter



Johnny Henderson

ROWENA HARVEY

Rowena Harvey, 67, 6759 N. Twp. Rd. 190, Green Springs, Ohio, died Wednesday, October 3, 2001, in her residence following a lengthy illness

She was born July 7, 1934, in Tommyhawk, Kentucky, and was the daughter of Orvel and Rosetta Penix Goble. She was married to the Reverend Frank "Ben" Harvey, who preceded her in death.

She was a nurse's aide and had worked at Elmwood Center and St. Francis Health Care Center, both in Green Springs.

She was a member of the Little Bethel Church of the Old Regular Baptist Faith.



Rowena Harvey

She is survived by four sons: Morris F. Harvey, Clyde, Ohio; Herbert Dale Harvey, Tumwater, Washington; Zachery Harvey, Texas; and Ben J. Harvey, Green Springs; two daughters: Rosella "Sis" Shuman-Cooper, Green Springs; and Teresa A. Wyse, Shelton, Washington; 17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three brothers: Clifton Goble, Clyde; William Goble, Akron, Ohio; and James Goble, Inez, Kentucky; one sister: Doris Ann Mead, New London, Ohio.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, and son-in-law, Chuck Shuman.

Burial was in Butternut Ridge Cemetery, Green Springs.

She is sadly missed by all who knew her.

Written by her broken-hearted family

LUCY HALL HICKS

On October 14, 1927, the home of Elijah and Lona Caudill was brightened as Lucy was born, the fifth of twelve children. At the age of 18, she met a young man by the name of Freeman Hicks. They were united in marriage on June 1, 1946, and spent 34 years together as husband and wife. Freeman preceded her in death 20 years ago. She remained a true Christian widow all those years. She departed this life on September 8, 2000, making her stay on earth, 72 years, 10 months, and 25 days.

Two daughters, Josephine Meinke, and Rose Marie Smith, as well as three grandchildren: Candy Lee Meinke, William Estill Newhouse, Jr., and Francine Mae Smith, preceded her in death. One daughter: Emma Jean Peppers, and three sons: Blaine, Duane and Carl Lee Hicks, remain to mourn her passing. Five brothers: Jonah, Lawrence, Clarence, Russell and Freddie Hall; six sisters: Ocie Smith, Socie Osborne, Daisy Hicks, Norma Bergeron, Joann Collins and Nadean Thornsberry. She also leaves a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, neighbors, friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ, whose lives will not be the same without her.

In 1965, she joined the Rose of Sharon Church of the Old Regular Baptist in South Rockwood, Michigan, and was the first to be baptized in that church. She had two earthly homes; one in Michigan, where she spent her winter months so she could be with her children; one in Kentucky, where she could attend our family reunion and be near sisters, brothers, and friends. She attended church regularly in both states.

Next to church, family and friends, she enjoyed her daily visits to the Senior Citizens Center. She would beam with joy when telling about working jigsaw puzzles, doing things and going places with those friends. Her last day on earth was spent with the Senior Citizens at the Gingerbread Festival. Even though she arose that morning with a sore throat and just sat most of the day because she didn't feel good, she still chose to be with her friends. She loved and respected everyone connected with the Center.

Lucy never saw a stranger and greeted everyone with a beautiful smile and usually a big hug. She was so understanding and wise. Many evenings would find her on her porch in her swing, to talk or sing Old Regular Baptist songs. We could stop and listen for awhile, before going on home.

She had quite a few health problems, but she was very humble and suffered without complaining. We realize that she encountered many health problems and heartaches in this world; but we believe, that our loss is Heaven's gain. She believed in prayer and would often tell of great things the Lord had done for her. She prayed for her family and friends, also. She died as she lived, a Christian! The night Lucy left us, God sent an Angel to pick Lucy, a rose from among life's beautiful flowers! We love her and miss her very much!



Lucy Hall Hicks

Written by her loving family

ARIZONA KELLY (ZONI)

*When time shall come for my leaving, And I'll bid you all adieu,
Don't spend your money for flowers, Just one rose will do.*

It is with a sad and broken heart that I will write my beloved aunt Zoni's obituary.

Zoni was born on April 27, 1933 in Pike County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Hi and Virgie (Hall) Robinson. Zoni was preceded in death by her husband William (Booker) Kelly on May 10, 1980. She leaves behind to mourn her absence 3 sons and 4 daughters: Larry and Gary Harris of Mount Sterling, Kentucky; Barbara Reifsnider of Wyandotte, Michigan; Bernice Trivette of Ecorse, Michigan; Faye Kelly of River Rouge, Michigan; Carrie Bear of Olive Hill, Kentucky; and Bill Kelly of Kodak, Tennessee. She leaves behind 21 grandchildren as well as 12 great-grandchildren. She leaves 1 sister, Myra Johnson of Huntington, Indiana; one brother, Walter Robinson of Bells, Tennessee; and a host of nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were 7 brothers: Russell, Lafey, Johnny, Thomas, Kenis, Sid, and Arthur.

She joined the Little Ida Church of Ecorse in 1960. She often told us a story of how they broke the ice for her baptismal but never felt the chill. She remained a faithful member of the church until Jesus sent an angel down from heaven, to take her home. Sitting on her bed in February, she told her family Jesus had showed her the heavens and "it was Oh! So! Beautiful". She was ready for Jesus to take her home. She said she wanted her children to follow in her footsteps, so that one day we could meet one another again. Her passing has left a large void in the lives of her family and friends.

She is in heaven with Jesus but she will never be forgotten here on earth.

Written with love, her niece Glenda Hall



Arizona Kelly

VIVIAN ANDERSON GIBSON LITTLE

Vivian Anderson Gibson Little of Turkey Pen Road, Virgie, Kentucky, was born November 1, 1924 on Anderson Fork of Indian Creek at Wales, in Pike County, Kentucky. She was the youngest of twelve children born to Frankie and Duran Anderson. She was a homemaker and attended the Enterprise Old Regular Baptist Church. Vivian passed from this life on April 20, 2001 in the Hospice Care Center at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky.

Vivian was preceded in death by her mother and father, her first husband, Joe Gibson; her second husband, Millard Little; one infant son, Steven Gale Gibson; five sisters: Mae Little, Lil Johnson, Rose Sellers, Anzie Johnson, and Lexie Caudill; and one brother, Minus Anderson.

Vivian is survived by one son, Rodney Gibson; her daughter-in-law, Doris; one grandson, Chad; one granddaughter, Kristi, all of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. Five sisters: Hazel Greer of Taylor, Michigan; Sybil Little of Virgie, Kentucky; Cleo Prater of Beaverton, Michigan; Flora Casebolt of Newark, Ohio; Minnie Goode of Columbus, Ohio; and many, many nieces and nephews.

Services were held April 23 at the Enterprise Old Regular Baptist Church on Indian Creek with Monroe Jones and James Tackett officiating. Pallbearers were Chad Gibson, Lloyd Little, Mike Little, Carl Novak, Michael Prater, Johnny Caudill, Paul Little, Jimmy Casebolt, and Jerry Goode. Burial was in the Anderson Family Cemetery at the homeplace on Turkey Pen Road. R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home in Virgie, Kentucky was in charge of the arrangements.



Vivian Anderson Gibson Little

LONA (ELLIOTT) MARTIN

With a sad and broken heart, we'll try with the help of Our Lord, to write the obituary of our dear loved one, Lona (Elliott) Martin.

Lona was born August 31, 1918 to the late Francis "Bud" and Darkie (Alley) Elliott. She passed away July 26, 2002 at the Cambridge House Nursing Facility in Warsaw, Indiana, at the age of 83 years. Those who preceded her in death, besides her parents, are her husband, Vernon C. Martin, whom she married March 12, 1954. Her brothers: Curt, Hurshel, Wm. Edward "Bill", Mines, John, James "Jim" and Roy Elliott; and sisters: Mary Lambert, Kansas Johnson and Frankie Mitchell.



Lona (Elliott) Martin

Left to mourn her loss is her daughter, Katherine (Martin) Case, son-in-law, Danny, and grandson, Jeremy Case of Warsaw, Indiana.

Brothers: Andrew (and wife, Lee) of Eustis, Florida; and Francis "Jr." (and wife, Shirleen) of McDowell, Kentucky; sisters: Leona Mitchell (and husband, John Wm.); and Lucy Schmittou, of Lincoln Park, Michigan; Oma Moore of Taylor, Michigan; and Hazel Nickels (and husband, John) of Punta Gorda, Florida; plus many other friends, family and loved ones who will miss her dearly.

Each spring as the flowers bloom, I will think of you, your kind and gentle face and that so sweet smile you gave. Lona was such a caring person. She had nothing but kind words to say to one and all. Lona joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on September 7, 1968 at the Little Rosa Church and she served a faithful member through the rest of her life.

Katherine, you lost the best friend here on earth that one could ever have when Mom left to go be with Jesus, but there's one thing for sure, you can go where Mom is. God has made it possible for all of us to go live with him in heaven where there is no pain, suffering or sorrow over there. Just give your heart to Jesus and he'll never guide your wrong.

Lona is one more beautiful flower that our Lord picked for his bouquet. God Bless you all today and always.

With Love, Sis. Karen Elliott

(MARJORIE) BERTHA MCCANN

Psalms 33:20-21: Our soul waiteth for the Lord; he is our help and our shield; For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

By the request of the family and with God's guidance, we will try to write this obituary of our Sister in Christ, (Marjorie) Bertha McCann.

God sent an angel down to get one of His children, and Bertha answered the call on December 1, 2001, making her stay here on earth 88 years and 11 months. Her soul was taken back to the Giver to her eternal rest free from the pain and suffering of this life.

She was born one of 11 children on December 31, 1913 to Harve and Nancy Emaline (Johnson) Casebolt of Robinson Creek, Pike County, Kentucky. Father, mother, five brothers (Allard, Abel, Dr. Solomon Burton, Willis, and William Jackson); five sisters (Malinda Pearl, Cardelia Mae, Eliveria, and Lula Elizabeth); and two sons (Paul Ronald and Carl Bernard) preceded her in death.



(Marjorie) Bertha McCann

Left to mourn a great loss are two sons: William Michael and Frank Howard; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great grandchild, as well as a host of friends and her church.

In her young days, she met Paul Brafford. They were married on August 18, 1932, and to this union God granted four sons: Paul Ronald, William Michael, Frank Howard, and Carl Bernard.

Later in life, Bertha married again to Jack McCann on June 11, 1963. They had no children. They came to Michigan in 1974. Thereafter, Jack suffered a stroke, and Bertha took such tender care of Jack until his passing.

Bertha found peace in the Lord, repented and was baptized in 1975 at the Little Ida Church. She lived out her life as a faithful member until her death. She came to church when she would be so ill and in pain with her illnesses. Children at church knew her as "Grandma Bertha." She always had treats in her purse for them. She would tell us that in the night she would hear the voice of Ronnie call her name to come to be with him. Precious memories of a mother can be spent over and over.

We know Frank, Michael, and all of the family will greatly miss her presence and all the love she gave so freely. No one can take away the loving memory and love of a dear mother. God gave you her love and caring for many years. Now she is in a far better land resting from her labor. You can see her again. Let her God be your Saviour and you will be united in a beautiful land called Heaven where peace and love abound in that city.

Written by your unworthy servants, Elder Ralph and Sister Leona Caudill

LONNIE MOUNTS

In loving memory and with much sadness, we will try to write the obituary of a loving husband and a wonderful dad, Lonnie Mounts.

Daddy passed away after a short illness on Thursday, July 25, 2002 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital at the age of 96 years. He was born on July 4, 1906, a son of the late John and Anna Mounts.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister. He is survived by a loving wife of 55 years, Lillie Mounts; three sons: Dennis Mounts of Lafollette, Tenn.; James Mounts of Cumberland, Tenn.; Carlos Mounts of Taylor, Mich.; three daughters: Retha Matney of Hurley, VA; Linda Fields of Island Creek, KY; Audrey Bentley of Wyandotte, Mich; 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



Lonnie Mounts

Daddy had a good sense of humor and he loved to joke and kid around. Kids loved and remembered him for his laughter and for the many little funny things that he said. He would keep his pockets filled with suckers because he loved to give them out to little children wherever he met them and to the patients in the nursing home when he would go to visit mother.

Linda, I know you helped Daddy to have and to enjoy many hours of contentment, joy, and happiness by taking him to the nursing home everyday to spent time with mother.

Daddy always looked forward to seeing the weekends come so he could go to church. That was what he enjoyed the most. It was his life. I know God will bless Sarah, and you Linda, for being so good to take Daddy to church with you.

Daddy was a good and faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist church for 60 years. His membership was at the Frozen Creek church in the Old Union Association. He will be deeply missed by one and all who knew him. He loved to sing the beautiful songs of Zion and God sweetly blessed him and Mother with that great and wonderful gift. He would sit and spend many hours reading his bible. Sleep on for a little while Daddy, we will meet you again in that "Heavenly Home that is bright and fair".

Written by daughters, Linda and Audrey, and Son-in-law, Johnie Bentley

VONDA LEE MULLINS

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my mother, Vonda Lee Mullins of Ecorse, Michigan. She was born in Dorton, KY on August 17, 1939, and passed her life away on Sept. 15, 2001, making her stay on earth 62 years and 29 days.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Willie Mullins of 27 years, 3 months, and 27 days; her parents, Virgie (Roberts) Harris, and Greenberry Harris; and one sister, Mable Woods. She is survived by her 7 natural children: Pamela Faye Mullins (Cumper), Charles Greenberry Mullins, Georgette Vee Gondnokoy, (Paulitch), Peggy Rose Gondnokoy (Rich), Della Ann Mullins (Shopp), Bennie Lee Mullins, Mary Jane Mullins (Shockley). Five stepchildren: James Allen Mullins, David Russel Mullins, Dale Wilburn Mullins, Willie



Vonda Lee Mullins

James Mullins, Kathy Mastren (Gills). Four adopted children: Willie Martin Gondnokoy, Ronald Scott Gondnokoy, Stephanie Lynn Gondnokoy and Richard Lee Crawford Jr.; 27 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. 9 sisters: Mary, of Myra, KY; Ethel of Norton, Virginia; Ruth and Tammy Sue of Jenkins, KY; Julie, Nora Gay, Hester Faye and Anna all of Ecorse, MI; Avanelle of Westland, MI; and 1 brother, Mack Arthur of Ecorse, MI; and a host of family and friends to mourn her.

Mom I want to say this one thing to you. We all love you from the bottom of our hearts. And we will never forget you, as long as we live, and maybe one day God will let us all see you and dad in your new home in Heaven. Please remember, WE ALL LOVE AND MISS YOU MOM.

Written by your daughter, Della

ELDER BART POTTER

God gives us one life, physical life, to live! We all make decisions along the way what we do and how we live it! For all of us who knew Bart, Dad, Husband, Elder, Papaw, Brother, Uncle and Friend — and most of you knew him many more years than the 18 that I did — I am sure we can all agree he liked it and lived it to the absolute fullest. From his hundreds of stories, I sometimes thought that this man did more in a year than we have all done in our lifetimes!

His life began in Pikeville, KY to Butler and Daisy (Mullins) Potter on April 27, 1917. He began his working life in the coal mines of eastern Kentucky, at an early age to help support his family. That one action of love, dedication, support and responsibility was the signature of his life. He spent his younger years funning and some say terrorizing the hills of Kentucky with 9 siblings. Brothers: Delbert, Elmer, Earl, and Vernice. Sisters: Reva, Ruby and Hazel who have since passed. Brother Bobby and Sister Betty, who live on to carry the Potter and Mullins legacy.



Elder Bart Potter

On July 22, 1939, he married his boyhood sweetheart, Ample Rose. They were 22 and 21 respectively. They had their first of 3 children, Shirley in 1940, Wanda in 1943 and then promptly went off to serve his nation bravely in WWII, from 1944-46, driving supplies for the Allies on one of the most dangerous supply routes in Europe, "The Red Ball Line" between Belgium and France. He safely returned home to father his last child, Harlon in 1947.

He moved his family to Cleveland, OH in 1952 and briefly worked for Republic Steel and GM before securing a rewarding career at Ford Motor Company as a machine repairman for 22 years.

His first of 3 children married Paul Blake in 1958; daughter Wanda wed Doy Riffel in 1963 and Harlon married Joyce Siddaway in 1967. The fun started for Papaw Potter as his children rewarded him and the family grew as 7 grandchildren rapidly followed. These 7 proudly gave Papaw 16

great-grandchildren to help fill his later days with happy memories and endless time of joy and laughter.

Probably his most significant time of life came at his baptism in 1961 — and his life — and those of you who knew him prior — was changed forever.

In 1962, he was ordained a minister in the Little Edna Old Regular Baptist Church in Lorain, OH. He founded, donated the land for, physically and financially helped build the church we now sit in today.

Elder Potter then served his God the best way he knew how — in various churches effecting hundreds and thousands along the way.

The love of his life and Mother of their children, Ample, died on November 3, 1980. On July 4, 1992, he married Dorothy Long, who survives him in death. Along with children: Martin, Jennifer, Teresa, and Peggy, as well as 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Bart Potter — a man who lived life — and *all* of life to the fullest — peacefully died at 12:17 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, 2001 at the VNA Hospice in Copley, OH.

He was a man, father, husband, brother, uncle, elder, papaw, and friend who dramatically impacted many, many lives. I know, for me and my family, we will miss our Papaw very much who brought much love, joy, generosity, perspective, anecdotes and life's stories to us that lived in a very different world.

Today would be much, much difficult if we did not absolutely, unequivocally know that we will see, hug and kiss him again. Revelation 21.

Written by his grandson Michael Moore and Family

I was asked by Brother Bart to say a few words for him after he left this world, but how can you say just a few for such a wonderful old Brother; with a sad and aching heart, I'll try.

Brother Bart Potter was born April 27, 1917 in Pikeville, KY. He passed away on October 21, 2001 in Litchfield, OH.

Brother Bart married Ample Rose Potter and from this union they had three children: Wanda Riffel, Shirley Blake and Harold Potter, whom he loved and spoke about with such pride. I watched every one of his children take care of him when he became so sick. He was right to talk about them with such high esteem. He also left grandchildren and great-grandchildren that loved him so.

Brother Bart's wife passed away on November 3, 1980, and later in life he married a wonderful lady named Dorothy Potter who brought him joy in his latter years.

Brother Bart served our country with great pride, but the one he served after, he served until the day he died, which was Jesus. He joined the church on August 14, 1960 at Little Edna and he was baptized by Elders Walter Parker and Ray Hoover. On July 22, 1962, our sweet Brother was ordained as a minister at Little Edna. Later, Brother Bart brought his letter to the True Vine Church and helped to organize the church and stayed with us until the day he passed away.

Brother Bart was always there when someone needed his help. We could lean on him in our times of sorrows and pain, and he had a wonderful sense of humor. You couldn't help but love him.

We all feel such a great loss, but our loss was definitely Heaven's gain. He loved all of us, but he loved Jesus most of all. He was an example to all of us, how to live our lives, to trust in Jesus, and put Him above everything else. So, Brother Bart, this is just a little poem to let you know how we felt about you:

We all loved you so, your Brothers and Sisters of the True Vine Church

*The seasons come, Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall,
Jesus whispered to you Brother and you heard His call,
He said, sweet child, you were faithful to me,
Come on up to Heaven, wonderful things, you will see,
For the lakes and all crystal with a mansion so fair,
I promised this child, now, you have no more cares.
You're with me now, no cancer you'll have,
You'll be just like you were when you were a lad,*

*You served your Master and you served Him well.
Your faith in Him never wavered, it never failed.
We'll never forget your silver hair and sweet smile.
It seems like you've been gone forever, not just awhile.
God needed another angel, and that you sure are,
To go up to Heaven, our bright and shining star.
Rest on sweet Brother with Jesus on high,
We'll all be with you soon, Up in the sky.*

CHESTER RAY

With a sad and heavy heart we will try to write an obituary of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

Chester Ray was born in Pikeville, Kentucky on October 28, 1922 to Jink and Cricket (Akers) Ray, and left this life on November 6, 2001, making his stay on earth 79 years and 9 days.

After he returned home from service in World War II, he moved to Michigan. On February 18, 1956 he married Irene Ray, daughter of Sherman and Oma (Justice) Ray. To this union three sons were born: Dean (Christina) Ray, Dennis (Wanda) Ray, and Cletus Ray, all of Carleton, Michigan. They have nine grandchildren: Matthew, Adam, Kyle, Spencer, Andrea, Beatrice, Timothy, Benjamin, and Bailee Ray.



Chester Ray

Dad joined the Rose of Sharon church in April of 1994, where he was a very faithful member until his death. Dad loved the church. He always thought of it as his home, all the members were his family. He helped to build the Rose of Sharon church building from the ground up. During the 45 years of his marriage he rarely missed a Sunday until his illness made it impossible for him to attend. At that time, occasionally the brothers would go to his home to hold a church service. No matter how sick he was, this was something he greatly enjoyed, and would often join in the singing.

Dad was a wonderful husband to mom, as well as a loving father to his children. He liked to go hunting and fishing with the boys when he was able. Dad always enjoyed the time he spent with his grandchildren, whether it was watching them, playing games, or listening to them. All of the grandkids loved their Papaw and feel like he taught them to work hard, appreciate who and what you have, and to be patient. Dad was a very peaceful and quiet man who never said an unkind word about anyone. All who knew him, loved and respected him.

Chester is survived by two brothers: Cecil and Paul Ray of Pikeville, Kentucky; and two sisters: Mary Sendlebach of Plymouth Ohio; and Martha Hall of Willard, Ohio. Judy Lewis, a niece, was raised with him was always thought of as a sister, along with a host of nieces and nephews.

We loved you dad, and will miss you greatly, but we know that you are at peace with Jesus.

Written by the family

A memorial service for Chester will be held at the Rose of Sharon Church in South Rockwood, Michigan on the second weekend in November, 2002. Brothers called are: Bill Blevins, Willis Little, Ralph Caudill, and the Rose of Sharon brothers.

AMOS REFFITT

I am honored to be asked to write the obituary of my dear Brother in Christ. Brother Amos entered into this life November 3, 1943, and departed September 10, 2001. He was the son of Henry and Hazel Reffitt who preceded him in death. Those left to mourn his loss is his wife, Myrtle Harvey Reffitt; one son, Donald (Charlotte) Osborne; grandson, Jessie Adam Osborne; granddaughter, Tammy (Wayne) Smith. Also surviving are two sisters: Loretta (Jim) Martin, Genetta Sue (Roger) Boyer; and three brothers: Arnold Ray Reffitt, Henry Herschel Reffitt, Herbert Dale (Janice) Reffitt.

I feel God sent the Angels to cradle his head and carry his soul to Heaven to rest under the Altar of God until the soul and body will be united. Brother Amos will never have another pain, take another heart pill or be short of breath anymore.



Amos Reffitt

He was a strong stick in the building at Maggie's Home Church. He was also strong in his faith

and belief. You could feel the love flow from his breast when he would shake your hand, hug your neck and always said "I love you."

He and Elder Don Mullins traveled a lot together to other churches. They would talk on the Bible all the way, which both of them loved to do. All his Brothers and Sisters in the church, as well as family and friends will surely miss him. He was a wonderful brother who let his light shine. Even though he wasn't really able, when grass needed cut or work done on the church he would be there to help.

Brother Amos was the clerk at Maggie's Home and a delegate to the Associations several times. He was a very active member and his empty seat brings back so many loving memories to all of us.

*When the sun went down for the last time,
And God folded him close to His breast
When the book of this life was shut tightly,
I feel Brother Amos went home to rest.
With tearful eyes Myrtle watched you,
And saw you pass away*

Written by a Sister in hope Lenoris Baker

*And though she loved you dearly,
She could not make you stay,
And when your heart stopped beating
Half of her was gone
But God put His arms around you
And whispered "Come on Home."*

LINDA MARLENE SLONE

Linda Marlene (Tucker) Slone was born August 14, 1940 in Pikeville, KY, and departed this life on June 26, 2002. at the St. Joseph Hospice Center in Lorain, OH after a short battle with cancer. She was the daughter of the late Elder Roy Tucker and Della (Thacker) Tucker.

She married Elder David Slone on July 12, 1956, and to this union was born one son, Gary David Slone, Sr. Sister Linda had 3 grandchildren: Stacey Slone, Samantha (Slone) Maszton, and Gary David Slone, Jr. She had 3 great-grandchildren: Chandler, Caleb and Logan Rachel. She is also survived by 5 sisters: Bessie Elkins, Essie Coleman, Marcella Casebolt, and Rosetta Bentley, all of Pikeville, KY and Betty Anderson of Lorain, OH, and one brother: Frank Tucker of Huntington, IN. She also leaves to mourn her loss, her nieces, who



Linda Marlene Slone

were so faithful to care for her, her nephews and a host of friends and relatives. In addition to her Dad and Mother, Sister Linda was preceded in death by 1 sister: Elvie Tucker, and 2 brothers: Delbert Tucker and Jesse Tucker.

Sister Linda professed a hope in Christ and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ and was baptized by Elders John M. Justice and Thaniel Thacker at Chloe Creek Church in Pike County, KY in May, 1968. She took her membership to the Little Flock Church on Johnican Creek. Sister Linda brought her letter to the Pleasant View Church in Litchfield, OH in August of 1970. She brought her letter to the Little Edna Church in Lorain, OH in July, 1978, and remained a faithful member there until her death.

Sister Linda loved to shop and go to the flea market. She collected Cabbage Patch Dolls, Denim Days, and Circle of Friends figurines. Her love for ice cream, milkshakes, and desserts was well known. But most of all, Sister Linda loved to go to church and worship her Lord and Savior with her brothers and sisters. She enjoyed helping sing, and even after she was sick in the hospital, she would still help sing. She continued to attend church faithfully and help cook up until the last 3 weeks of her life. She always enjoyed having company and made everyone feel welcome.

Sister Linda has finished her labor and received her reward. She now rests in the joy house of the Lord where there is no more pain or sorrow. If you expect to go where Sister Linda has gone, you will have to make your preparations while you have life and opportunity here in this world, and earnestly seek Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior. Her hope has become reality and she

has now gone to meet the one she loved to sing about, Jesus, who is her all and all. Her loving smile and sweet laughter will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Written by her brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

PERRY SLONE

In sadness I write the obituary of my meek and loving husband, with great sorrow, but greater memories he left us with.

The Lord called him home on September 24, 1993, after a lengthy illness at 64 years of age. He lived in New London, Ohio. He was born in Pikeville, Kentucky to the late Matt C. and Gracie (Thacker) Slone. He resided in Cleveland and in Wellington, moving to New London in 1973. He worked as a miner in the coal fields in Kentucky and was a former employee of Ford Motor Company in Brookpark, Ohio, and retired from the Sterling Foundry in Wellington.

He was a member of the Little Pilgrim Home Church in Ruggles.

Perry is survived by his wife of 30 years, Bertha; a son: Perry W. Slone, Pickens, S.C.; three daughters: Mrs. Linda K. Chambers of Greenville, S.C.; Mrs. Bonnie K. Granneman of New London; and Mrs. Patty L. Martin of New London; eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Five brothers: Johnney, Jessie and King Slone, all of Pikeville, Kentucky; Curtis Slone of Cleveland; and Matt Jr. Slone of Sheffield Lake, Ohio.

Perry was preceded in death by brothers: Joe and Ben Slone; and sisters: Stella Slone, Nancy Harris and Aldie Boyd.

Church services were conducted Saturday and Sun, September 25 and 26, at the Little Edna Church, Bond Avenue in Lorain. Funeral services were held Monday, September 27. Elder David Slone officiated. Burial was in the Grove Street Cemetery in New London. Eastman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Perry's favorite song — "The Ship of Zion"

With love, wife-Bertha Slone;daughters-Linda K. Chambers, Bonnie K. Granneman, Patty L. Martin; son-Perry Walter Slone; Perry's brother, Matt Jr. Slone



Perry Slone

NINA (COLLIER) SOWARDS

With a lonely and broken heart I will try and write the obituary of my wonderful mother, Nina Sowards.

Nina Sowards was born to Jonathan and Rendy Collier on February 14, 1914 in Letcher County, KY. She married her husband Ira Sowards on June 17, 1939. They were married 62 years. They had six children: Iris Cornelius of Filcity, Ohio (deceased); Jackie Clark of Dublin, Ohio; Gerldine Caudill of Pickerington, Ohio; twin sons: Gary and Larry, Springfield, Ohio; and Shareen Jenkins of Springfield, Ohio. She also had 18 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Iris Cornelius, her parents, one sister and 6 brothers.

She was a member of Little Angel Old Regular Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio.

She's now in the resting place for God's people.

She leaves her husband and family with many loving and wonderful memories.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.



Nina (Collier) Sowards

Written by her daughter, Shareen Jenkins

BUSTER THACKER

The spring flowers were blooming and the birds were singing on April 2, 2002. God said to our loved one, you have suffered enough, it's time to come where there will be no more suffering, worries, or heartaches.

He was born January 13, 1926, to the late Richard (Cob) and Pricy Robinson Thacker in a little community known as Greasy Creek (Pike County) in the lovely hills of Eastern Kentucky. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by the following sisters: Lona Fleming, Ida and Lizzie Kinney, Pearl and Flora Thacker; brothers: Harrison, Paris, Rowland, Estill, Troy, Pranse, and Jimmy. He is survived by one brother, Harlan of Bay City, Michigan; and one sister, Fern Moore of Shelbiana, Kentucky, who always called him "My little brother."

On September 12, 1952, he married Betty J. Adkins, and their happy years together would have been celebrated with their 50th wedding anniversary this year. They were blessed to have three children: one son, Barry Thacker (Mary) of Knoxville, Tennessee; two daughters: Pam Gooch (Gary) and Vivian Wilson (Steve) both of Louisville, Kentucky. Six grandchildren: Laura, Julie, and Daniel Thacker; Justin and Evan Gooch; and Shaun Wilson.

He was a World War II Navy veteran and a Korean War Air Force veteran. He was a retired employee of Ford Motor Company. He was a member of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, since March 1, 1975, and was ordained as a deacon on July 3, 1976.

We will miss him so much, but he will live forever in our hearts. Thank God for the memories.

Written by his wife, Sister Betty

WHERE WE'RE FROM

by Buster Thacker's loving children: Vivian, Pamela and Barry
We come from a tall, kind and loving man
who took our hands and guided us
he gave us a glimpse of God's kindness and love.
We come from a man slow to anger
that would calm any family storm
he helped us hear Jesus' whisper, "Peace be with you"
We come from a man raised in the hills of Eastern Kentucky
taught to be proud, faithful, and true

*that molded us into honest prayerful servants
he helped us feel the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives.
When that April day filled us with mournful sorrow
we were comforted in knowing that our Dad
was met at the Pearly Gates
he helped us know there was rejoicing in heaven
and that he heard the words, "Welcome faithful servant into
the Kingdom of God."*

ADRIAN E. TUTTLE

Brother Adrian E. Tuttle was born May 28, 1929, to Levi and Elzena Tuttle in the state of Kentucky. He passed away March 17, 2002 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his loving wife Evelyn; three sons and one daughter: Mark Tuttle of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Denzil and Karen Tuttle of McCordsville, Indiana; David and Jeannett Tuttle of Nikiski, Alaska; Lora and Tom Householder of Ocala, Florida; a step-daughter and step son-in-law, Debra and Bruce Williams of Cromwell, Indiana; two step-sons and a step-daughter-in-law, Donald Conrad of Carlisle, Indiana; and Wayne and Peggy Conrad of Ligonier, Indiana; a half brother, Aaron Tuttle of Eastern Kentucky; two sisters: Kathleen Gibson of Stroh, Indiana; and Mary Patrick of LaGrange, Indiana; 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Bobby Conrad; two brothers: Ray and Forrest Tuttle, and a half-sister, Cordie Wicker.



Buster Thacker



Adrian E. Tuttle

Brother Adrian and Evelyn were married on October 8, 1966 at Ligonier, Indiana.

Brother Adrian was a carpenter with Union Local 1089, retiring in 1983. Brother Adrian was highly skilled in so many ways, there wasn't too many things that he couldn't repair or make. The knives that he made or repaired for the brethren, sisters, and friends will be cherished for many years. He even did beautiful needlework, flowers, and house slippers.

Brother Adrian was in bad health for several years, moving to Arizona shortly after retiring. He said that was where God forgave him of his sins. He became a member of the Old Regular Baptist in Arizona, and then brought his letter to the Little Flossie Church which he loved dearly.

He had Evelyn to write the church a note when he was sick, telling us how much he loved us and how he wished he had turned to the Lord when he was younger, before he lost his health.

Brother Adrian and Evelyn were so pleased when the brethren and friends came to see them, they made you feel so welcome and appreciated. Brother Adrian loved young people and little children, they were so special to him.

We sure do miss him, but there is no better place than this, where all God's children will meet to never part again.

Written by request of the Family, Elder Russell Hicks

TRUMAN TUCKER

Truman Tucker was born September 23, 1927 in Pike County, KY, and departed this life on September 20, 2001 at his home in North Ridgeville, OH after a battle with cancer. He was the son of the late Emery Tucker and Alice (Wright) Tucker.

He married Opal Tucker on January 20, 1968. He had two stepsons: Billy Fred Sampson of Medina and the late Kenneth Howard Sampson. Brother Truman had 3 grandchildren: Frank, Susan, and Karen. He is also survived by 3 brothers: Charles of Redding, CA; Ben of Campbellsville, KY; and Hobart of Arizona; and one sister: Dorothy Upshaw. He also leaves to mourn his loss a host of friends and relatives. In addition to his dad, mother, and stepson, Brother Truman was preceded in death by 1 sister, Dixie Byrd, and 1 brother, Emery, Jr.



Truman Tucker

Brother Truman felt God's wonderful forgiveness and joined the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church at Litchfield, OH and was baptized. Brother Truman liked to hear good preaching and singing, but his painful illness made him unable to attend church the last few months of his life. He loved for the brothers and sisters to come to his home and to sing and hold prayer.

Brother Truman left the hills of Kentucky after high school and went off to serve his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked for Warner Swasey as a turning machine operator and retired from there after 28 years of service. He loved sports and enjoyed gardening. His home and yard were surrounded by beautiful flowers. His dog, Duke was a faithful friend to him and still looks for him to come home. Brother Truman won't be coming home here anymore, but he is now in a much better home where there's no sorrow or pain.

*Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there; I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints of snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain*

*When you awake in the morning
Hush, I am the swift uplifting
Rush of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft star that shines at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there; I did not die.*

Brother Truman left this little poem that he wrote for Sister Opal in his wallet:

As Brother Truman wrote in the poem, he did not die, he just went on to paradise where I believe that his soul now rests around the altar of God awaiting that great morning when Jesus

comes back for His children. If you want to go where Brother Truman has gone, you must fall out with sin and diligently seek the offered mercies of Jesus Christ.

Written by his brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

ELDER BUCK TUTTLE

With a heavy heart, we will attempt to write an obituary for our dad, Brother Buck Tuttle. Dad died Thursday, March 21, 2002 at the age of 61. He lived to serve the Lord and when his body no longer allowed him to preach, the Lord called him home.

Dad was born in Wayland, KY on September 21, 1940 to the late Henry and Daisy Freeze Tuttle. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in June 1965 where he served faithfully for 37 years. Dad was a member of the Bethel Church in Maytown, KY.

He was preceded in death by three brothers: Burton, Orville (Shorty) and Carl Ray.

Survivors include his loving wife of 39 years: Birdie Tackett Tuttle; two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Bev of Willard, OH; and Danny and Jennifer of Berea, KY. Three grandchildren: Ryan, Jared and Ashlee. Three brothers: Wayne and Ellis of Willard, OH; Holly of Plymouth, OH.

Dad was a dedicated and loving husband, father and grandfather. He loved us all with a gift. His father was taken from him when he was only eight months old, so he put many hours in at the factory to be sure we had what we needed. Dad shone a beautiful light for us to follow. Although he leaves us too soon, we are truly grateful for the time the Lord blessed us with him.

Some of our most memorable times with dad were those on the telephone. We did not live close together, but there was never a moment he was away from our hearts. His voice was so comforting regardless if we had anything to talk about.

Danny had the wonderful experience to help dad type his Circular Letter for the 2001 New Salem Association Session. His love for the Lord and the Brethren of the Church was so strongly felt as he was putting his word to paper. Dad's message was striving for peace in the churches. Now that dad is with Jesus, we pray that the Brethren will remember his words.

Your loving family, Birdie, Randy, Danny, Bev, Jennifer, Ryan, Jared and Ashlee

A memorial meeting for Eld. Buck Tuttle will take place Sunday, June 1, 2003, at the Bethel Old Regular Baptist Church, Langely, KY.

Bro. Buck was moderator of the Bethel Church, and Assistant Moderator of the Stone Coal Church of the New Salem Association.



Elder Buck Tuttle

OBITUARIES

FRIENDS OF THE N.N.S.A.

CHARLIE E. BROCK, SR.

With the help of the Lord, with much sadness and a broken heart, we will try to write the obituary of our loving son, Charlie Ephrom Brock, Sr. He was the son of Elder Buford Brock and Mary (Wagner) Brock. He was born March 30, 1949 and passed away May 28, 2002. Making his stay here on earth 53 years, one month and 28 days old.



Charlie E. Brock, Sr.

He leaves to mourn his death his broken-hearted Dad and Mother; two sons: Charlie E. Brock, Jr. and Brandt Brock; one daughter: Heather Sue (Brock) Luke. Three grandsons: Danny, Samuel and Mikie; and one granddaughter: Kalah. Four sisters: Julia Fowler, Lettie Webster, Ruth Hiatt and Retha Branam. A host of nephews, nieces and friends. He is and will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. But, the best news of all, was he told his Mom and me about two weeks before he passed away, he was ready to go. He said he had a better Home to go to. That makes the burden easier to bear. To his children, grandchildren, sisters, nephews and nieces, get ready to meet him in a better world.

Charlie, you are gone but will never be forgotten.

Written by his broken-hearted Dad & Mom, Elder Buford Brock and Sister Mary

HERMAN "PETE" BROWN

It is with much love, fond memories, and sad and aching hearts, and with the help of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we will try to write an obituary of Herman "Pete" Brown, a loving husband, a wonderful father, grandfather, brother, and a friend to all who knew him.



Herman "Pete" Brown

He was born November 3, 1928 in McDowell, Kentucky and passed away May 9, 2002 at his home in Columbus, Ohio. Herman was the son of the late Willie Brown and Lena Vance Brown Jennings. He leaves behind his wife and soul mate of 49 years, Ivalee Tackett Brown; a daughter: Delores Brown Kinney; two grandchildren: Eric L. Kinney and Tiffaney Nicole Kinney; and one great-granddaughter, Tessa Kay Kinney. Also left to mourn his passing are two brothers: Robert "Hoss" Brown and George Brown of Pocatello, Idaho; and three sisters: Juanita Compton of Martin, KY; Bonnie Williams of Pocatello, Idaho; and Mary Lou Parkin of Phoenix, AZ. Preceding him in death was a brother, Philmon Brown and a sister, Mildred Brown Frasure. He also leaves behind a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends to mourn his loss.

Pete loved the Little Angel Old Regular Baptist Church and the fellowship and love that it brought him. He leaves us with many loving and wonderful memories. We will always miss him and will keep him in our hearts.

Written by loving niece, Susan Elaine Compton

ELIZABETH J. CONLEY

It is with a sad and broken heart the family will try to write the obituary of a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and sister in Christ.

Elizabeth Joan Conley, Sister Jo, was born to Andrew and Mable (Hall) Goble on Feb. 26, 1935 in Floyd Co. Kentucky. She was married to Glen Conley on Aug. 16, 1952. They were blessed with six children: Steve Conley (Annette) of Berlin Heights, OH; Jack Conley (Jackie) of Bellwood, IL; Bill Conley (Debbie) of Sandusky, OH; Tamala Conley of Sandusky, OH; Chris Conley (Nicole) also from Sandusky, OH; and Pamala Conley who preceded her mother in passing. Mom also have 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews who also loved her dearly. She is survived by two sisters: Emma Lou Gray and Billie Jean Harris; one brother: Merrill Goble, all of Floyd Co., Ky.; and Betty Sue Hunter, a sister who preceded her in passing.



Elizabeth J. Conley

Mom felt the Lord had forgiven her during her stay in the hospital. We believe the good Lord held her in his arms ever since. She was a devoted and faithful wife, mother, grandmother, and a good friend to all who knew her. We believe we were blessed to be with our sweet Mother when she slipped from this life into the Eternal Embrace of Jesus.

So we say, "Good night, Mom, we will see you in the morning and oh what a morning it will be." Dad we know you will miss our Mom the most. You were so good to Mom and us; the love you shared was a very special love. We know that even though your heart is broken please remember what you always said. "The Lord would never leave or forsake you in your hour of need." So Dad press onward until that day when you and Mom will meet again. "She's only gone away with a Friend."

Written by her broken-hearted children

GOLDEN HEART

*God saw you were getting tired
and a cure was not meant to be.
So he put his arms around you
and whispered, "Come with me."
With tearful eyes we watched you
as we saw you pass away*

*Although we loved you deeply,
we could not make you stay.
Your golden heart stopped beating,
hard-working hands to rest,
God broke the hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

Terese Williamson

EARNEST GIBSON

It is with very sad and broken hearts that we will try to write an obituary of my loving husband and our dear dad.

Dad was born February 1, 1917 in Garrett, Kentucky and died on the morning of December 28, 2001 of a massive heart attack. He was so suddenly taken away from us. He was called home to be with our Lord. We mourn his loss every day and we believe he is resting around the throne of God. He was 84 years, 10 months and 27 days old. He was the youngest child of Lark and Caroline (Bolen) Gibson.

Surviving are his devoted wife, Maxine (Boleyn) Gibson, whom he married September 6, 1948 in Paintsville, Kentucky. He had two daughters: Barth Gibson and Nancy Gibson of whom he was very proud of. He also had several special nieces and nephews that he loved very much.



Ernest Gibson

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Melvin Gibson and Ebb Gibson; and one sister, Roda Gibson; and one half-brother: Lewis Walker and two half-sisters: Hattie Bolen and Lizzie Moore.

Mom and Dad shared a special love for each other for 53 years, 3 months and 22 days. They shared many memories together. There were hard times, there were good times and there were the best of times.

Dad grew up in the mountains of Kentucky. He loved the state of Kentucky, that was always his home. His father died when Dad was a small child and he was so close to his mother, always there for her. Dad was left with a big responsibility at an early age and his mother gave him love and trained him to be a giving individual.

Dad had lived in Willard, Ohio since 1950. He had worked in the coal mines in West Virginia before moving to Willard. He then worked for the B & O railroad from 1950-1958 in the round house and diesel shop and then retired from Midwest Industries in Willard after working there for 23 years.

Dad attended the Regular Baptist churches in several states: Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Florida for many years. He loved going to a new church and meeting new people. He loved everyone just the same. It didn't matter to him whether the person was rich or poor. God saw that same good quality in Dad. He loved to hear the word of God and the beautiful singing. Dad told us that he was all right with the Lord even though he never joined the church. Dad would pray every day.

We as a family attended the Little Pilgrim's Home Church in Ruggles, Ohio on the second Sunday in December. This was two weeks before he died. Dad raised his hands to the sky and shouted God's praises. The Lord blessed him to be very happy that day. He commented to us that day "that was the best meeting he had been in for a long time." He was so happy, he sang on his way home.

Dad's wisdom will be with us always, also his trust, honesty, integrity and friendship to all. We meet you in our memories every day in a very special way. No one can take our special memories of you away. The passing of a loved one is one of the most difficult times for my family. At such a time, the support of relatives and friends is greatly appreciated and never forgotten.

Our Dad was a very special man to all that knew him. He never met a stranger. Dad had a very special way with people. He was always happy, he had a smile on his face all the time. He loved little children. His love of people was very noticeable and appreciated. He enjoyed having people come and visit him.

He was a very hard worker all of his life working hard to raise his family. Dad's schooling was limited due to hard times and his father passing away, but he had so much knowledge to give us every day. We will remember so many things that he taught us. His kindness and love will never be forgotten.

Dad loving going to the Amish country and taking trips with his family. He enjoyed bus tours so much. Dad loved being outside, especially in the summer. He like to help water the flowers, raising a garden and seeing the beauty of the outdoors that God has given us. We were a family that did everything together. Even though Dad is gone, we love him more each day! Surviving without him is not an easy thing to do. We long to see you again. We will need a helping hand to get through each hour that passes by, but the Lord will give it to us.

Dad has so many "special" friends and you know who you are. We hope that Dad has touched your life in a special way as he has touched ours. We feel that Dad is resting now in the arms of Jesus. He will be waiting for us. If he could tell you one thing today it would be: Be kind to others, if a friend is in need be there for them and if you plan something, do it today, because tomorrow may never come. Dad would tell you to treat each other as you want to be treated. Do not talk about people, instead show your love with a giving and caring heart. Let the Lord touch your life with goodness and grace. The angel shone a bright yellow light for him to come home.

Written by his broken-hearted family, Sister Maxine Gibson and his 2 daughters,
Barth Gibson and Nancy Gibson. We miss you so much Dad.

KEITH HICKS

With a sad and broken heart, we will try to write the obituary of our loving husband, father, son and brother, Keith Hicks.

Keith was born in Willard, Ohio on July 26, 1971 and left this world on April 24, 2002, making his stay here on earth 30 years, 9 months. Leaving behind his wife, Tonya (Hall) Hicks of 8 years and 2 months; a son: Cody Keith; and daughter: Julianna Hope. His mother: Donna Hicks of Willard and father: Bobby Hicks, Sr. of Clyde. Two brothers: Bobby Hicks, Jr. and Rodney Hicks; a sister-in-law: Kathy and nephew, Logan. His grandmother: Marie Hicks of New London. A mother-in-law Uvonne and father-in-law: Rex Hall and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and a host of friends.



Keith Hicks

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Add and Emma Vanderpool of Plymouth, and George Hicks of Oklahoma. Uncles: Phil Vanderpool, John Hicks, and one aunt: Gwendale Gibson.

Keith loved life and was a happy-go-lucky boy who never met a stranger. He always had a smile and stopped to talk to everyone. He wasn't ashamed to let people see him cry. He loved taking his family camping for the weekend. At our family get-togethers, he loved to show off his cooking skills on his grill.

When Keith was a young boy, he loved to play with his trucks. He always said he was going to grow up and be a truck driver. Keith fulfilled his dream by becoming a truck driver for R&L Transfer.

Keith was a big guy with a big heart. He loved the outdoors. He loved riding his motorcycle and fishing with his brothers and being with his friends.

There are no words to express a mother's love for her child. Keith was a son to be proud of. He meant the world to me. My children are my life. He would jokingly say "anything for mom's boys." Keith was quick to comfort me if I was sad and took care of me when I was sick. He always tried to put a smile on my face. There's a void in my heart that cannot be filled by anyone. Not many days went by that I didn't get to see him.

Keith talked to me about God and that he believed in Him and was trying to do the right thing. I hope he made peace with God and if so, sleep on son, I hope to see you again.

Sadly missed by: wife, Tonya; children, Cody & Julianna; Mom, Bobby Jr., Rodney & family

A LOVED ONE GONE

*Late in the evening,
when the sun was sinking low.
They came with the sad news,
Keith, you had to go.
No chance to tell you farewell,
no chance to say good-bye,
I will be so lonely without you Keith,
why did you have to die.
The days will be long and lonely,
without you being here,
Oh Keith, why did you have to leave us,
we all loved you so dear.
You was just a ray of sunshine,
in this old world of pain,*

*On the day that we lost you,
it was surely heaven's gain.
In a land where there are no car wrecks,
and no sad good-byes,
Somewhere you are just sleeping,
beyond the starry skies.
There is a brighter star in heaven,
since God took his special child.
Maybe we'll be able to see him,
in just a little while.*

Written for Keith Hicks April 26, 2002
by Aunt Avel Hicks

KENNETH KEATHLEY

Kenneth Keathley, born March 27, 1932 to Snoden and Dora (Kiser) Keathley, at Harold, Kentucky and passed away on December 5, 2001.

Kenneth met and married Versie Blankenship of Teaberry, Kentucky, June 5, 1957. To this union was born four sons: Ken of Fairview Park, Ohio; Tim of Lorain, Ohio; Sam and Clyde of Sullivan, Ohio. He had seven grandchildren, one great-grandson.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his wife, Versie, in July of 2000; his parents, one brother Howard in 1994, and two sisters: Verbal in infancy, and Viola (Clyde) White in 1972.

Kenneth leaves behind four brothers: Emery of Elyria, Ohio; David and Richard of Teaberry, Kentucky; and Roger of Fremont, Ohio. Two sisters: Wilma (Everett) Moore of Minnie, Kentucky; and Lora (Lonnie) Bryant of Martin, Kentucky. He also leaves behind many nephews, nieces, friends, neighbors, and three uncles. Kenneth was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle.

I, Aunt Barb would like to say thank you boys, all four of you for taking your Dad fishing, camping, and to the auto races. I also want to thank you for taking care of him, standing by him night and day, at home and even while he was in the hospital.

Kenneth attended Pleasant View and Little Edna Church when he was physically able. He told Brother Larry Newsome that God had forgiven him. If he could speak back to you all, he would tell you to pray and ask God's forgiveness, and meet him in heaven someday. Ken, we all miss you so much. You were like a natural brother to me.

Written by your sister-in-law, Sister Barb Keathley



Kenneth Keathley

FRED BENNY LOWE

Fred was the son of the late Herbert & Loretta Lester Lowe of Bull Creek, West Virginia. He was born May 24, 1924, passed away May 31, 2002. Making his stay here 78 years and 1 week old. He died from cancer and had been sick about 2 years. But his worst was the last year of his life.

His parents, three brothers: Raymond, Don and Bill; one sister: Ada and one infant son, preceded him in death.

In the year 1948 he met Lillie Bell Perry and we were married in 1949. He was 26 and I was only 18. We had 53 years and 3 months together. To this union three sons were born, two still living: Zachary Scott and wife Evelyn; Rodney Lee & wife Shirley; all of Cincinnati, Ohio. We had 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He also had one sister, Norene; and one brother, Tom still living. Most of you knew him as Fred. That was the name he went by through Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. But his family and friends of West Virginia knew him as Benny.

Sister Mary, myself, Brother Mike and Ruth Hiatt would go and see him. We would sing some songs and have prayer for him. Two weeks before he passed away, we went to see him. We sang some songs and held prayer. When I closed my prayer, he said he felt God had forgiven him of his sins and he wanted to be baptized. He was so sick and weak we were not able to baptize him. The experience he told us, I believe his soul is resting under the Altar of God.

Written by his wife, Sister Lillie Lowe and Elder Buford Brock



Fred Benny Lowe

HARGUS EALY MULLINS

With a very sad and broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Hargus Ealy Mullins who left us April 7, 2002.

Hargus was born Feb. 3, 1945 in Knott Co., Ky. to Arvil and Maggie Sizemore Mullins who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death was one brother Charles and a sister Ophelia. Hargus' time on this earth was 57 years, 2 months and 4 days.

On Oct. 25, 1968, Hargus married Mary Castetter and to this union both brought a daughter. Robin, the daughter of a former marriage and Cindy who became his daughter of the heart. All of whom survive his passing. Also left to mourn his death are four grandchildren: Alexandria, Tyler, Kidron, Kanaan; and two step-grandchildren: Scott and Josh. One brother: Lewis Mullins; and four sisters: Dorothy Engle, Shelby Roark, Louise Madden, and Geneva Holliday. Also surviving are numerous relatives and friends who will miss the cheer and many gifts of the heart that true friends bring to all of us.

Hargus loved being a husband, father and paw paw, and to us who loved him, he filled the role with his whole heart. Though he never joined the church he loved the Old Regular Baptist and attended faithfully until his death. He was firm in his belief of his Savior and God. Though we will mourn him in our hearts, our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his beloved wife, Mary Mullins



Hargus Ealy Mullins

ALTY OWENS

Alty Owens, 86, of Fremont, Ohio, formerly of Haysi, Virginia, died Sunday, March 24, 2002 at Valley View Nursing Home in Fremont, Ohio.

A native of Buchanan County, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late James Wiley and Louisa Deel Viers. She was of the Old Regular Baptist faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Arvil Owens; three sisters: Josie Davis, Mary Stiltner and Myrtle Owens; two brothers: Charles L. and Jesse Viers; and two grandchildren: Johnny L. Lauer and William "Bill" Otis Clymer.

She is survived by one son, Ernest Owens of Fremont, Ohio; four daughters: Philadene Deel of Haysi, Virginia; Vivian Imogene Clymer and Wanda Janice Lauer of Fremont, Ohio; and Lorene Elswick of Gadsden, Alabama; one sister: Lessie Raines of Bristol, Tennessee; two half-sisters: Louisa Alene Yates and Darlene Roark; ten grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren and eleven great-great-grandchildren.

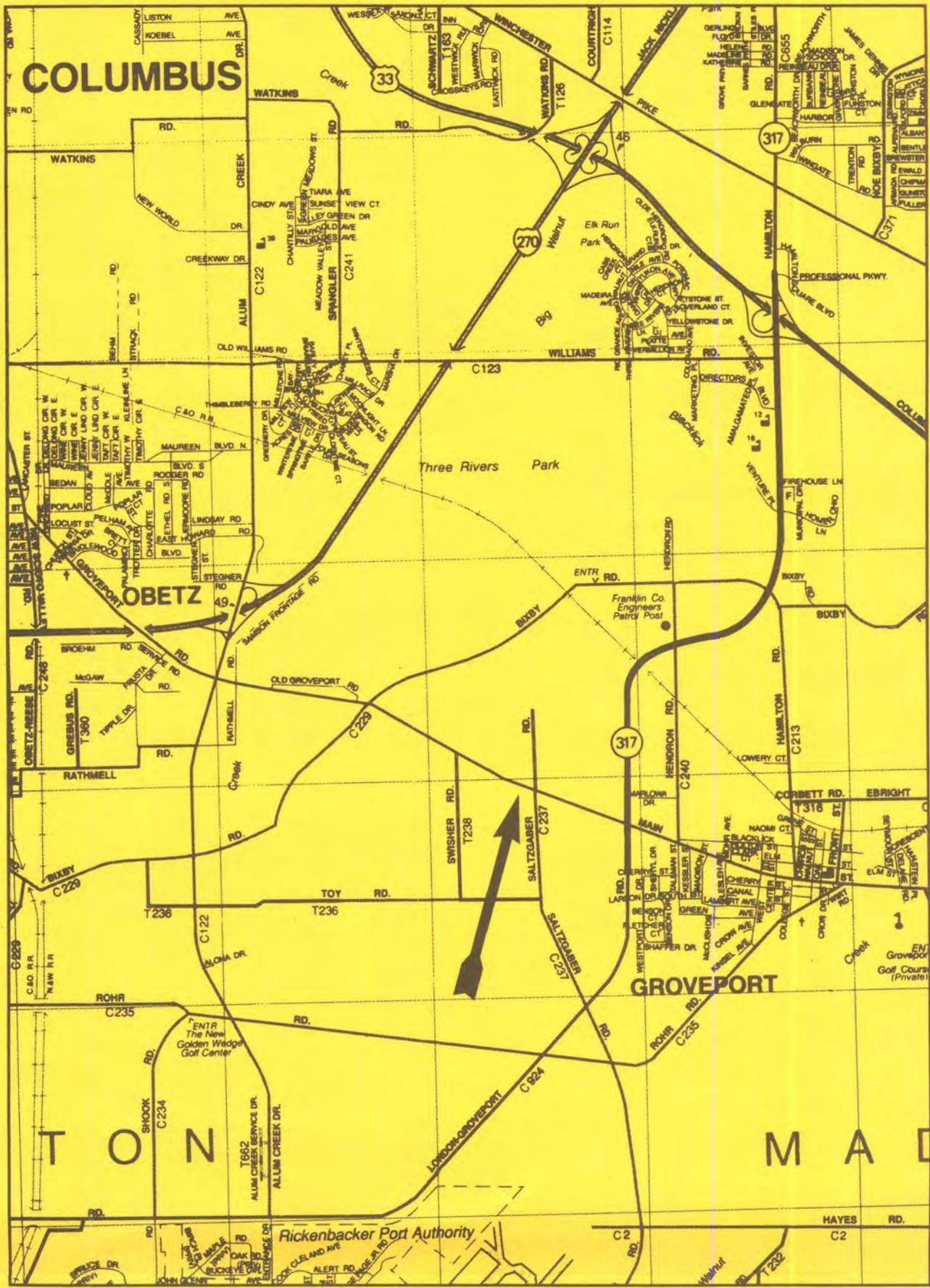
Services were held Wednesday, March 27 at Haysi Funeral Home with Elders Buddy Carty and Jackie Yates officiating. Burial was in the Patten-Deel Cemetery at Haysi, Virginia.

Written by her broken-hearted family



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