

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



**In Session Assembled With**  
**Little Angel Church**  
**Columbus, Ohio**  
**August 1, 2, 3, 2003**

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

Let's pause this day and remember our beloved brothers and sisters who have departed and gone on before. Leaving us with precious memories of their fellowship and the hope of some sweet day we shall join their company, in a land of perfect peace and joy.

It is with dignity and honor we wish to dedicate this 46th Annual Session to their memory.

Once they were a part of us here, now they belong to the ages, waiting for our coming.

Respectfully  
Bro. Newsome  
Bro. Turner — Clerks

*Sew good seeds today, that tomorrow you may reap an abundant harvest.*  
Bro. Newsome



**Officers: (Left to right) Eld. Buddy W. Carty, Moderator; Eld. Ray Hamilton, Asst. Mod.,  
Eld. Hillard Newsome, Clerk; Eld. C.W. Turner, Asst. Clerk.**

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**Introductory Sermon for 2004— Eld. Evan Hamilton**

**Alternate — Eld. Russell Hicks**

**Circular Letter — Eld. Milton Dye**

**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-Sixth Annual Session of the  
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist  
The Church of Jesus Christ  
August 1,2,3, 2003

## Friday Session

As overcast skies prevented the morning sun from appearing among the congregation of faithful believers. Gathering once more, coming from far and near to attend this Forty-Sixth Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association.

Soon the echo from singing the old songs of Zion could be heard. Like a gentle breeze in the evening late, it was sweet to the soul of those in attendance.

Alternate, Eld. Bill Blevins introduced the services and led in prayer. Asking God to lead and direct us in our work, all to His glory and honor.

In humbleness, Eld. Elbert Hagerman approached the stand to deliver the Introductory Sermon. He was soon blessed from God's abundant basket to feed the hungry souls of God's children. Like the disciples that fed the multitudes by the seaside. Bro. Hagerman was blessed to do likewise.

Those who were not delegates were advised to remain at the pavilion where preaching would soon begin. The delegates were asked to gather in the sanctuary of the Little Angel Church to conduct the business of this the 46th Annual Session.

After assembling in the house and one of Zion's songs were sung, Eld. Coy Combs, our Elder Brother who was in the presbytery of organizing this blessed old Association 46 years ago, was called on to make remarks, which were good and wholesome. Eld. Roger Hicks, New Salem Association, led in a warm and uplifting prayer. Bro. Coy is also from New Salem.

Eld. Roy Caudill, Moderator, announced that the 46th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

## Friday, August 1, 2003

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed in to the Clerk. On motion by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Eld. Don Mullins, the letter from the Little Angel Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Bro. Lowell Mullins, second by Bro. John Elkins to receive the letters and seat the delegates. By the same motion, all queries and requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

Upon request of our beloved Moderator, Eld. Roy Caudill, one who has served faithful for these many years, asked the Association to accept his resignation, as he is unable to visit the churches like he once did. He advised the Association to elect them a new Moderator. Eld. Ralph Caudill made a motion, second by Eld. Ray Hamilton to accept Bro. Roy's resignation, and by the same motion he was made honorary Moderator for the remainder of his life.

Our beloved Moderator, Eld. Roy Caudill, asked the Clerk Bro. Newsome to read a letter from our beloved Assistant Moderator, Eld. Paris Tackitt, who was unable to attend due to his confinement in the hospital. See letter at end of Friday's work.

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 Monroe Jones, Murl Caudill and Ira Adkins, Jr. Officers elected:

Moderator ..... Eld. Buddy W. Carty  
Assistant Moderator ..... Eld. Ray Hamilton  
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: Ellis Holbrook Chuckie Hall, Chester Cochran. Eld. Elmer Edwards made a motion, second by Eld. Doug McCarty to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharge them of their duties.

(b) Bro. Basil Elliott made a motion, second by Eld. Ralph Caudill that Eld. Paris Tackitt be made honorary Moderator for the remainder of his life.

3. By a motion made by Bro. John Elkins, second by Bro. Kenny Looney the moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. On motion by Eld. Doug McCarty, second by Eld. Ishmal Hall, Jr., reading of the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum were omitted.
5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and none responded.
6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded by letter and delegate.

(a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: Chuck Hall, Squire Hamilton, Ellis Holbrook, James Tackett, Bud Bates, Jimmy Dye, Ted Burke, Woodrow Dye, Charles E. Mullins, Monroe Jones, Forrest D. Hall, Glenn Frazier, Coy Combs, Freddie Kidd, Deffort Thornsberry, Jimmy Waddles, Johnny Thornsberry, Clyde Lewis, Bill Cotton, Donald Lambert, Omery Compton, Bill Hicks, Ronald McCarty, Talmadge Hicks, Roger Hicks, Curtie Hall, Frank Adams, Charlie Salmons, Preston Lewis, Klinnon Newsome, Bobby Slone, Offie Bartley, Ralph Slone, Jr., Lonnie Tackett. Letter in the hands of Eld. Ellis Holbrook. Bro. Dennis Elkins made a motion, second by Eld. Larry Newsome to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.

(b) **Union** — Represented by the following delegates: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Bobby Johnson, Earl Hill, Arnold Belcher, Denver Mead, Gary Sanders, Floyd Jude, Estil Hamilton, Aster Eldridge, Robert Clay, Lonnie Staton, Herman West, Clyde Blankenship, Garfield Thacker, Sollie Miller, Jr., Garland H. Deel, Gene Johnson, Charles Hamilton and Bill Ison. Letter in the hands of Eld. Gene Johnson. Eld. Hargis Tuttle made a motion, second by Eld. Scott Hamilton to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.

(c) **Philadelphia** — Represented by the following delegates: Ira Adkins, Jr., Harlan E. Barney, Lowell Adkins, Wayne Caudill, Walter Morrison, Gary Adkins, Mark Elkins, Jacob Deel, Willis Tolliver, Charm Gilliam, David Gilliam, Paul Boggs, Howard Adkins, Jacob Seagraves and Bill Triplett. Letter in the hands of Eld. Willis Tolliver. A motion was made by Bro. Kilby Deel, second by Bro. Kenneth Slone, 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: Jim Cochran, Marion Duncan, Chester Cochran, Thomas J. Dials, Charles Jarrell, Eddie Williamson, Gary Young, Hunshel Jude and Daniel Stanley. Letter in the hands of Eld. Thomas J. Dials. A motion was made by Eld. Jeff Dillon, second by Bro. Dan Thornsberry 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: Roscoe Crouse, Monroe Matney, Danny Hurley, Dewey Matney, James Stacy, Danny Justus, Gary Justus,

George Thomason and Bill McCoy. Letter in the hands of Bro. George Thomason. A motion was made by Eld. Danny Carty, second by Bro. Landis Beverly to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.

- (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — Represented by the following delegates: Paul Back, Haston Whitaker, Murl Caudill, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Delmer Jones, Claren Williams. Letter in the hands of Bro. Paul Back. A motion was made by Bro. Bill Tackett, second by Eld. Billy Miller to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
7. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of the delegates from the Little Angel Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday morning who reported as follows: Friday evening — Elders: Curtie Hall — New Salem; Jimmy Dale Sanders — Union. Saturday A.M. Elders: Garland Deel-Union; Squire Hamilton—New Salem; David Lester-Old Friendship; Willis Tolliver-Philadelphia; and Claren Williams-Old Indian Bottom.
  8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Milton Dye, Conley Daniels, Harvey Tuttle, Donald Gibson, Stoney Blackburn, John B. Hamilton and Steve Miller.
  9. A motion was made by Eld. Johnnie Bentley, second by Elder Ralph Caudill 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 3:00 p.m. Friday evening.
    - (a) Bro. Basil Elliott made a motion, second by Bro. Kenneth Slone that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 2, 2003.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association:

Oh, how much I love you. You're so dear to me. I have prayed, as I have every year since I have been with you. I hope you have gone to the Lord for your answers. You have to decide what you have to do. But keep this in mind. You must go to the Lord for the right answers, advice and council. All these years I have prayed that nothing be done without first going to the Lord.

These 28 years I have served you, I have never sought a vote in my life, and I am still the same today. There are so many Brethren that want their way above everything. I want the righteous way above all things. One must always keep an open mind that we want God's way above all. God's way is always right and His way is righteous. Every decision we make must come from Him. For He is just, merciful and truthful in all His ways and our God is a jealous God, and works to His own purpose.

Sometimes it may be contrary to our thoughts, but let's all remember His way is always right. We live in a changing world, yet our God never changes. He hardened the heart of Pharaoh. There is people that have forgotten our God, yet His love is superior, for God is love. None of us will ever forget that perfect love that God extended to us in our experience. A love that cast away all fear, for perfection will come in the morning. I love every Brother and Sister that has had an experience of that kind. I love the souls of all men and women.

I trust and pray that God will grant you the most peaceful Association that you have ever had. There are many Brethren, desiring to be an officer of this blessed Old Association. If God chooses you all will be well and He will receive glory and honor. If a Brother seeks an office for his own glory and honor, shame on him. If there is a Brother electioneering for an



office, please let me beg you to prayerfully refrain from such. Let God select you and you will do well. Let us all pray that God's will be done.

As you choose your officers, please choose Brethren that will be an upbuild to this blessed Old Association. Brethren that will continue for good order and discipline among our churches. For these many years I have tried to serve you well. I shall continue to serve you to the best of my ability, whether as an officer or a member of this blessed body. Let's pray and trust God to help us make the right decisions. A close mind is not of God. Wisdom must come from God. Let God advise us in all things. You're not saved by your righteousness, but by the righteousness of God. So now it's up to you to choose your officers. Please let it be of God.

May His name ring forever, and please let brotherly love continue. Remember all Brethren are Brothers that have an experience of grace. Although we may differ, let us differ in love. Christ is not of Paul or Apolis, and can't be divided. So please let us not be divided. There is so many Brethren that want their own way, all to their glory and honor. But let us strive for God's way. There is Brethren, that is good Brothers, that is wrong in some ways. But yet they are still Brethren. Some have been too strong, some too weak, but God's spirit is still one.

We have had differences and we will always have differences. But let's strive together. By doing this, this old family will stay together. Brethren, we will always have decisions to make, as long as we live. Let's always pray and trust God to help us make the right decisions. Decisions that will be edifying to this blessed Old Association, a glory and honor to God. Let me beg you to never do anything to cast a shadow or bring shame among her holy courts.

With all this, I want to tell you once more that I love you, and please love one another. Some Brethren say that "we should retire". Brethren, I am not ready to resign. I only want to be of service to you. But most of all, a humble and obedient servant to our Heavenly Father.

All my love, Your humble servant, Elder Paris Tackitt  
Assistant Moderator of the Northern New Salem Association

## Saturday, August 2, 2003

Met pursuant to adjournment this the second day of three of the Northern New Salem Association. As a steady rain from the far away distant sky was falling, saturating the good earth, so its crops will be abundantly, to feed the hungry. The services for the morning were introduced by our worthy Brother and Elder Woodrow Dye. We were led to the throne of grace in prayer by Eld. Roger Hicks, both of the New Salem Association.

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
2. The Bill of Arrangements was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. Larry Newsome second by Eld. Ralph Caudill to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Eld. Lowell Mullins for our 2003 Session was read by him. A motion was made by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Eld. Buford Brock to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2003 Minutes.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday. Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Ellis Holbrook, Chuckie Hall, and Chester Cochran, reported as follows:

2003 Church contributions .....	\$5,935.00
2003 Money for Pictures .....	425.00
Other contributions .....	783.00
<b>Total money received for 2003 .....</b>	<b>\$7,143.00</b>



A motion was made by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Bro. James Wagner 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

<b>A.</b>		
	Balance August 2, 2002 .....	\$3,070.37
	2002 Church contributions .....	6,060.00
	2002 Picture money .....	550.00
	Other contributions .....	1,281.00
	<b>Total money on hand August 4, 2002 .....</b>	<b>\$10,961.37</b>

### Expenses for 2002

<b>B.</b>		
	Printer's Fee .....	\$6,262.00
	Secretary's Fee .....	200.00
	Postage, U.P.S. Freight .....	363.35
	Supplies, Letters Printed, Flowers .....	—0—
	<b>Total Expenses for 2002 .....</b>	<b>\$6,825.35</b>
	Total of A .....	\$10,961.37
	Less Total of B .....	6,825.35
	<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>4,136.02</b>
	Plus Interest Earned .....	13.97
	<b>Balance August 1, 2003 .....</b>	<b>\$4,149.99</b>
	Plus money received for 2003 .....	7,143.00
	<b>Total money on hand August 3, 2003 .....</b>	<b>\$11,292.99</b>

Money sent by the Sister churches of the Northern New Salem

Association to the Little Angel Church in helping host the 2003 Session ..... \$8,600.00

6. Eld. Johnnie Bentley made a motion, second by Eld. Buford Brock to accept the treasurer's report. By the same motion Eld. Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 3,900 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. Bro. Ralph Manuel made a motion, second by Eld. Scotty Little 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. a. The following ministers were chosen to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Saturday evening: Elders: Gene Johnson-Union; Clyde Lewis and Chuckie Hall, both of New Salem. Sunday morning: Elders: (1) Roy Caudill, (2) Ray Hamilton, (3) Hillard Newsome and (4) Buddy Carty, all of Northern New Salem.  
b. By a secret vote of the delegates Eld. Evan Hamilton was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. Russell Hicks is to be his alternate and Eld. Milton Dye is to write the Circular Letter for our 2004 Session.
9. On motion by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Eld. Scott Hamilton, the report of Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the year 2002 and 2003 were omitted.
10. In compliance with Item #9 of Friday's work, we the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond by letter and delegate with the following associations.  
(a) **New Salem** — When convened with the host churches. To be held at the Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday

- in September 2003 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John B. Hamilton, Basil Elliott, Conley Daniels, Milton Dye, Ballard Brown, Sam Franks, David Maynard, Dan Thornsberry, Ernest Owens, Morris Wicker, Paul Matthews, Wayne Turner, Dennis Elkins, Hillard Newsome, Ray Hamilton, Duane Graves, Thurman Jones, John Elkins, I.V. Hudson, Don Mullins, Doug McCarty and Buddy W. Carty. Letter in the hands of Eld. Milton Dye.
- (b) **Union** — When convened with the host churches. To be held at the Association Building, Ashcamp, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 2003 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John B. Hamilton, Ernest Owens, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, Buddy W. Carty, Milford Prater, Doug McCarty, Kenny Looney, John Elkins, Karrel Addington, Milton Dye, I.V. Hudson, Jay Salmons and Delmas Hall. Letter in the hands of Eld. Karrel Addington.
  - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the New Mt. Olive Church at the Association Building at Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2003 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John B. Hamilton, Conley Daniels, Milton Dye, Floyd Newsome, Larry Newsome, Dan Thornsberry, Kilby Deel, Delmas Hall, Wayne Turner, Paul Matthews, Dennis Elkins, Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome, John Elkins, Doug McCarty, Don Mullins and Kenny Looney. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hillard Newsome.
  - (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 2003 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John B. Hamilton, Sam Franks, Floyd Newsome, Arvid Blevins, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, Ray Hamilton, John Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Delmas Hall and John Jude. Letter in the hands of Eld. Arvid Blevins.
  - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the North Spring Church, Wolford, VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2003 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John B. Hamilton, Wayne Turner. Letter in the hands of Eld. John B. Hamilton.
  - (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 2003 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John B. Hamilton, Milton Dye, Sam Franks, Delmas Hall, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, I.V. Hudson, Ray Hamilton, Conley Daniels, Buddy W. Carty, Dan Thornsberry, Karrel Addington, Raymond Stapleton, Don Lawson and John Mullins. Letter in the hands of Eld. Wayne Turner.
11. The committee appointed Saturday's work, item #14 of our 2002 minutes, gave their report in reference to finding a permanent place to hold the Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association. Report given. At this time we feel it is in the best interest of the Association to continue as we have in years past of having host churches and churches that wish to co-host the honor of hosting the Annual Session. A motion was made by Eld. Danny Carty, second by Eld. Buford Brock to accept the report of the committee and discharge them of their duties.
  12. A motion was made by Eld. Scott Hamilton, second by Bro. Kenith Slone to grant the request of the Mt. Olivet Church in correcting the spelling of said church, the correct spelling is "Mt. Olive".
  13. A motion was made by Bro. Kenny Looney, second by Bro. Ernest Owens to grant the request of the Little Ida Church to change their Memorial Meeting from the first weekend in July to the first weekend in April of each year.
  14. Eld. Scott Hamilton made a motion, second by Bro. John Elkins to grant the request of the Pleasant View Church in correcting Item #16 of our 2002 minutes to read as follows:



"To silence Eld. Stoney Blackburn an additional six months plus the six months imposed by the Pleasant View Church".

15. A motion was made by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Eld. Harrison Runyon that we as an advisor and counselor answer the request of the Pleasant View, Eternal Rose and True Vine churches concerning Item #17 of our 2002 Minutes. The following will replace Item #17: "We say to our churches to advise their ministers to refrain from taking any part in the services of churches not in correspondence with the Northern New Salem Association. This means preaching or baptizing members into their fellowship. If this is violated the minister will be silenced for a period of time, satisfactory to his home church. Under no circumstance will this be less than twelve (12) months for the first offense, and if this should happen a second time he would automatically be excluded.


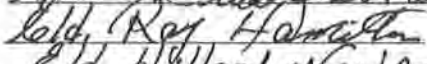
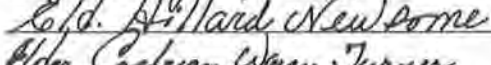

Concerning funerals: If a family wants a minister of the Old Regular Baptist faith to participate in a funeral service where another church minister (not of our correspondence) is going to take part or be used in part of the services. This is acceptable as long as the Regular Baptist minister separates the services by song, prayer and dismissal called. See Item #17 of our 1970 Minutes. This advice is to be printed in our Minutes until future action is taken.

16. Bro. Paul Moore made a motion, second by Eld. Billy Miller to grant the request of the Little Melrose Church in removing Terry Hall's name from the list of ordained ministers.
17. Eld. Elmer Edwards made a motion, second by Eld. Harrison Runyon to accept the letter from the Old Friendship Association. In answer to our request sent to them in 2002, concerning open communion. As they have adopted an order in their 2002 sitting to advise their churches to stop the practice of open communion.
18. A motion by Eld. Delmas Hall, second by Bro. Jay Samons the request from the Eternal Rose Church was granted. Requesting permission to build a place to baptize.
19. Eld. Danny Carty made a motion, second by Bro. Landis Beverly to withdraw the right hand of fellowship from the Little Polly Church, Marshall, MI, for failing to letter and delegate up to the Northern New Salem Association, and to publish them in disorder. By the same motion, any member can go to any church of our faith and order by recommendation up to one year from our 2003 Setting.
20. Eld. Dennis Elkins made a motion, second by Bro. John Elkins to grant the request of the Rose of Sharon Church, 5665 Carleton-S. Rockwood Rd., S. Rockwood, MI. The honor of hosting the 2004 setting of this blessed old Association, also grant the request of the Mt. Olive and Little Ellen churches the honor of co-hosting the Northern New Salem Association.
21. By a motion made by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Eld. Doug McCarty, the clerk was asked to read the 15th item in today's work (Saturday, Aug 2, '03) concerning the request of the Pleasant View Church.

22. A motion was made by Eld. John B. Hamilton, second by Bro. James Wagner to adjourn to place and time mentioned in the 20th item of the current minutes, Saturday's work.

A closing prayer was offered by Eld. Murl Caudill, Moderator of the Old Indian Bottom Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

	Moderator
	Ass't. Moderator
	Clerk
	Ass't Clerk

## **Sabbath Morning, August 3, 2003**

As the overcast skies prevented the warm sunshine of early morning to send forth its brightness. Yet it did not hinder the faithful believers to assemble in the sanctuary of the Little Angel Church to worship up the God of our salvation.

After singing a few of Zion's songs, our honorary Moderator, Eld. Roy Caudill introduced the morning services. He also led in prayer. Second was your unworthy servant, Eld. Hillard Newsome and third was our Eld. Bro. Forest Osborne. Fourth and final was our beloved Moderator, Eld. Buddy W. Carty.

A dismissal prayer was offered by Eld. Estil Hamilton of the Union Association.

I have tried, yet I am unable to find words to express to you the Little Angel Church, Little Flock, Maggie's Home, Little Eddie, countless friends and little children. One and all for working long tedious hours. Preparing the food, which was so good, wholesome and nutritious. Each spoonful was filled with your love, causing all to feel welcome.

You wonderful folks in Campers Village, was it ever so good to see you parked. To be one in our gathering, and to share in your love and hospitality was a blessing. Continue safely on the highways and byways that leads to the Rose of Sharon Church, and there we shall enjoy your fellowship and friendship come August 2004. Thanks for your donation of \$441.00 to the Little Angel Church. You're so thoughtful.

### **Circular Letter by Elder Lowell Mullins**

To the Brothers, Sisters and Friends of the Northern New Salem Association:

Being chosen by the delegates to write the 2003 Circular Letter, this is not an easy thing for me to do. It's like preaching, waiting on the Lord to guide you. I have prayed over this. I believe God gave this to me sometime after our 2002 meeting. It's still on my mind and heart, and it's getting close to our meeting together again.

I want to please God and give Him all honor and glory to all things, for this is why He created man, for man to give Him honor and glory (Rev. 4:11). Let us with our lives do so, for saving us from our sins.

I remember the morning He forgave me of my sins and what I said, "Lord, take this body and do with it as it pleases you, but save my soul from hell." I believe He came in my life that day and took up his abode with me. I was ready to go home that morning and I'm still ready this day, on the belief that, that morning He saved me. He had a job for me to do in His church and I will work for Him until He comes for me. I look for His return most every day. So let us do the Lord's work that is before us with love and kindness in our hearts.

Love is on my heart and soul to write. I have thought of loads of scriptures and love of God comes back again and again, of how much He loves His creation. John 3:16 is probably the most quoted verse in the Bible. It sure shows how much He loves His creation and what a price it cost. John 15:13 says "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends". One of the last things Jesus did while hanging on the cross, was to forgive the thief (Luke 23:43) and He also said about those who were going to crucify Him "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". (Luke 23:34). Was this not love! Jesus is our example.

Brethren, Paul was speaking to the church at Corinth, concerning spiritual things, about the body of Christ and charity. First Corinthians 12:4-9 & 11 says: "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit, and there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same spirit; to



another faith by the same spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same spirit; but all these worketh that one and the selfsame spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."

First Corinthians 12:12-27 says: "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased Him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: and those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked; that there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular". Also in Paul's teaching to the Corinthians about charity it says in First Corinthians 13:1-8: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all the faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing, and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away". In verse 13, Paul says "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity".

Brothers, Webster's definition of charity is christian love and love for one's fellowmen. We need to practice more love, one towards another, now more than ever. For in First John 3:14 it says "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death". Let us not forget to show love in our lives to all mankind, especially to the household of faith. In Hebrews 13:1&2 it says "let brotherly love continue, be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares".

We all have our gifts of God, all different, one from another, but by the same spirit. We don't all agree on all things, because we don't always agree, does that make us wrong? I don't think so. We need to be led by the spirit. We should not allow brothers to lead us. We should follow our hearts to what God places on it. We should not be afraid of the brothers, but fear God.

Brothers, I love the Old Regular Baptist Church. It is my life. I want to live in it and I want to die in it. My heart's desire is that we all work together for the love of God, for we are living in perilous times.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Elder Lowell Mullins

# 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 reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.



# **UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2003-2004**

## **NOVEMBER – 2003**

**LITTLE MELROSE** - First in November (2003). Roy Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Paul Boggs, Murl Caudill, Arnold Whitaker, Scott Hamilton, Bill Cotton.

## **APRIL**

**ANTIOCH** - First in April. Scott Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Jimmie Dale Sanders, Willis Tolliver, Roger Hicks, Gene Johnson.

**PLEASANT VIEW** - First in April. Roger Hicks, Curtis Hall, Covis Tackett, Jeff Dillon, Danny Adams, James Tackett-(New Salem).

**ETERNAL ROSE** - Second in April. Bill Blevins, Gene Johnson, Earl S. Hill, Alex Collier..

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

## **MAY**

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

**LITTLE IDA** - First in May. Danny Carty, Willis Tolliver, Ira Adkins, Hobart Justice, Harvey Estep..

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

**LITTLE RUTH** - Second in May. Karrel Addington, James Branham, Larry Newsome, Jeff Dillon, Willis Tolliver, Charlie Jarrell.

**LILY OF THE VALLEY** - Third in May. Squire Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, John B. Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Eddie Whalen, Tom Vanzandt.

**LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME** - Third in May. Arnold Whitaker, Haston Whitaker, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton, 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, Hershel Slone, Offie Bentley, Paul Coleman, Orvin May, Eddie Wallen.

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**MORNING STAR** - Third in May. Gene Johnson, Paul Dye, Eddy Wallen, Doug McCarty, Barry Lucas, Earl Hill.

## **JUNE**

**LITTLE BETHEL** - First in June. Elbert Hagerman, Jackie Yates, Dee Osborn, Bill Blevens, Chuckie Hall, Danny Carty.

**LITTLE FAMILY** - Second in June. Scott Hamilton, Doug McCarty, Garland H. Deel, Elbert Hagerman.

**LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME** - Second in June. Johnie Bentley, Estill Hamilton, Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Harrison Runyon, Teddy Honaker.

**LITTLE ZION** - Second in June. Larry Dixon, Lonnie Staton, Ed Howell, Mose Bentley, Joe Havlik, Stoney Blackburn.

**LITTLE REBECCA** - Third in June. Bill Cotton, Clyde Lewis, Ted Honaker, Doug McCarty, Garland H. Deel, Berton Ratliff.

**FAMILY OF LOVE** - Fourth in June. Clyde Lewis, Willis Tolliver, Charles Edwards, C.W. Turner, Bill Tackett, Mose Griffet, Gary Blevins.

**LITTLE EDNA** - Fourth in June. Gordon Akers, Johnie Bentley, Billy Miller, Garfield Thacker, Estel Hamilton.

**MT. OLIVE** - Fourth in June. Clyde Lewis, Russell Hicks, Delmas Hall, James Watts, Eddie Wallen, Roy Caudill.

### **JULY**

**LITTLE FLOCK** - Third in July. Jimmy Dale Sanders, Eddie Wallen, Chuckie Hall, Clyde Lewis, Arnold Whitaker.

**LITTLE ANGEL** - Fourth in July. Willis Tolliver, Danny Carty, Estill Hamilton, Teddy Honaker, Billy Williamson, James Tackett.

### **AUGUST**

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

## **MEMORIAL MEETINGS**

**LITTLE REBECCA** - Third in August. Buddy Carty, Johnny Thornsberry, Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Defort Thornsberry.

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

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

**LITTLE RUTH** - Second in July. Lon Beverly, Charley Edwards, Kenny Robinson, Buddy Carty.

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

**LITTLE IDA** - First in April. Scott Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Floyd Jude, Buford Brock.

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

**LITTLE ZION** - Second in August. Gene Johnson, Johnie Bentley, Eddie Slone, O. C. Holbrook, Gordon Akers, Estil Hamilton.

**LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME** - Second in August. Hobart Justice, Danny Carty, Clifford Newsome, Squire Hamilton, Scotty Hamilton, Paul Dye, moderator, assistant moderator.

**MT. OLIVE** - Fourth in August. Danny Hamilton, Johnny Bentley, Scott Hamilton, Estill Hamilton.

**PLEASANT VIEW** - First in June. Tennis Sturgill, Ray Hamilton, Willis Tolliver, Bro. Moderator & assistant moderator.



**LITTLE FAMILY** - Second in October, 2003. Willis Tolliver, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Turner, Kelly Slone.

**LITTLE ANGEL** - Fourth in March. Squire Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, Hargis Tuttle, Floyd Jude, Larry Newsome.

**ANTIOCH** - First in June. Buddy Carty, Danny Carty, Ted Honaker, Chuck Hall, Jimmie Dye, Paris Tackitt.

**ROSE OF SHARON** - Second in October (2003). Leonard Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Chuckie Hall, Danny Adams.

**LILY OF THE VALLEY** - Third in July. Danny Hamilton, Hobart Justice, Matt Slone, Jessie Pack, Stoney Blackburn.

**LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME** - Third in September, (2003). Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Ira Adkins, Jr., Roy Caudill, Johnny Bentley.

**MORNING STAR** - Third in July. Larry Newsome, Alex Collier, Elbert Hagerman, Russell Hicks, Ray Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle.

**LITTLE BETHEL** - First in September 2004. James Branham, Elisha Branham, Scott Hamilton, Buddy Carty, Ray Hamilton, Clifford Newsom.

**FAMILY OF LOVE** - Fourth in October. Phillip Mosley, Berton Radcliff, Morris Wicker, Russell Hicks, Deffort Thornsberry, Raymond Stapleton.

**MACEDONIA** - Third in September, 2004. Marvin Bryant, Jerry Runyon, Scott Hamilton, Raymond Stapleton, Don Lawson, Red Alley.

**TRUE VINE** - Third in October. Scott Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Willis Tolliver, Rick Akers.

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

**ETERNAL ROSE** - Second in June. Ezra Thornsberry, Jeff Dillon, Kennis Robinson, Hayse Chaffins.

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

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## **SPECIAL MEMORIALS**

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**LITTLE FLOCK-MARCUM MEMORIAL** - Fifth Sunday in May. May 30, 2004. (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, Buddy Carty.

**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**

<b>Elder Lon Beverly</b>	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-9501
<b>Elder Danny Carty</b>	5346 St. Andrews, Westerville, OH 43082	614-899-9815
<b>Elder Monroe Hicks</b>	121 W. Broadway, Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-3865
<b>Elder Faris Tuttle</b>	505 St. Rt. 603, Shiloh, OH 44878	419-896-3569

**MAGGIE'S HOME**

Elder Donald Mullins	36157 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946
Elder Paris Tackitt	344 3rd St., Beaver, OH 45613	740-226-6343

**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., Box 322, Vinton, OH 45686	740-669-5055
Elder Charles Edwards	144 Pierson Blvd., Newark, OH 43055	740-364-0636

**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 Ridge 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 44055	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 St., 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	2828 Lorraine St., Marlette, MI 48453	989-635-7393
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. OLIVE**

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

Elder Stoney Blackburn	1013 Jackson St., Vermilion, OH 44089	440-967-9389
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 Donel D. Gibson	222 Stonehedge Dr., Elyria, OH 44035	440-322-0299
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	255 Berryville Rd., 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 Curtis Caudill, Jr.	P.O. Box 68, Littcarr, KY 41834	606-642-4310
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 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	2002 Carriage Hill Apt. Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-997-5973

#### **LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME**

Elder Buford Brock	1508 N. County Rd. 50 E., Danville, IN 46122	317-745-9182
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#### **MORNING STAR**

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
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#### **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
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<b>TRUE VINE</b>		
<b>Elder Kennis L. Robinson</b>	2769 Clearfield Ave., Akron, OH 44314	330-848-8518
<b>LITTLE MELROSE</b>		
<b>Elder Albert Hamilton</b>	3819 Randall Rd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043	904-284-6046
<b>Elder John B. Hamilton</b>	P. O. Box 893, Interlachen, FL 32148	386-684-1246
<b>Elder Doug McCarty</b>	P.O. Box 2018, Keystone Heights, FL 32656	352-473-3424
<b>Elder Johnny Newsome</b>	6402 Bowdoin Ave., Keystone Heights, FL 32656	352-473-9206
<b>ETERNAL ROSE</b>		
<b>Elder Raymond Gayheart</b>	14061 Twp. Rd. 215, Lakeville, OH 44638	330-378-9008
<b>Elder Hargis Tuttle</b>	4494 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-839-5113
<b>LITTLE ELLEN</b>		
<b>Elder Lowell Mullins</b>	1165 Oak Ridge Dr., Manteno, IL 60950	815-468-1532

## 2003 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Little Rebecca .....	Dan Thornsberry, Danny Carty, Frank Holt
Maggie's Home .....	Don Mullins, Danny Prater, Eurice Hall
Little Flock .....	Sam Franks, Hank Forgey, Floyd Newsome
Little Ruth .....	Bill Smith, Scotty Little, Bill Staten
Little Edna .....	Denver Meade, Elmer Edwards, Jay Samons
Little Ida .....	Ralph Caudill, Mose Bentley, Billy Miller
Little Flossie .....	Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Fred Jones
Little Zion .....	Gerald Akers, Buford Conn, Rick Akers
Little Pilgrim's Home .....	Danny Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Landis Beverly
Mt. Olive .....	Elbert Hagerman, William B. Holbrook, Luther Hagerman
Pleasant View .....	Larry Newsome, Basil Elliott, Kenneth Slone
Little Family .....	Jerome Watts Jr., James Watts, Ernie Tuttle
Little Angel .....	Forrest Osborne, James Finley, Bill Castle
Antioch .....	Karrel Addington, I.V. Hudson, Stephen Slone
Rose of Sharon .....	Jeff Dillon, Johnie Bentley, Ralph Manuel
Lily of the Valley .....	Scott Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, Roger Newsome
Little Children's Home .....	Buford Brock, Mike Hiatt, James Wagner
Morning Star .....	Bill Blevins, Ishmael Hall, Jr., Willis Little
Little Bethel .....	Ernest Owens, Kilby Deel, Bill Back
Family of Love .....	Delmas Hall, Kenny Looney, Earnest Martin
Macedonia .....	Ernest Middleton, Paul Moore, Harrison Runyan
True Vine .....	Kennis Robinson, Dennis Elkins, Randy Robinson
Little Melrose .....	Doug McCarty, John M. Elkins, Mark Baker
Eternal Rose .....	Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Wendell Gayheart
Little Ellen .....	Lowell Mullins, Cletis Easterling, Jimmy Sowards

## CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Church	Clerk	Address	City, State	Telephone
Little Rebecca	Frank Holt	.890 Fulwell Dr..	Mansfield, OH 44906	.(419) 747-4552
Maggie's Home	Duane Graves	.028 Bronx Corner Rd.	Ray, OH 45672	.(740) 286-5281
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
Mt. Olive	Lonnie Staton	.718 Waterloo St..	Jackson, MI 49202	.(517) 784-9135
☞ Pleasant View	Dennis Elkins	.2263 Pontious St. NE.	Hartville, OH 44632	.(330) 877-7931
Little Family	Marvin Potter	.7492 Hopkins Rd.	Maineville, OH 45039	.(513) 683-2492
Little Angel	Forest Osborne	.255 Berryville Rd..	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	Dennis Elkins	.2263 Pontious St. NE.	Hartville, OH 44632	.(330) 877-7931
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 Flock	Sam Franks	Don Lawson
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	Bill Staten
Little Edna	Hobert Justice	Jessie Pack
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill	Mose Bentley
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks	Morris Wicker
Little Zion	Rick Akers	Clarence Owens
Little Pilgrim's Home	Robert Wallen	Danny Hamilton
Mt. Olive	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	Bill Blevins	Willis Little
Little Bethel	Paul Dye	Covis Tackett
Family of Love	Buddy W. Carty	Rufus Slone
Macedonia	Burl Sturgill	Harrison Runyon
True Vine	Kennis Robinson	Alex Collier
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
Mt. Olive	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

2003

## CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	44	3:30 P.M. 3-E	450.00	July
Maggie's Home	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	1-M	150.00	July
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	3-M	300.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	2-M	125.00	June
Little Edna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	4-M	125.00	July
Little Ida	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	78	1-M	500.00	June
Little Flossie	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	1-E	350.00	June
Little Zion	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	2-M	150.00	July
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	15	2-M	200.00	July
Mt. Olive	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	12	4-M	125.00	July
Pleasant View	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	74	6:00 P.M. 1-E	300.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	2:00 P.M. 2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	51	4-E	450.00	Aug.
Antioch	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	23	1-E	425.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	35	2-M	500.00	May
Lily of the Valley	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	16	3-E	125.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	2:00 P.M. 3-E	150.00	July
Morning Star	1	0	0	0	2	4	0	28	3-M	300.00	June
Little Bethel	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	16	1-M	150.00	July
Family of Love	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	26	2:00 P.M. 4-E	200.00	July
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	11	3-M	175.00	June
True Vine	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	3-M	100.00	Sept.
Little Melrose	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	16	1:30 P.M. 1-E	150.00	Jan.
Eternal Rose	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	15	2-E	75.00	May
Little Ellen	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	3-E	60.00	June

2003 Church Contributions.....\$5,935.00  
 2003 Money for Pictures.....410.00  
 Other Contributions.....783.00

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**Grand Total**                      **13   5   0   1   10   12   18   663**                      **\$7,128.00**

M — Saturday morning services  
 E — Saturday evening services



# OBITUARIES

## MEMBERS

### NANNIE H. TOPE ADKINS

Nannie H. Tope Adkins, 76, died at 11:30 p.m. February 17, 2003 at Harborside Nursing Home, Defiance. She was born April 29, 1926, in Oak Hill to Archie Edgar and Edna Earle Smith Tope, who preceded her in death. On May 1, 1945 she married Carl Duane Adkins, who survives in Oakwood.

Mrs. Adkins was a homemaker and a private duty caregiver. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Northern Little Dove Church, Pierceton, Indiana since 1976. She loved quilting, scrapbooking and flowers.

Survivors also include four sons: Richard (Bonnie) Adkins and Harold (Kitty) Adkins, both of Oakwood; Howard (Doneta) Adkins of Melrose, and Gregory (Kathy) Adkins of Cecil; four daughters: Karen (Francis) Aldred and Carol (Greg) Jeffery of Paulding; Sharon (Hobert) Newsome of Oakwood, and Barbara (Joseph) Carlisle of Mark Center; two sisters: Doris Roach of Columbus, and Nova Lovett of Oak Hill; 20 grandchildren, 30 step-grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 21 step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters: Carol Madden and Ruth Adkins; a grandson, John Clinton Parish, and a step-granddaughter, Angel Coreen Brown.

Services were held at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood. Elders Moses Griffey and Russell Hicks officiated. Burial was in Pleasant View Cemetery, Paulding County. Harter & Son Memorial Chapel, Delphos was in charge of arrangements.



Nannie H. Tope Adkins

### AILEEN BENTLEY

As I sat down to write this eulogy on our mother, I could not stop thinking how fortunate I am to be part of the luckiest family in the world. A family that was created by nothing more than the pure love of our mother and father.

With the love and support of my family I will try and tell you a little about our Mom. Mom was born September 8, 1930 in Pikeville, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Luke Adkins and Verna Case, and step-daughter of the late Eulece Smallwood. She had two sisters: Louis and Phillis, and two brothers: the late Seba and Arnold. In the spring of 1946 she began to court and eventually marry our Dad, Clarence Bentley. Within a short time they had left for Michigan in search of work for Dad and the hope of starting a family. Dad often talked of how proud he was of Mom, that of her being such a young girl at the age of 17 and being so homesick, she got on the bus with him to go to Michigan and never questioned him or complained at all, this from a girl who had never left her hometown of Pikeville.

In Michigan they started their own family. They had five boys: Mike, Ken, Jim, Roger, and Tommy; one girl: Janetta. She also had a close family friend, Dave who she often joked was her adopted son. She also had four daughters-in-law: Debbie, Kathy, Kay, and Diane. She also had one son-in-law, Robert. She was also blessed with five grandchildren: Amanda, Jimmy, Tyler, Dylan, and Kassie; and with Amanda's baby, Destiny, Mom was made a great-grandmother.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist shortly after arriving in Michigan. She made it known to everyone how much she loved and enjoyed her church.



Aileen Bentley

Mom passed away peacefully the morning of April 22, 2003, almost 8 years to the day that she lost her life-long love, Clarence. As all of us kids sat around her bed that morning, we all found comfort in knowing that with all the tears and sorrow being shared that we knew that there were two people looking down on us who were smiling and hugging each other, who were free of pain and would miss each other no more.

In closing I can't help but wonder what was going on in that young girl's mind on that bus headed to Michigan. I wonder if she knew how happy she would be so far from home with our Dad? And I wondered if she had any idea of how big of a family she would raise, and how much love each of us kids would have for her?

We are going to miss our Mom dearly, but we know it was time for her to go to a better place. So if our mother's hopes and dreams on that long bus ride to Michigan was to have a husband who would love her more than life itself, and raise a family who would love her dearly, then I can say without a doubt that she was one of the few lucky people in the world who was able to fulfill and live out their dreams.

God bless you Mom. You will live forever in our hearts and souls.

### **BILLIE CAROL BLAIR**

Billie Carol (Bryant) Blair was born February 12, 1939 in Hot Spot, KY, and departed this life on December 22, 2001 at the Medina General Hospital in Medina, OH, making her stay here on earth 62 years, 10 months and 10 days. She was the daughter of the late Homer Mitchell Bryant and Anna Mae Bryant.

She married Everett Blair on November 27, 1963, and to this union was born one son: Rodney Dewayne Blair (wife Rachel) of Ashland, OH; one daughter: Ramona Dione Blair of Lodi, OH. Sister Billie had 1 grandson: Zachary of Ashland, OH. She is also survived by five sisters: Shirley Ashley (Robert) of Del Rio, TN; Judy Northstein (Ken) of Eubank, KY; Sara Jacobs (Jack) of Waynesburg, KY; Donna Yocum of King Mountain, KY; and Jennifer Bryant of Danville, KY. Two brothers: Homer Mitchell Bryant, Jr. (Gale) of Orange, TX; and Eugene Bryant (Betty) of Greenville, TN. One half-brother, Wayne Caudill (Phyllis) of Centerville, OH. She also leaves to mourn her loss a host of friends and loved ones. In addition to her Dad and Mother, Sister Billie was preceded in death by 2 sisters: Janie Sue Bryant and Brenda Lou Bryant; and 1 brother: James Charles Bryant.



**Billie Carol Blair**

Sister Billie professed a hope in Christ and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ and was baptized by Elders Stoney Blackburn and Tennis Sturgill at the Pleasant View Church in Litchfield, OH on September 28, 1980. She remained a faithful member at Pleasant View until her death.

Sister Billie loved to spend time with her family and friends. She also enjoyed her needlework, quilting and embroidery. Sister Billie loved everyone and the door to her home and her heart was always open. Her life touched so many people in so many ways and her kind words, good advice, and wonderful sense of humor will be greatly missed. She was a mother-type figure to many of the young people who passed her way.

Sister Billie's sickness, pain and sorrow are over and she has received her reward. She now rests in the arms of Jesus where there is only joy, happiness and peace. Although she is greatly missed, her memory lives on in our hearts and lives. Heaven is just a little brighter since Sister Billie's soul has reached Heaven's shore. Those who desire to go where Sister Billie has gone, must fall out with sin and seek the offered mercies of Jesus Christ while you have life and opportunity.

Written by her sister, Shirley Ashley and brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

## STEPHEN ALAN BORDERS

It is with a very broken heart that we sit down this day to write the obituary of our Dad, Stephen Alan Borders. Dad was born on February 19, 1951 to John and Robina Borders in Sullivan, Indiana, and went to his heavenly home on October 19, 2002, making his stay on earth, 51 years, 8 months.

Dad met his beautiful wife, Diane, on March 6, 1970, and married her on December 21, 1970.

Dad was preceded in death by his dad, mother, 3 brothers and 1 sister. He is survived by his wife, Diane; daughter, Christina; son, Stephen Alan, Jr.; granddaughter, Shyloh; and Joshua and Christina Adkins, who only knew him as Papaw; one brother, James Borders (wife Donna); many nephews, nieces, and a host of family and friends.



Stephen Alan Borders

Dad gave his life to the Lord in December, 1979, and made it manifest in January, 1980, when the Lord led him to the Pleasant View Church, where he was baptized. Dad remained there for 2 years until he went to help establish the True Vine Church as one of the original members, and he remained there for 21 years. Dad was ordained in 1985 by the True Vine Church of Old Regular Baptist in Faith and Order as the first ordained preacher after the church was organized.

Dad became sick in 1999 and had to retire from Chrysler, and although he retired from there, he never gave up preaching, even when he could hardly breathe. His love for God and his brothers and sisters, family and friends kept him going as long as he could, and preaching God's word until the end. He loved to tell the young people about his life and to let them know how much he loved them. He would tell them about Jesus and that if Jesus could save someone like him, that Jesus could do the same for them if they would just trust in the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind and spirit, and believe that Jesus is a rewarder to them that diligently seek Him.

On the day Dad left us, he sat at the kitchen table and began to preach, telling his loved ones and friends what we needed to do to meet him in Heaven some sweet day, never to part again. Dad sang one last song that day (Troublesome Waters), and even though he struggled to breathe that morning, his preaching and singing never sounded so good. He didn't have to struggle to breathe then, and it sounded so beautiful to his family and friends that were with him that day.

We will never forget you and our broken hearts may never mend, but you showed us the joy in serving Jesus, and you told us of the angels around your bed, and we hope one day to see the things the Lord showed you close to the end of your life, not only showing you, but also showing us, that there truly is a God and a place called Heaven, and that everybody can go there if they believe and want to go.

Written by your children, with all our love, Tina and Stevie

### I'LL SHED NO MORE TEARS

*I'll shed no more tears, for when you closed your eyes to  
this cruel world, you opened them to a beautiful city.*

*I'll shed no more tears, for I can only imagine the  
beautiful things you are seeing now.*

*I'll shed no more tears, for I know how you were rejoicing  
in the angels arms as you went to Heaven to be with Jesus.*

*I'll shed no more tears, that you left us behind because  
you showed us what we had to do to join you some sweet day.*

*I'll shed no more tears, but will miss you forever, and  
although our hearts are still broken. Just for today,*

*I'll shed no more tears.*

Written by your broken-hearted children



## COLIN CAUDILL

It was in the lovely hills of Eastern Kentucky, in the little community of Jeremiah in Letcher County, that on April 21, 1945, Brother Colin, along with his twin sister, Carolyn, graced the home of Rankin and Doshie Caudill. It was here that they played in the streams of clear water and picked the wild flowers that grew so abundantly. It was here that love was plentiful and discipline was given. Along with his other siblings, they padded the dusty dirt road to a little one-room school. It was in 1953 that his father moved the family to Bullitt County, Kentucky to find employment. Brother Colin was a veteran of the Vietnam War and a retired employee of the General Electric Company, after 35 years of service.



Colin Caudill

On January 14, 1966, he took the hand of a young and beautiful high school sweetheart, Susan Morris. Together they shared over 37 years of wedded bliss. Through good times and bad, lean years and plentiful, they were there for each other. Brother Colin was a good provider and a devoted husband to his beloved wife Susie, who survives. He was a loving and caring father to his two surviving children: a daughter, Tiffany Tackett (Mark) and son, Michael (Alicia). Two grandchildren also survive him. He loved his family and they were his pride and joy. Brother Colin is also survived by his mother, Sister Doshie Everage; brother, Keith (Martha); his twin sister Carolyn Hillberry (Bill); sister, Kathleen Cox (Orville); sister-in-law, Bonnie Caudill; nieces, nephews and numerous friends. His father, Brother Rankin Caudill, his brother, Brother Kelly Caudill, and his stepfather, Everett Everage, preceded him in death.

Brother Colin made a profession of faith and was baptized into full love and fellowship of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church by the hands of Elders Karrel Addington and Wayne Turner. He had a desire to confess Christ as his Savior, be baptized and tell his family and friends what God had done for him.

Brother Colin deceased this life in the comforts of his home with family and friends by his side on Sunday evening, July 20, 2003. God blessed him to live upon His good earth 58 years, 2 months and 30 days. After a courageous battle with cancer, he peacefully went to sleep in the arms of Jesus to await the glorious resurrection of the dead, to arise and go home to ever live with the Lord and His angels in a land of perfect peace.

To his two brothers-in-law: Bill Hillberry and Orville Cox: we say "Thanks" for all you did for Brother Colin in his time of need. Bill, may God grant you and Carol a special blessing, for leaving your home and caring and comforting your brother. To Kathy, a special blessing for taking care of your dear mother so Carol and Bill could be of service to Brother Colin, Susie, Tiffany and Mike. Tiffany and Mike, your daddy was so proud of you children. Tiffany, with your degree as a registered nurse, you were able to administer to your daddy's needs and keep him as comfortable as possible. May God ever bless you children to always remember the good advice and counsel he gave you. You are what you are today because of your father Colin and mother Susie. To Susie, may the happy memories of years past comfort you in all your tomorrows as we wait to join Brother Colin and all our loved ones in a land of everlasting peace and joy.

With Love, Brother Newsome

It is with a grieving heart that I write these words about my daddy, Colin Caudill. Mere words could never do him justice, for he was a kind and gentle man. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. But to me, "Daddy's Little Girl", he was even more than all these things — he was so very precious. He loved quietly and unselfishly, never seeking praise or recognition. He was a constant source of strength and stability for my mother, brother, and myself. He worked endless hours, days, weeks, and years to provide for our every need. He was a truly devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

On Sunday, July 20, 2003, my daddy left us and went to be with Jesus, his Savior, in a place where there is no suffering or pain. He was surrounded by those who loved him so. He is sadly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren, mother, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, and many friends. But those who call on Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior will see him again — in glory and in perfect peace. He told me he'd be waiting there for me. I praise Jesus that my precious Daddy is in His eternal, loving, and perfect care.

With utmost love, Tiffany Caudill Tackett, daughter

### KELLY CAUDILL

Please come with me. We'll walk down memory lane, and meet a little Brother by the name of Kelly Caudill. One who gave us so much joy and love as he journeyed on earth's trouble shore, on the way to the promise land. A native of Knott County, Kentucky, Brother Kelly departed this life suddenly on May 22, 2003. He was welcomed into the home of Rankin and Doshie Caudill on February 15, 1943. God blessed Brother Kelly to live upon His good earth 60 years, 3 months and 7 days. He retired with 35 years of devoted service from the General Electric Company in Louisville, Kentucky.



Kelly Caudill

On March 8, 1965, Brother Kelly was married to the former Bonnie Kay House, who survives. They were blessed to share 38 wonderful years together. He is also survived by one daughter, Sheila Kay King (Bobby); and one son, Brian Kelly Caudill (Holly). They blessed him with four beautiful grandchildren. Brother Kelly was a good provider, loving and caring husband and an adorable father. He was a little man of stature, yet he had a heart filled with love for his many friends and loved ones. Brother Kelly is also survived by his mother, Sister Doshie Everage; one brother, Keith Caudill (Martha); two loving and caring sisters: Carolyn Hillberry (Bill); and Kathy Cox (Orville), all of the Louisville area. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends, all of whom I am sure will miss his friendliness and warm personality. His father, Rankin Caudill, and his stepfather, Brother Everett Everage, preceded him in death. Since Brother Kelly's departure, his brother, Colin Caudill, has joined him in the company of Christ and his loved ones.

Brother Kelly put on the whole armor of God and gave his hand to become a member of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church on February 17, 2002. The hands of Elders Karrel Addington, Wayne Turner, and Hillard Newsome baptized him. Kelly was a gifted singer. He believed in good order, a clean church and showing his love for all. He was a loveable Brother, one who bore the fruits of a child of God, ever letting his light shine all to the glory and honor of God. He often told me "Brother Newsome, just any old way won't do." I have no doubt that Brother Kelly, Brother Rankin and Brother Colin was resting, just waiting for that glorious resurrection morning. It's then and there the family will be reunited to join in singing that glorious song of pure delight in praise to our Heavenly Father.

Let me encourage you, one and all, to remember the happy days spent with Brother Kelly. I encourage you to strive for the good old path that leads to Heaven's perfect shore. There, we shall live forever in a land of perfect peace and joy.

In Christ love, Brother Newsome

My dad, Kelly Caudill:

My dad was a man who had the biggest heart of anyone I knew. I don't think he ever met a stranger. I learned so much from him. He taught me how to work hard to care for my family. He also taught me how to treat my wife. I have never seen a man love a woman as much as he loved my mother. He taught me the value of family. He loved his family very much. If one of us got sick, he would worry himself crazy until we were better.

I have many fond memories and although I miss fishing with him, and being with him, I know and believe he is in the arms of Jesus, his loving Savior, and I believe we will be reunited in heaven some glorious day.

With loving memories, his son, Brian

### **JESSE FRANCIS**

Brother Jesse Francis was born Thursday, August 6, 1925 and passed away Tuesday, June 10, 2003 making his stay in this world 77 years, 10 months and 5 days. He was the son of the late London and Susie Williams Francis.

Brother Jesse is survived by his wife, Acha Dimple Francis; 6 sons: Orville (Linda) Francis, Clem (Karlett) Jackson; Edward (Marie) Francis, Jesse B. Francis, David Laron Francis and Desmond Scott (Christie) Francis; 11 daughters: Sheila Davidson, Sharon Kay Francis, Susie Etta Francis, Portia Anita (Dirk) Combs, Dorothy Ann (Larnell) Johnson; Cleo Vanessa Francis, Josephine Eunice Hardesty, Ruth O. (Lacy) Smith, Constance Rosemary (Bennie) Houston, Theresa (John-deceased), Tyus and Hulalor Currence. He also left to

mourn a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by brothers and sisters: George Francis, Edgar Francis, Arizona Christian, Zola Combs and Thelma Walker. Brother Jesse also leaves to mourn a host of friends and brothers and sisters in the church that he so dearly loved.

Brother Jesse joined and was baptized in the Old Regular Baptist Church on a cold Sunday, February 12, 1984 having his membership at the Rose of Sharon Church of the Northern New Salem Association and was a very faithful member there until his sudden death. Although Brother Jesse moved back to his homeland in the hills of Kentucky several years before his death he left his membership at the Rose of Sharon Church and always referred to the Rose of Sharon Church as his church.

Brother Jesse loved to sing and was very blessed at lining songs. One of his favorites and also the last one I remember him lining at the Rose of Sharon Church was, "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah".

Written at the request of his wife, by friends of the Rose of Sharon Church



**Jesse Francis**

### **MERLAND GIBSON**

Merland, the oldest of nine children was born to Annie and Thomas Gibson on January 28, 1930 and journeyed on to be with the Lord on July 2, 2003. His maternal grandparents were Della and Millard Martin. His paternal grandparents were Laurel and John Penny Gibson.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father and his youngest sister, Dorsey. His sisters are Wanda, Ann, Betty, Janit and Elnora. He has two brothers, Donel and Thomas J. Merland married Myrtle Row in June, 1952 and to union was born a son, Merle Glen and a daughter, Patricia Ann. Following Myrtle's death, he met and married Shelby Jean Prater on July 14, 1962. To this union was born a daughter, Debbie Ann, and a son, Philip Wayne. God blessed him

with nine grandchildren: Erica, Alicia, Andrea and Daron Gibson, Laura and Joseph Burrer, Meagan, Alison and Elijah Carter. Eight great-grandchildren: Seth, Ethan, Jerrica, Jarred, Austin, Jessica, Cassidy and Denver.



**Merland Gibson**



Merland worked in the coal mines of Kentucky as a young man. He served his country in the U.S. Army for three years. He worked at the Shelby Depot for a few years, then worked and retired from General Motors in Mansfield.

Merland's smile and friendship were known by so many. He never met a stranger. If he had it, he gave it, and when needed, fatherly advice went out to all. He had a way of making everyone feel special. It is a blessing for all those who are left behind to know that on November 13, 1976, Merland gave his life to the Lord and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church. He was a member of the Little Bethel Church. He leaves not only his immediate family but brothers and sisters of the Old Regular Baptist Church, all of his beloved Mennonite friends, and all his wonderful neighbors and friends.

This personal note to his family was left in Merland's Bible.

*"To my family, I hate to leave you behind in this troubled world. So when I'm gone, don't weep for me. I'll have a new home, one that will never fade away. And I'll have a new body like Jesus. One that won't be sick or troubled anymore. Thank God Almighty, I'll have a new life.*

*I have done the best I know how to live my life before you and not to force the way I believe on you, but there is no easy way. I hope you don't settle down on just any easy way. For I have the old time way, she was laid down long, long ago, and it will never change. I thank God He gave me a home with the Old Regular Baptist. She has been a good home for me.*

*So I'll say farewell for this life. I hope to meet you again on Mount Zion with Jesus where we won't have to part anymore. So farewell to my wife and children. I love you all so much, be good to one another. Farewell, I love you all. Dad.*

All those whom you have touched with your life say farewell to you, husband, father, brother and friend. We love you and will miss you but with joy to know that you have entered into His rest.

Your brother in Christ, Jay

#### O, GRACE

*Oh Grace, you knew the prophets, you gave them comfort on stormy seas.*

*Oh Grace come from the Father, to give me light that I may see.*

*Oh Grace, you are full of victory, no clear eye has seen your defeat.*

*Oh Grace, your love has found me and gave me life before I sleep.*

*Oh Grace, such sweet surrender, you searched me out, you gave me peace*

*Oh Grace, so far you brought me, you gave me life, my mourning cease.*

*Oh Grace, I'm so glad you found me, Oh Grace you have been my friend.*

*Oh Grace, seek out my loved ones, that I may see their hearts again.*

*Sweet, sweet grace your work completed, you gave me strength to close my eyes.*

*Sweet, sweet grace I see Him smiling, you brought me home to Beulah's skies.*

#### ARZILLA GILLUM

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

In Christian love for a dear sister in Christ and her family, we will try to compile this obituary.

On February 19, 2003 in the Oakwood Skilled Nursing Center in Dearborn, Michigan, the soul of a mild and lovely sister took her flight to her eternal rest. One of 13 children, Arzilla was born on September 10, 1917, to Clell and Myrtle (Compton) Ford, Firebrick, KY, making her stay here on earth 85 years, 5 months, and 9 days. Preceding her in death were mother, father, 7 brothers, and 3 sisters. Only two sisters, Martha Potter of Lincoln Park, Michigan, and Sara Johnson of Wheelersburg, Ohio, are left out of this large family.



Arzilla Gillum

In her young years, Arzilla met the love of her life, Talmadge Gillum, and they married on August 10, 1935 in Ohio. To this union, God granted three sons: Robert, Donald Eugene, and Lonnie Edward. They moved to Michigan where Talmadge found work at Monsanto Corporation in Trenton, Michigan. Later, Arzilla worked for McCords in Wyandotte, Michigan, where she retired.

Arzilla and Talmadge repented, gave their lives to the Lord, and were baptized together at the Little Ida Church on October 1, 1967. Later on September 19, 1969, they were ordained as deacon and deaconess of the Little Ida Church performing their duties until Talmadge passed away in 1978. When we would visit during her days of confinement at home, she would always ask for her favorite song "Lord Thou Art Precious To Me" ending with prayer.

She leaves to mourn her great loss her three sons: Lonnie (Patricia) Gillum, Robert Gillum, and Donald Gillum; all of their children; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a host of friends; and the family of members at the Little Ida Church, who will miss her presence greatly.

To Bob, Donald, Lonnie, and families, she left a light of love for all of you. She spoke fondly of each one of you. She was a mother who gave her all to her family, asking nothing in return. We know you all will miss her presence. Many things will be brought to your remembrance of a dear mother and loved one. Our prayer is that God will bless and comfort each one of you.

We could say many good things, all of which would be true, of Sister Arzilla. She will be greatly missed at the Little Ida Church. We loved her too, but our loss is heaven's gain.

Her hopes have been fulfilled here, and her reward will come in the morning of that great day. We realize and believe that her soul is at rest with Jesus, and she will live again.

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

*No other human love so pure  
No heart like Mother's, always sure  
No faith so firm, no hope so strong*

*No voice so stern against all wrong  
We praise thee then our God above  
For Thy rich gift of Mother's love.*

#### TO MY LOVING SISTER IN CHRIST JESUS

*Through grace we are made sisters,  
Through life we are made friends,  
Through you love I'm made to believe  
That happiness never ends.  
For you've been a sweet mother, an angel,  
At His feet, by your side, I love to kneel,  
In your smile I can see Heaven.*

*And I know God's love is real.  
My words are not anything fancy,  
But my heart has thoughts that can't be spoken,  
But I love you so dearly, dear lady,  
And this poem is my heart's small token.  
Sister Debbie Caudill  
December 1987*

#### LONA HAMILTON

With sad and broken hearts we will write the obituary of our dear mother, Lona Hamilton.

Mom was born July 4, 1919 in Floyd County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Emery and Ida (Reynolds) Newsome.

Mom married our dad Evan Hamilton on December 6, 1934. Onto this union was born twelve children, one died at birth and our sister Sally lived for one month. Mom was blessed to see her ten children grow up and become parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, which made mom a great-great-grandma. Mom and dad's children include seven sons: Squire of Pikeville, KY; Carl of Cleveland, Ohio; and Tal, Rufford, Bill, Noah, and Ray all of Ashtabula, Ohio; and three daughters: Velva Smith, Nan Simmons, and Kathy Hamilton, all of Ashtabula, Ohio. Mom had forty-four grandchildren, fifty-eight great-grandchildren, and ten great-great-grandchildren.

Mom was the sister of Noah Newsome of Claypool, Indiana, and Velva Taggert of Pierpoint,



Lona Hamilton

Ohio. She had two half-sisters, Dina Panzone and Nancy Howel, both of Teaberry, Kentucky.

Mom was preceded in death by our dad and five grandchildren: Squire Jr., Joann, Rodger, and Matthew Hamilton and Robin Simmons. She was also preceded in death by her brother Gordon Newsome and two sisters Lizzie Hamilton and Ettie Newsome, and her parents.

Mom joined the Lily of the Valley Church on April 11, 1970. Mom loved the Old Regular Baptist family.

Squire recalls going to church with mom as a little boy in Eastern Kentucky. He remembers how mom loved to have the brothers and sisters of the church to come over to spend the night and talk about the Lord. Squire was also blessed to baptize mom.

Tal will always remember in the summertime how mom would ask him if he had picked her some green beans and tomatoes from his garden. He wishes she were still here so he could take her some.

Nan remembers how mom liked her soap operas and she would call Nan to talk to her about what was going on with them. When Nan watches the soap operas now she thinks about Mom. Nan also remembers the pajama parties the girls would have with mom. She misses and loves mom so much. She wishes we could still have the pajama parties with mom.

Rufford remembers how they would take mommy and Aunt Velva to Kentucky every summer, and how much fun they would have laughing and cutting up. He misses mom so much and knows trips to Kentucky will never be the same.

Noah, Carl, and Ray remember mom yelling at them to get out of the bed and get ready for school. They remember loving to hear mom sing. Even when she was ill they would ask her to sing for them and she would.

Kathy remembers how mommy loved to sit out on her porch and in younger years mom putting out a garden. Also, she remembers how mom and Aunt Velva loved traveling to Kentucky and Indiana to visit their family. Mommy loved to see her family come and visit her, it would always make her face light up. If one of her kids would come in she would say there's my son or there's my daughter.

Kathy also remembers how much mommy loved the Old Regular Baptist Church and would try to go even when she wasn't able. Kathy will never forget one certain communion: Mommy was so ill she had to sit in a recliner for church, but she still got to wash Sister Jeanette's feet. That was the last communion mom had at church.

When mommy got really bad Kathy remembers that some brothers of the church would come to mommy's house once a week to hold church. Mom loved that. She would always ask what day it was so she could figure out how many days she would have to wait for church again. God did bless us to have some really good meetings. Kathy would like to thank the brothers and sisters of the church, family and friends that came to mom's for church. You made her very happy.

Mom was a wonderful mother and grandmother. I learned a lot from her, and she was my best friend. I thank God for letting mom stay here for eighty-three years. Mom always told her children and grandchildren to put their trust in God.

A week before mom was taken from us she was clapping her hands and shouting that she was going home to Heaven. You could tell she was talking to God, then she said he told her she could stay a little longer and a week later mom was gone. The last time mom was really sick in Cleveland hospital; the doctors didn't think she would get better and come home. God blessed her though, to come home again. Mom always said when she got ready to go home to Heaven she wanted to be at home. Mom was at home with her loved ones with the Death Angel came and took her from us. Our loss is Heaven's gain and mom has no more pain. Mom's family loves and misses her very much.

Written by her children,  
Squire, Tal, Nan, Rufford, Noah, Carl, Ray, Kathy



I'll not sure how to write this, but because I love and miss my grandma so much I'll try. I don't understand death and I don't know if I ever will, but what I do understand is life. My grandma loved life and all of the people in hers. She loved Church and singing church songs. My grandma was always proud of her family no matter what. She was happy with what she had and wasn't interested in looking at the bad side of things. My grandma was a wonderful person who always wanted the best for everyone she loved. She was always giving and a beautiful person inside and out. I thank God I got to have someone like my grandma in my life and I am especially thankful that I was so close to her.

This is for my gramcracker Lona Hamilton. Love always your sugarbaby, Katrina Hamilton

### EMERSON H. JARRELL

In loving memory and with the help of the Lord, we will try to write the obituary of a loving husband and wonderful and great dad.

Dad passed away on Saturday, May 31, 2003 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital at the age of 91. He was born January 27, 1912. He was the son of the late Andrew and Lina (Hardin) Jarrell. He was preceded in death by two brothers: Columbus and Clarence Jarrell; and one sister, Louise Malcomb. He is survived by one living sister, Lucille Backus of Rainelle, W.VA.

He is also survived by his loving wife, Nellie Jarrell. They were married for 63 years and were the parents of seven children. Four boys: Jimmy Jarrell of Orange Park, Fla.; David Emerson, Clarence E. and Stephen M. Jarrell all from Michigan. Three daughters: Betty J. Smith, Nellie R. Matney, and Cathy S. Yeoman, all from Michigan. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Dad was a member and Deacon of the Rose of Sharon Church of the Old Regular Baptist at South Rockwood, Michigan in the Northern New Salem Association. His original membership was at Little Rosa Church, Chattaroy, W. Va. before moving to Michigan in October, 1990.

Dad will be missed deeply and forever by his wife and family and friends and all his church family.

We all loved him so very much. He was such a meek, quiet and gentle man but God loved him more and took him home to rest in his heavenly home, where there will be no more sorrow and deaths. Sleep on loved one, we will meet you some sweet day around the throne of God with all His children in Heaven. We will praise His sweet name forever and forever. Bless His Holy Name.

Written by his lonely and broken-hearted wife and children



Emerson H. Jarrell

### LUTHER MEADE

Luther Meade was born April 12, 1920, in Jackson, KY, and departed this life on April 6, 2003, at Elyria Regional Medical Center, making his stay here on earth, 82 years, 11 months and 24 days. He was the son of the late Manuel and Martha (Hall) Meade. He came to Lorain more than 50 years ago and remained a resident there until his death.

Brother Luther married Helen R. Tolliver on September 28, 1943, and they raised one daughter, Brenda Roberts (husband Carl). Both Helen (1995) and Brenda (1998) preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by 2 sisters, infant Alcie (1912) and Angie Hall (1993); and 3 brothers, Lowell (1985), Edward (1966), and Stumber "Joe" (1970). He is survived by his grandchildren, Tracy Brooks and Scott Roberts, both of Lorain, OH, 2 great-grandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, and friends.



Luther Meade

Brother Luther served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a military policeman and was honorably discharged. He worked as a crane operator for U.S. Steel from 1952 until his retirement in 1972. He enjoyed fishing and playing horseshoes.

The most significant event in Brother Luther's life was when he sought God in His mercy, and received forgiveness for his sins. God gave him a promise of a mansion in Heaven when this life was over. Brother Luther joined the Pleasant View Church of Old Regular Baptist on July 19, 1970, and was baptized August 2, 1970 by Elders Charles Keesee and Ivan Amburgey. He remained a faithful member until his death. He enjoyed coming to church and always rejoiced with his hand held high toward Heaven. You'd always find him with a smile on his face and happiness in his heart. Only a week before he died, although he had on an oxygen mask, he sang 2 songs and rejoiced in praising King Jesus. Life here was fleeing him, but he still smiled, sang and rejoiced in the Lord. You could certainly see the glow of Christ on Brother Luther, even as he was dying. He only wanted to talk about the Lord and how he was ready to go home.

Precious grandchildren and loved ones, if you want to make Heaven your home when this life is over, you must fall out with sin, repent, and be born again. This old world doesn't have anything to offer. It will all pass away. Put your trust in Jesus and if you seek Him with your whole heart, He will be found with you. Please don't put it off because you never know when your name will be called and your chance and opportunity for salvation will end for there is no repentance after death. May God Bless you all.

Written by his Brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

### PALESTINE NEWSOME

In loving memory and with a sad heart, I write this obituary to honor the life of my grandmother Palestine Newsome, who passed away on December 15, 2002.

Palestine was born April 12, 1928 in East McDowell, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Elder Shelby Newsom and Sister Burnette Newsom. Sister Pal gave her life to the Lord on November 6, 1965 and was a life-long member of the Lily of the Valley Church.

One brother, Paul Newsom, and three children, Lavada, Mike, Ricky preceded grandma in death. Her husband, Elder Chester Newsome and sister Roberta Frasure survive her. Elder Chester Newsome and Sister Pal were married on August 22, 1942, making their union 61 years together. From this union came forth thirteen

children. Sons: Randy, Roger, Fred, Ronnie, Gary and Carl. Daughters: Carlotta, Janette, Janet, and Sandy. Also many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Grandma was known by many of her great-grandchildren as "Grandma Sweetie", a name that still holds true today. Grandma Sweetie lived her life for the Lord and was a wonderful example for us all to follow. All that knew her loved her. Much of her life was spent cooking and caring for her family and the church. No matter how tired or sick she was, her positive personality always shone through.

Grandma was quick with her smile and always had funny little expressions to make everyone laugh. To her children and grandchildren she always had a shoulder to lean on and arms to hold you so tight. One of the most precious memories I have of my loving grandmother was to hear her sing and shout in praise of the Lord when our meeting was so blessed. Her voice still rings in my ears.

Not a moment goes by that she is not deeply missed her family, friends and Brothers and Sisters of the church. I know that the words my grandfather chose to put on her headstone are so very true — "She's only gone away with a friend."



Palestine Newsome

Written with love, Her Granddaughter  
Lisa Fish and her loving husband, Elder Chester Newsome

## OLIVE NEWSOME

My mother Olive Newsome was born February 5, 1927 in Naugatuck, WV to the late Sammy and Julia Marcum. She was married to Roosevelt Newsome on May 5, 1945 in Pikeville, KY.

Daddy and mother lived in Naugatuck, WV where they had five children: Eugene, Chapmanville, WV; Ernestine, Proctorville, OH; Faye, Canal, Winchester, OH; and Jerry, Hamden, OH. They had 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mother joined the Bethany Church in Laurel Creek, WV in January 1974. Mother was a very caring, humble person. She lived a very quiet life as a homemaker and what a homemaker she was. She loved to sew and cook for her children. Her favorite holiday was Christmas. Her most favorite time was to be with her sisters, be it shopping, sewing or just visiting with them.

Mother devoted her life to going to church and serving the Lord. Mother lost her life in a fatal car accident on Saturday evening March 9, 2002. She was on her way to stay with her sister and attend church on Sunday when the Lord called her home.

I know Mother is the biggest brightest rose in Heaven, as well she should be but some of her rosebuds she left behind are fading.

I know Mother you are in the best most beautiful home because its everlasting but — OH how sad and lonely you left me.

The most beautiful thing I see on this earth is a big bright beautiful colored rose and I see you — my mother.

Your sad & lonely daughter, Faye



Olive Newsome

## CHARLES REYNOLDS

Charles E. Reynolds, 68, of Lorain, Ohio, died at New Life Hospice Center in Lorain, Ohio on October 16, 2002. He was surrounded by his dear family who had so much love for him. Heaven rejoiced to receive him, but we who remain here feel sad that he is no longer with us, yet we can be glad that his suffering is over, and he is in the perfect loving care of God.

He was born in Beaver, KY on Dec. 3, 1933 to Walter and Nannie Jones Reynolds who are deceased. His step-mother, Edith Reynolds, resides in Springport, Michigan.

Charles leave to mourn his dear wife, Leona Watson Reynolds, to whom he was married for fifteen years. She carefully and lovingly stayed by his side and watched as he slipped away into the care of the most high God, never to suffer again. Charles children, step-children, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews were there for him all the way, so diligently staying by his side. He leaves his four children: Theresa Taylor of Indianapolis, Indiana; Melanie Spare of Balground, Georgia; Frederick Reynolds of Lorain, Ohio; Charles Michael Reynolds of Lorain, Ohio. He has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Charles has three step-children: James Randy Williams, John Williams; step-daughter, Geri Howard, all of Lorain, Ohio. He has 11 step-grandchildren and 3 step-great-grandchildren.

Charles has five sisters surviving: Ella Ruth Hall of Beaver, KY; Billie Faye Finnitzer of North Olmstead, Ohio; Pauline Newsome of Elyria, Ohio; Loretta Reynolds of Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Mabel Martin of Albion, Michigan. His five surviving brothers are: Wendell of Albion, Michigan, Larry of Celina, Tenn.; Ronnie of Betsy Layne, KY; Glenn of Jackson, Michigan; and



Charles Reynolds



Donnie of Springport, Michigan. Charles had three brothers that preceded him in death: Danny, Emmitt, and Wallace (who died in infancy). Two sisters also deceased are Emogene Turner and Augustine Cooper.

Charles moved to Lorain, Ohio in 1952. He retired from U.S. Steel in Lorain after 41 years of service. He enjoyed camping, fishing, and being with his family and his church family.

Bro. Charles also leaves behind a church family who loves him dearly, and he loved us. We are so grateful that a few years ago Bro. Charles put his whole heart, soul, mind and strength into the care of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. He attained man's highest goal. He then came home to the Pleasant View Church, rejoicing that his name was written in the Lamb's Book of Life. He was a dedicated Christian. He and Sister Lea were encouragers and helped the church in various ways. *"Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His saints."* Psalms 116:15.

Written by his Sister and Brother in Christ,  
Sister Patsy Newsome and Brother Dennis Elkins

### ESTILL TACKETT

With loving memories and a sad heart we write this obituary to honor our beloved father, dear brother and loving grandfather, Estill Tackett, who passed away on December 2, 2002.

Grandpa was born February 24, 1923 to Epp and Lettie Jane Tackett of Weeksbury, Kentucky. On April 7, 1941 he married Verda Mullins. They were married 60 years and had two children, Okie and Gwendolyn Kay.

Grandpa was preceded in death by his wife Verda who passed away November 11, 2001 and brothers, Everett, Clyde and Ben.

Surviving family are son Okie, daughter Gwendolyn Kay, daughter-in-law Virginia. Four grandchildren: Tracie (Chris) Wellman, James (Peggy) Tackett, Kimberly (Larry) Adkins and Lance (Niki) Vericker. Six great-grandchildren: Jordan and Drew Vericker, Raegan Wellman, and Larry, Josh and Allisyn Adkins. Brothers: Russell (Frona), James (Lois), Bob (Helen), Frank (Joann) and Reo (Billie) Johns. Sisters: Irene (Lester) Glimpse, Rheba Johnson, Betty (Randall) Dials, Patty (Raymond) Little and Jackie (Robert) Hampton; and sisters-in-law: Madge (Marvin) Tidwell, Virgie Tackett and Sue Tackett. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Grandpa owned and operated two Mobil Service Stations for many years. He was a very positive influence on numerous young people as he provided them with their first job opportunity. Many have returned to express their gratitude and reflect on past memories.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and spent several years coaching and supporting the many activities of his grandchildren.

Grandpa loved the outdoors and spent many vacations enjoying his favorite pasttime, fishing. He also loved attending baseball games, playing with his great-grandchildren and feeding the birds.

We all will miss his gentle smile and soft blue eyes.



Estill Tackett

Written by his loving family

## CARLIE TUTTLE, SR.

With deepest regret we will attempt to write this tribute to our long time friend, companion, and fellow laborer. Who in every way carried the cross in this life as much as any minister that we have been with or knew, in our travels in this life and in the blessed world to come.

Brother Carlie was born November 24, 1923, in Knott County, Kentucky, to William and Minerva (Lewis) Tuttle. He entered into that blessed sleep September 12, 2001.

Brother Carlie served his country in World War II from October 30, 1944 until he was discharged in 1946.

He married Sister Louise (Collins) in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, July 1, 1948 who gave him 8 children and preceded him in his sweet rest. He met and married Sister Mary Moore in March of 1991. She survives. Four sons and three daughters remain to mourn the loss of a father that not many children will be blessed to know. One daughter, Mary Anna, fell to sleep February 24, 1973 of which Brother Carlie has told me several times our blessed God told them both that they would not be blessed to raise their baby girl. Eight brothers and four sisters preceded him in their sleep and one sister remains, Delores Prater, St. Mary's, Ohio.

Brother Carlie told me when he was recruited for the military that his father, Brother William, told him "Son, make them a good soldier," and I believe he did. But on October 19, 1964, he became another soldier for the greatest army this world will ever know. From a world that sometimes seems so far away at times, he bore a faithful and obedient warfare, harkening to the sound of that blessed trumpet that gives the only CERTAIN sound in this land, "Son, always remember, that I am an everlasting abider." God knows more about us than we know about our own selves. "No man can, on his own, testify of this God" that has sacrificed his own son, that men by him can repent from their sin if they so desire. But through the imputed righteous of Jesus Christ, Brother Carlie has left "for me" and his children and the Little Flossie Church one of the brightest beacons that can be felt in the hearts of men here on earth. He was ordained a deacon in the Little Flossie Church and served that office well for many years. His love for the old church was of the kind that is willing to sacrifice for this blessed old family and will never be forgotten as long as we at the Little Flossie Church live. Many may tell of their love for the old church, but when the struggle begins to take a toll on what they may want, the tide is too strong for them to continue.

Only the people that have already died can stand the test of the fiery darts of Satan, and that by the power of the living God. He labored for the old church faithfully and visited the sick. In many cases, who were not as sick as he was. When I visited with him the last few times, he told me of the churches he wanted to visit the next three weekends. Brother Carlie's love was in sincerity and truth. He sometimes would get pretty stern with me, which caused my love for this father, which God has blessed me to know, to grow and developed into a bond that can never be broken. I only wish that my children, in their hearts, could have felt this bond that only God's people can know.

When Brother Russell and Sister Darlene Hicks first moved to the North Country, Brother Carlie took them under his wing and became a father to them both, especially to Sister Doll. When she began to miss the father that raised her, then Brother Carlie would step to her side, as he did to so many of us here at the church and began to comfort in ways that only a real father can. Not only to the church, but also to the world he would comfort when they would listen. When Brother Russ was called away he would go with him to steer him to the right destination.

To his children and many friends, "will you begin to harken to the course of this journey that so many have traveled?" Dad has not fallen to rise no more. With the passing of every day the time is approaching, that the trumpet of God will sound, and on which side will you be.



Carlie Tuttle, Sr.

As I write this, I would have everyone to know, that it is the mind of the whole church, and we, as part of the body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, recognize that a great man has fallen this day in Israel.

With my whole heart I love,  
Elder Brother Russell Hicks and Elder Brother Morris Wicker

### **QUEENIE PEARL HOLT THORNSBERRY**

Queenie was born September 13, 1931 to parents Bertha Akers Holt Ray and Pearin Holt. Two brothers, Franklin and Lowell; three sisters: Oma Hall, Peggy Barker, and Clara Holt survive her. Two brothers, Delmer and Elmer preceded her in death.

On May 1, 1950 she married Arthur "Root" Thornsberry. Together they had twelve children. Six boys: Jerry, Dowell, Lowell (Boo), James (Bimbo), Effort (Doc), and Deffort (Honeybun); and six girls: Peggy Craft (Dukey); Lora Click (Pud); Delores (Bow); Willa (Wee-Wee); Judy Slone (Dotty); and Melisa Sexton (Suggie). They in turn gave Queenie and Root 22 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Sadly her parents, eldest son and one granddaughter also preceded her in death.



Queenie Pearl Holt Thornsberry

On August 11, 1979, Queenie did not want to wait for another weekend so family and friends could bare witness to her baptism. She opted for Elders Arvill Hall and Clive Hall to baptize her immediately following the services. Rebecca Old Regular Church became her home.

On June 6, 2003, Queenie Thornsberry, our mommy, or mammaw, and Papaw's beloved wife and best friend was taken home. She was the most unselfish, beautiful, loving person whom you'll ever know. She always took the good and put the bad aside in life. She loved each and every one of us as much as the other in an individual way. She taught us all how to love and respect each other, creating a family so close that when one hurts, we all hurt. Mamaw was our Rock. She was the bond that will forever hold us together. We will miss walking into the house (our home away from home) and finding her either in the kitchen, living room singing from her songbook, or watching a favorite TV program. Even though we miss her, grieve for her with our sorrow and tears, we all knew Mamaw looked forward to the day of going home for many years. She was ready to go home to meet Jesus, her Savior.

### **JAMES R. "RANDY" WILLIAMS**

Randy Williams was born February 6, 1960, in Williamson, WV, and departed this life suddenly on November 16, 2002, due to cardiac arrest at Lorain Community Hospital, making his stay here on earth, 42 years, 9 months and 10 days. He was the son of John W. Williams and Leona Watson Reynolds. His parents moved to Lorain, OH shortly after his birth and he resided there his entire life.

Brother Randy attended Elyria West High School. He joined the U.S. Army and attained the rank of private second class. He was honorably discharged due to his illness, epilepsy, which caused him to have seizures. Brother Randy enjoyed spending time with his children, gardening, studying military history, pet snakes and computers.



James R. "Randy" Williams

He was married to Jean Bogan, and to this union was born one daughter, Jenelle N. Williams, and one son, James Matthew Williams. Although Brother Randy and Jean divorced, the children remained with him until his death. He was a devoted son and father and loved and cared for his children so very much. He was such a comfort to his mother, sister Lea,



since the passing of Brother Charles. Randy was sick most of his life, being diagnosed with epilepsy at the age of 14. His wonderful children understood his illness and seizures and knew how to watch out for him and helped him all they could. It is so apparent that they loved him dearly because they were always so good to him.

Besides his children, Jenelle and Matt, Brother Randy is survived by his mother, Leona Reynolds of Lorain; his father and step-mother, John W. and Sherell Copeland Williams of Hohenwold, TN. He also leaves behind his brother John W. Williams, Jr. of Lorain; his step-brothers: Fred Reynolds of Lorain and Charles Michael Reynolds of Willowick, OH; his sister, Geri Lynn Howard of Lorain; his step-sisters: Theresa Taylor of Indianapolis, IN; Melanie Spare of Balground, CA; and Rhonda Boggs of Elyria. He was preceded in death by his step-father, Charles E. Reynolds just one month ago; maternal grandparents, William H. and Lassie Moore Watson, and paternal grandparents, Albert and Lillian Plummer Williams.

It was such a wonderful blessing to see Brother Randy come forward and offer his hand to the Pleasant View Church on February 5, 1995, telling the good news that God had saved his soul and that he wanted a home with us here in the church. He was baptized and remained a member at Pleasant View until his death.

Precious children and loved ones, God doesn't make any mistakes, so be assured that your Dad, Son, Brother, and friend is now in God's loving care. He will never be sick anymore, but is now at peace forever with Jesus. If you want to join him in his joyous new home, you must get ready to meet Jesus while you have time and opportunity. Put your trust in Jesus and serve Him in this life so you can meet Him when this life is over, where there will never be another separation. Life in this world is so uncertain and we don't know when we'll be called away, so we must always be ready to meet our Savior.

May God Bless You All.

Written by his Brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

### WANDA LOU WILLIAMS

With our hearts broken and our tears still rolling down our faces, but with the grace of our loving Lord we will try to write the obituary of our loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Mom was born to Elmer and Magalene Adkins on September 8, 1946 and the Lord called her home on February 26, 2003.

She married Robert Williams on November 10, 1962 and from that union they shared 5 children, 5 grandchildren and one great-grandchild and raised a lot of other children that came to him.

She was preceded in death by her parents Elmer and Magalene Adkins, 3 sons: Bobby, Steven, and Willie Williams; one brother, Ricky Adkins; and one sister, Donna Gay and a son-in-law, Kenny Arnett and two brothers-in-law, Brother Steve Borders and Raymond Williams Sr.

She was a member of True Vine Old Regular Baptist Church in Clinton, Ohio. She gave her sweet hand and heart to our Lord on a wonderful September 21, 1991. A day that was her happiest day.

Mom loved her children but she always told us she loved her church and the Lord more and they would come first. She taught us that and she taught her grandchildren the same. Our hearts are broken and our tears never seem to end but we know she was tired of the fight. Mom worked hard all her life to build a good solid foundation for her children and grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by everyone that ever knew her. Mom never knew a stranger. She loved everyone and showed that love everyday and showed just how much she cared let it be by letter or card to



Wanda Lou Williams

just say hi or just to brighten their day or just to let them know that she loved them. She made sure that food was always cooked on the stove for anyone that may come and she always sent food to those who were ill or those who were in need of something to eat. When her illness and her feet got really bad and the pain was great it did not seem to hurt her as much as the pain of not being able to travel to church to be with her Brothers and Sisters in a church she loved so much. So if there was one thing she would tell us it would be get right with our Lord and live your life according to God's laws so you will be with me again in Heaven.

Mom, the Lord seen you was tired and ready to go home and so on a cold February afternoon he took his Angel home to sit and wait by His throne until that wonderful morning when he comes for all His children.

Mom gave us all wonderful memories that will always be remembered and treasured and we say to you dad: we know you miss her the most and we know your days are long and your nights are even longer without her. You showed her 40 years of love that only came around once in a lifetime and there was nothing you wouldn't do for her. The Lord knew what He was doing when He put you both together to live as one. So just remember she's not dead but only sleeping and waiting for us to be with her again, so push forward dad until you are with her again.

Mom we miss you and love you so much! Wait for us mom until we meet again.

Written by her broken-hearted family

*In tears we saw you sinking,  
And watched you pass away.  
Our hearts were almost broken,  
We wanted you to stay.  
But when we saw you sleeping,  
How could we wish you back with us. To suffer again.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone. For part of us went with you,  
The day God took you home.  
If roses grow in Heaven,  
Lord please pick a bunch for us,  
Place them in our mother's arms,  
And tell her they are from us.  
Tell her we love and miss her,  
And when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek,  
And hold her for awhile.  
Because remembering her is easy,*

*We do it everyday.  
But there is an ache in our hearts,  
That will never go away.  
Don't think of her as gone away,  
Her Journey's just begun.  
Life holds so many facets,  
This Earth is only one.  
Just think of her as resting,  
From the sorrows and the tears.  
In a place of warmth and comfort,  
Where there are no day and years.  
Think how we could know — That of today,  
That nothing but your sadness — Can really pass away.  
And think of her as living,  
In the hearts of those she touched,  
For nothing loved is ever lost,  
And she is loved so very much.*

## OBITUARIES

### FRIENDS OF THE N.N.S.A.

#### EUGENE ADKINS

Eugene Adkins was born July 13, 1933 at Rockhouse in Pike County, Kentucky. He was the son of Henry and Effie Adkins.

He departed this life September 18, 2002 making his stay on earth 69 years, 2 months and 5 days. He leaves many friends and loved ones to mourn his passing.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, two infant siblings, two brothers, Elzie and Charlie and one sister Rosie Hopkins.

Gene was married to Mandy Louvena Coleman-Adkins October 29, 1955 (1 month, 11 days short of 47th wedding anniversary). To this union was born one son, Michael Eugene Adkins Sr.

He was employed at Babcock and Wilcox (Nuclear Division) 41 years, retiring at the age of 65 years.

February 7, 1999 he was saved and was baptized at the Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Norton where he remained a faithful member til his death. Everyone that knew Gene before he was saved and knew him after he was saved could surely see a tremendous change had taken place. Gene loved to read his Bible and he was always willing and ready to testify and witness about the goodness of God and what the Lord had done for him.

Before Gene got saved, he loved to coon and fox hunt. He belonged to the Prosperity Fox Chasers Inc. Club. But after he got saved he gave it all up, then used his time to go visit the sick and shut-ins, visited the nursing homes and pray with the patients. Always ready to go day or night.

Let to mourn his loss is his widow Mandy (Blue); son: Michael Eugene (Sue); grandson: Michael Eugene Adkins, Jr, and Jennifer, James Daniel. Granddaughter: Stephanie Marie; great-grandchildren: Zachery, Cody, Caleb, Austin and Deanna; brothers: Raymond Adkins (Cheryl) of Akron; Paul Randall Adkins (Beatrice) of Elkhorn City, KY.

I would like to admonish friends and loved ones if they want to see Gene again they will need to make it right with the Lord. I could go on and write much more, still would not do our friend justice. May God bless and keep all of you. I love you all.

Written by brother-in-law, Albert Coleman

Verse Gene always carried in his pocket: *If we meet and you forget me, you have lost nothing. But if you meet Jesus Christ and forget Him, you have lost everything.*



Eugene Adkins

#### HAROLD BENTLEY

This story has been on my mind for many years and I feel I should tell it to others because my heart overflows with joy for my brother: *a special little brother*. I marveled at the talk of a little dying child.

My mother and dad were blessed with twin boys between the years of 1923 and 1924. We lived near Hueysville, Kentucky at the time of their birth. They named one baby Harold and the other's name was Harlen.

As time passed by we moved to Estill in Floyd County, Kentucky. Harold became ill with a stomach and bowel disorder. During his sickness, while he lay on his death bed, Harold said, "Take me home mommy." Mom said: "Harold honey, mommy can't take you home." One day mommy was combing her hair and Harold said "Mommy, don't let that man cut your hair." Mom told him, "Harold honey, that man



Harold Bentley (on left)



will never cut my hair." I feel the LORD was right there with our dear little brother and giving council to all. BLESS HIS HOLY NAME!

Harold continued to be ill. He asked mom to catch a little bird for him and mom told him she couldn't because it would fly away. So the next morning a sparrow flew in the door and lit on his bed where he was lying. Mommy said "Harold, the LORD has sent you a little bird." They reached and picked the little bird up and it did not try to fly away. They put it in a small box so Harold could hold it a little while. Then mom went into another room to pray and ask the LORD to let her keep him a while longer. Harold said "Tell mommy I won't hurt this little bird, I want to turn it loose." Then he said "Mommy take me home." Mom said "Harold I can't take you home." Then he turned and looked at me and said "Butte (my nickname) you take me home, you can take me home." I was very young, so I went off and cried. Harold seemed worried about his twin brother so he said "Mommy, don't let Harlen eat any more of the little green apples and don't let Harlen go fishing down at the water." He said, "I want to go home, take me home." Mom picked his little frail body up in her arms and took him to the back door so he could see the small garden he had planted. Mom said, "See Harold honey, you are at home." He said, "I know I'm at one home, but I have another home. THE GATES ARE OPEN and I want to go there."

So the death angel came and took him away. He is now at rest and was laid to rest in a cemetery near the town of Estill in Floyd County, Kentucky. Harold was the age of five at his death. My age is 85 years as I write this on July 27, 2003.

Written by Bureda (Bentley) Hicks

### ALEX BRADLEY

Alex Bradley was born in Floyd County, Kentucky on November 24, 1922 to the late Farrish and Polly Vanderpool Bradley. Growing up with his eleven brothers and sisters. After his school days he joined the Army, serving in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of World War II. He was wounded in action on June 14, 1944 in the Normandy invasion. Upon returning to civilian life, he married Orbie Owsley and worked in the coal mines of Floyd County until they moved to Ohio. He retired from the Austin Powder Company after 32 years of service. Alex's real joy in life was farming, milking his cows and fishing.



Alex Bradley

His wife Orbie, his son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Connie Bradley of McArthur; daughters and sons-in-law: Connie and David McWilliams of Wellston; Faye and Harold Wheatcraft of Frankfort, survives Alex. He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Melina and husband Kyle Musick of Jackson; Pamela Stone of Wellston; Wesley Stone of Albany; Michael Wheatcraft of Frankfort; Tim McWilliams of Wellston; Eugene Jackson and Chris Bradley, both of McArthur. Eight great-grandchildren are also surviving.

Besides his parents, Alex was preceded in death by two granddaughters: April Beth Stone and Sarah Ellen McWilliams, and was the last of his generation with the passing of his brothers and sisters.

I lived close to Alex for approximately 5 years. I found him to be a good friend and neighbor. Alex and I often helped each other in our farm work. After two weeks before his death he sent word that he wanted me to visit him in the nursing home. He told me that he felt the Lord had forgiven him of his sins and said he was ready to join the church. He began to cry and said, "I'm not crying because I'm sad, I am crying because I am happy." The Spirit that was felt that day caused me to believe his testimony was true. We planned to baptize him on July 6th, but God called him home on July 5th. I feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Your Friend in Christ, Elder Don Mullins

## HERBERT CAUDILL

*Psalms 86:15: For thou Lord art good and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all that call upon thee.*

It is with much sorrow in our hearts that we will try to compose this obituary of our loving brother, Herbert, Jr.

Herbert was born one of eight children to Herbert and Mary (Watts) Caudill of Premium, Kentucky on November 14, 1933. God blessed him on this earth 68 years, 10 months, and 24 days. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and a son, James Edward.

Herbert was stricken with the deadly disease of leukemia. In the early hours of October 8, 2002, Junior, as we fondly called him, answered the call we all must answer at the Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, Michigan. He left his earthly body going back to the Giver of life, our heavenly Father.

In early life, Herbert met the love of his life, Marietta Sexton. They were married December 25, 1954 and started their life together here in Detroit, Michigan. In 1955, God granted them a loving son, James Edward, who was killed in an accident.

Left to mourn a great loss are his loving wife, Marietta; four brothers: Roland "Pete" Caudill of McDowell, KY; Ralph (Leona) Caudill of Lincoln Park, MI; Bill (Zell) Caudill of Vicco, KY; and Hassel Reed (Isa) Caudill of Nicholasville, KY; three sisters: Rudell (Lee) Caudill of Lexington, KY; Sue Carol (Bennie) Jacobs of Waynesburg, KY; and Mary Ann (James) Stewart of Terre Haute, IN; many nieces and nephews, and a host of friends and relation.

Herbert spent 30 years working in the material control division of Cadillac Motor Division in Detroit. He loved to golf and bowl in his leisure time with friends and kin.

Words cannot express our grief of losing a dear brother, the first of our family to leave here. Our family has started to separate here on earth, but our hope and prayers are that we can all be united when Jesus calls us in that final resurrection. Marietta, we know that your loss is greater than ours. Our prayer is that God will give you strength and courage in the days ahead. Let us all be kept together in love and let Herbert's passing show us the need of each other's love and caring. Let us keep Marietta in our thoughts and prayers. She needs us. God bless all of you.

Your Unworthy Servants in Christ, Ralph and Leona Caudill



Herbert Caudill

## SYLVESTER ISAAC

Sylvester Isaac was born January 19, 1929 in Halo, Kentucky and died May 7, 2003 in Lorain, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife, Delma (Thornsberry); son, Rondall Isaac of Wakeman; daughter, LaDonna Greszler of Wakeman; brothers: Allen of West Union, Ohio; Hiram of Xenia, Ohio; and Roosevelt of Springfield, Ohio; sisters: Anna Howard of Pataskala, Ohio; Nannie Ewing of McDermott, Ohio; Gloria Korn of Newark, Ohio; and Virginia Horsely of Athens, Georgia. He was preceded in death by his parents, Perry and Lina (Johnson) Isaac; brothers: Albert, Arthur and Hearlie; sisters: Pearlie and 2 infant sisters.

He worked 31 years at U.S. Steel Lorain Works as a rotary furnace operator in 2 and 3 seamless mills. Dad enjoyed woodworking and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Dad was not only our father, but he was our best friend. He will be missed in the woodshop and all the trips to the doctor. Mom and Dad would have been married 50 years in July. They had little arguments, but who doesn't. Deep down they loved each other.



Sylvester Isaac

Just days before Dad passed away, he told us God had visited him a little while ago. Mom asked him if he said anything to him and he said yes. He told me he'd never let a praying man down. Hours before he died he told us Jesus was there. He kept saying, "tell him my name." So, when we said, "Sylvester Isaac," he was OK and went to sleep. We believe with our heart God knew his name. Dad was a good man and we believe we'll see him again, someday.

Written by his children, Rondall and LaDonna

### **LORETTA RANGLES**

Loretta Randles, 62, of Bowling Green, KY, former Marion, Ohio resident, passed away at 4:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2003 at her residence.

Born May 21, 1940, in Trammel, VA, she was the daughter of the late Woodrow and Mary (Tiller) Wicker. She retired as a nurses aide for the Marion Medical Center and a member of the Good Faith Baptist Church of Marion.

She is survived by a son, Mitchell Randles of LaRue; three daughters: Teresa Appleby of Bowling Green, KY; Candy Randles of Bowling Green, KY; Shasta West of Pace, FL; two brothers: Arnold Wicker of Caledonia and Avery Wicker of Marion. 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; nieces and nephews.



**Loretta Randles**

### **ROGER DALE RATLIFF**

Roger Ratliff was born May 13, 1971 in Bucyrus, OH to Bill and Avenelle (Collins) Ratliff. He died in a automobile accident on Saturday, April 26, 2003 on U.S. Hwy 6 west of Corunna, IN. Making his stay here 31 years.

Left behind to mourn his loss is his wife of 5 years, Sara Ratliff of Kendallville, IN; his two sons: Tyler and Gabriel; and his only daughter: Grace. Also left to mourn Roger's passing are his father and step-mother, Bill and Debbie Ratliff of Willard, OH; one brother: Terry and Shannon Ratliff of Wooster, OH; and three sisters: Tammy Jones of Crestline, OH; Melissa and Harold Hamilton of Plymouth, OH; and Theresa and Steve Newsome of Dayton, OH; a half-brother of Willard, OH; and his paternal grandmother: Ivy Ratliff of Marion, OH. Roger will also be missed by his nieces and nephews that loved him dearly.

Preceding him in death are his mother, his maternal grandparents, Willie and Rachel Collins and his paternal grandfather, Hardwick Ratliff.

Roger was a 1990 graduate of Willard High School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1990-1996 and attained the rank of Sgt. He was an employee at T.I. automotive in Ashley, IN. He previously worked for CSX railroad of Willard and Kendalville, IN. He was the pastor of Grace Christian Church and the assistant coach of the East Noble High School track team.

On June 26, exactly two months after Roger died, the Lord God of Heaven gave me a dream. Roger was sitting with me around a table. He told me, "Terry, don't write anything about my church, job, school, family, or coaching. Just tell them that I love the Lord and I am fine, happy, living with Jesus. If you could see and feel what I do, you wouldn't be sad. You would be shouting the praises of God. The accident was my fault. I fell asleep. But Terry, I didn't feel anything. When I opened my eyes I saw Jesus. He was embracing me. There were Angels around me. I may be gone longer than 6 years this time, but when I return, I will come with the Lord Jesus. On judgment day look for the biggest cloud. I'll be there in blue, waving, looking for you. Tell my children, family



**Roger Dale Ratliff**



and friends that I love them and to be happy that I am alive with Christ Jesus our Lord. Rejoice; Rejoice that I made it home."

To my family and friends, Roger would want me to tell you all to find a Church of your choice. Repent and be born again in Christ Jesus. Not of a corruptible seed, but an incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. Let Christ be your example in all things. The Spirit of God will lead and guide you in the way of all truth, if you listen and be obedient. Christ said, I will never leave you nor forsake thee. I will be with you always, even unto the end.

Written by his brother, Terry Ratliff

Roger's memorial will be November 30, 2003 at the Little Rebecca Church. Elders, Stoney Blackburn, Larry Newsome, Buddy Carty, Danny Carty, and Terry Ratliff.

*Don't grieve for me for now, I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
to laugh to work or to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found my place at the close of the day.*

*I know my parting has left a void,  
but fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh,  
a kiss, ah yes,  
these things I too shall miss.  
My life's been full I savored much,  
good friends, good times,  
a loved one's touch.*

*I know my time seemed all too brief,  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
In these times of great sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

## ORENA WILLIAMS

Orena Williams, age 66, resident of Shelby, Ohio, died January 13, 2003 in Med Central Shelby Hospital following an extended illness. She was born November 6, 1936 in Floyd County, Kentucky to Claude and Emma (Moore) Ousley. She had been a Shelby resident the majority of her life. A graduate of Plymouth High School, she was a retired employee of Richland Hospital.

Mrs. Williams attended the Old Regular Baptist Church in the surrounding areas. She was a homemaker and enjoyed her grandchildren. Survivors include her husband: Allen Williams whom she wed September 15, 1956; one son and daughter-in-law: Mike and Marylane Williams of Shelby; three grandchildren: Ryan, Chris and Brad; one sister: Eva Jean Coburn of Shelby; one nephew: Vaughn Coburn of Mansfield; and other relations. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brother-in-law Arnold Coburn in 1998.

She loved going to church. After we'd get home on Sunday we'd discuss what we had heard and all through the week we'd talk about the Lord. Her grandchildren will miss her. She did everything she could for them. Her husband Allen will miss her most, standing by her trying to help in any way he could. She loved her pet dog Sparky. While she was in the hospital hooked up to life support and couldn't talk she motioned for something to write on and the nurse gave her a pencil and paper. She wrote three words: I saw Jesus. After the life support was removed and she could talk she told Allen and I that she saw Jesus all over the ceiling and walls with flowers everywhere and it was a beautiful sight. She said when I am able to go back to church I'm going to join for I promised Jesus I would. But the Lord took her on that beautiful flight to be in that garden of flowers where she won't have to worry about cancer anymore. All the family and friends will miss her dearly. I feel so lonely since my family has all gone on, but I hope to meet them all again someday. Thanks to all the ministers, the Little Rebecca Church and the Barkdull Funeral Home for all of their support. Rest on little sister. You've got a better home than we have. Your worries are over but we have to go on, we hope to meet you again where we can all be a family once more and dwell in the Lord's house forever and ever.



Orena Williams

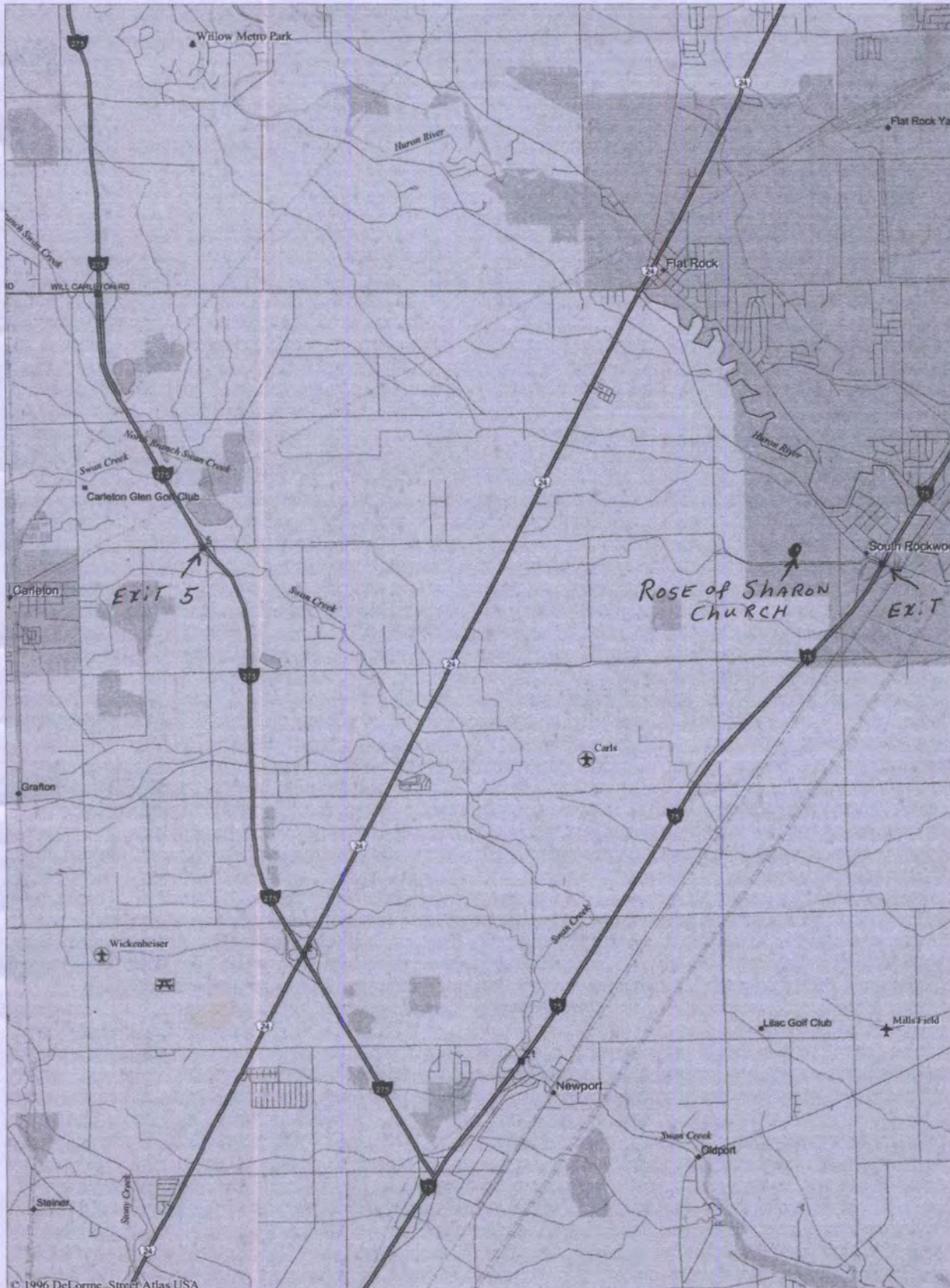
Written by her sister, Jean Coburn

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