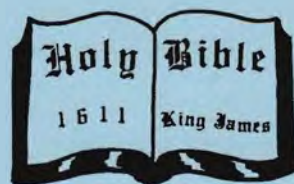


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**Dedication to the memory
of the Late Elders,
Brothers and Sisters of the
Northern New Salem Association**

We pause to remember and dedicate this 48th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association to the memory and honor of our beloved elders, brothers and sisters, who have expired since our last council meeting.

We extend to one and all our condolences in your loss. May their memories and God's blessings comfort we that remain, until we are blessed to join their company in a far better land than this land, called heaven.

To the Antioch Church in the loss of Eld. C.W. Turner, to the Morning Star Church in the loss of Eld. Covis Tackett, to the Little Pilgrims Home in the loss of Eld. Bobby Adkins and to the Little Family Church in the loss of Eld. Hendricks Hampton: Our prayers are with you in your great loss. They stood tall in our midst, laboring in the vineyard of the Lord, telling of His goodness. Now they wait for our coming.

Respectfully
Bro. Newsome
Bro. Elkins — Clerks

Far beyond this life is a land of beauty, where the air is pure and real.
Bro. Newsome



Officers: (Left to right) Eld. Buddy W. Carty, Moderator; Eld. Ray Hamilton, Asst. Mod., Eld. Hillard Newsome, Clerk; Bro. Dennis Elkins, Asst. Clerk.

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Dedication of the 48th Session of the Northern New Salem Association to Elder C.W. Turner

With honor, we wish to dedicate this 48th Session of the Northern New Salem Association to the memory of the late Eld. C.W. Turner. He served us faithfully as our Assistant Clerk for 27 years. So helpful to Bro. Newsome in keeping our records of this blessed old Association for these many years. He always stood strong on his convictions of the old time Baptist doctrine, faith and order. Long will he be remembered for being a part of this blessed old Association. He was always so close to his wonderful wife, Sister Jean.

Brother Wayne was just a common man, but he had special qualities of meekness and love.

Brother Wayne's work is finished, but his legacy lives on. "He fell like a soldier. He died at his post."

**Worded by his fellow servants, Eld. Buddy W. Carty, Eld. Ray Hamilton,
Eld. Karrel Addington, Eld. Hillard Newsome and Bro. Dennis Elkins.**

Reprinted Items from the 1964, 1970, 1980 and 2003 Minutes of the Northern New Salem Association

Year 1964 – Item 15: By move and second the association agreed to answer the request from several churches touching upon the question of sisters cutting their hair, using make-up, etc. As follows: It is the duty of every moderator of every church to exercise strict disciplinary action toward the violation of established practices. To insist on strict compliance with what sayeth the scripture concerning a woman of righteousness. Mark them that would creep in the assembly just to destroy the peace and salvation of the church.

Year 1970 – Item 17: The request from the Little Ruth Church "Asking for advise on how should a minister who has been excluded from preaching with sects and orders contrary to Regular Baptist 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 wordly 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.)

Year 2003 – Item 15: A motion was made by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Eld. Harrison Runyon that we as an adviser 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

PROCEEDINGS

Of The Forty-Eighth Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist The Church of Jesus Christ August 5, 6, 7, 2005

Friday Session

It was such a lovely morning, although the sky was overcast. Yet it did not prevent warm handshakes, embraces, kind and pleasant greetings exchanged among each other. Even though it was a long tedious journey for many of we pilgrims, our souls were soon revived by singing the glorious songs of Heaven sweet Heaven.

Alternate Eld. Eddie Wallen approached the stand, and was soon blessed with God's divine spirit to preach of the goodness of God, warning the congregation of the danger of living and dying in sin. His warm and humble prayer caused all to feel so thankful that they were blessed to be one among the living.

Being chosen at our 2004 setting to preach the Introductory Sermon for this year. Eld. Harrison Runyon with much fear, yet so humble began to address the assembly, telling of the love, mercy and goodness of the Lord. With love he was blessed to preach that when men and women are born again, they are different from the world. His words of wisdom penetrated the hearts of the believers, renewing our hopes of a brighter tomorrow.

Those who were not delegates were asked to remain at the pavilion where preaching would be conducted. The delegates were advised to assemble in the sanctuary of the Little Rebecca Church where the business of the Association would begin. The following Elders were chosen to preach at the place arranged. Elders: (1) Larry Puckett-Union; (2) Jimmy Dye-New Salem; (3) Ira Adkins-Philadelphia; (4) Danny Hurley-Old Friendship; and (5) Richard Staton-Sardis.

After gathering in the house and one of Zion's songs were sung, Eld. Danny Belcher, Clerk of the Union Association was called on to make remarks and led in prayer.

Our beloved Moderator, Eld. Buddy W. Carty, announced that the 48th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, August 5, 2005

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed in to the Clerk. On motion by Eld. Elmer Edwards, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt, the letter from the Little Rebecca Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. John Elkins, second by Eld. Arvid Blevins to receive the letters and seat the delegates. By the same motion, all queries and requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
2. The Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist faith organized by electing the following officers to serve the next year. The following Elders were appointed to take the vote: Elders: Murl Caudill, Tommy Dials and Danny Belcher. Officers elected:
Moderator Eld. Buddy W. Carty
Assistant Moderator Eld. Ray Hamilton
Clerk Eld. Hillard Newsome
Assistant Clerk Bro. Dennis Elkins
(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: Chester Cochran, James Tackett-Enterprise and Hobart Hamilton. Eld. Jeff Dillon made a motion, second by Bro. Kenny Looney to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharge them of their duties.

3. By a motion made by Eld. John Elkins, second by Eld. Arvid Blevins, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. On motion by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Bro. Jerry Caskey, reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted. The Articles of Faith were read by the Assistant Clerk.
5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and none responded.
6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded by letter and delegate.
 - (a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: Chuckie Hall, Glenn Frazier, James C. Tackett, Forest D. Hall, Freddy Kidd, Reeves Carrol, Darrell Calhoun, James and Elisha Branham, David Maynard, Marcus Huff, Travis Bentley, Daniel Crawford, Delfort Thornsberry, Coy Combs, Jimmy Waddles, Ronnie McCarty, Clyde Lewis, Phil Frasure, Don Lambert, John Paul Hamilton, Leonard Hamilton, Don Vanderpool, Ted Burke, Auty Puckett and Jay Napier. Letter in the hands of Bro. Carlos Akers. Eld. Eddie Wallen made a motion, second by Eld. Bill Blevins 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: Danny Belcher, Bobby and Gene Johnson, Garland H. Deel, Gary Sanders, Estill Hamilton and Floyd Jude. Letter in the hands of Eld. Gene Johnson. Bro. Kenny Looney made a motion, second by Bro. Kilby Deel 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: Wayne Caudill, Ira and Gary Adkins, Lowell Adkins, Willis Tolliver, Gary Blevins, Jacob Deel, Paul Moore, Randy Seagraves, Mark Elkins, Bob Taylor, Paul David Moore, William Elkins and J.R. Blevins. Letter in the hands of Bro. Mark Elkins. A motion was made by Eld. Albert Osborne, second by Eld. Larry Newsome, 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: Chester Cochran, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Richard Staton, Charles Jarrells, Gary Young and Marion Duncan. Letter in the hands of Eld. Thomas J. Dials. A motion was made by Eld. Jeff Dillon, second by Eld. Bill Blevins to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegates: David Lester, George Thomason, Danny L. Hurley, Junior Coleman, Dewey Matney, Sherd Mullins and Monroe Matney. Letter in the hands of Bro. Junior Coleman. A motion was made by Eld. John B. Hamilton, second by Bro. Dan Thornsberry 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: Murl Caudill, Paul Back, Haston and Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Doug Bailey and Delmar Jones. Letter in the hands of Bro. Paul Back. A motion was made by Bro. Ralph Manuel, second by Bro. Darrell Hall 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 Rebecca 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: (1) Marcus Huff-New Salem; (2) Hobart Hamilton — Sardis; and (3) Gene

- Johnson-Union. Saturday morning Elders: (1) Murl Caudill-Old Indian Bottom; (2) David Lester-Old Friendship; (3) Clyde Lewis and James Branham-both of New Salem; and Gary Blevins-Philadelphia.
8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Conley Daniels, Steven Miller, Milton Dye and Morris Wicker.
 9. A motion was made by Eld. Billy Miller, second by Eld. Elmer Edwards that we the Northern New Salem Association correspond by letter and delegate with the following Associations: (a) New Salem; (b) Union; (c) Philadelphia; (d) Sardis; (e) Old Friendship and (f) Old Indian Bottom.
 10. Appointed a committee to arrange the agenda for Saturday consisting of one delegate from each church together with the officers of the Northern New Salem Association, and the officers and delegates from our corresponding Associations. Committee to meet back at the house at 2:30 P.M. Friday evening.
 - (a) Eld. Buford Brock made a motion, second by Eld. Arvid Blevins that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 6, 2005.

Saturday, August 6, 2005

Met pursuant to adjournment this the second day of three of the Northern New Salem Association. It was such a lovely sunny morning as the sanctuary of the Little Rebecca Church began to fill to capacity. One could hear the echo of the inspiring songs of Zion being sung by the congregation. Shouts of praises were heard by the listeners, bringing joy and happiness to one and all, but most of all glory and honor to our Heavenly Father.

Services for the morning were introduced by Eld. Willis Tolliver, Moderator of the Philadelphia Association. A very warm and uplifting prayer was offered by Eld. Murl Caudill, Moderator of the Old Indian Bottom 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 Arvid Blevins, second by Bro. Paul Moore to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Eld. Delmas Hall for our 2005 Session was read by him. A motion was made by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Bro. Dan Thornsberry to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2005 Minutes.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday, Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Chester Cochran, Hobart Hamilton and James Tackett (Enterprise), reported as follows:

2005 Church contributions	\$6,405.00
2005 Money for Pictures	765.00
Other contributions	-0-
Total money received for 2005	\$7,170.00

A motion was made by Eld. Billy Miller, second by Eld. Larry Newsome to accept the report of the Finance Committee and discharge them of their duties.

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

Treasurer's Report

A. Balance August 1, 2003	\$4,149.00
2004 Church contributions	6,160.00
2004 Picture money	541.00
Other contributions	1,386.00
Total money on hand August 8, 2004	<u>\$12,236.00</u>

Expenses for 2004

B. *Chlorophyll a* fluorescence. The fluorescence of *Chlorophyll a* was measured using a Turner Designs Model 10A fluorometer. The fluorescence was measured at 685 nm excitation and 700 nm emission. The fluorescence was measured in the dark for 10 min before the measurement was taken. The fluorescence was measured in the dark for 10 min before the measurement was taken.

Printer's Fee	\$5,833.00
Secretary's Fee	200.00
Postage, U.P.S. Freight	496.93
Supplies	14.39
Flowers – Eld. C.W. Turner	54.00
Total Expenses for 2004	\$6,598.32
Total of A	\$12,236.00
Less Total of B	<u>6,598.32</u>
Balance	5,637.68
Plus Interest Earned	<u>15.31</u>
Balance August 5, 2005	\$5,652.99
Plus money received for 2005	7,050.00
Total money on hand August 7, 2005	\$12,702.99

Money sent by the Sister churches of the Northern New Salem

Association to the Little Rebecca Church in helping host the 2005 Session	\$8,850.00
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6. Eld. Elmer Edwards made a motion, second by Bro. Milford Prater to accept the treasurer's report. By the same motion Eld. Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 3,700 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.
7. Eld. Larry Newsome made a motion, second by Eld. John Elkins 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 \$20.00 for pictures is to be submitted along with obituaries to be printed.
8. The following ministers were chosen to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Saturday evening: Elders: (1) Travis Bentley-New Salem. In absence of the Elders chosen the following Elders were used: Elders: (2) James Branham-New Salem; (3) Elisha Branham-New Salem.
Elders chosen for Sunday morning: (1) Brother Dennis Elkins; Elders: (2) Lowell Mullins; (3) Hillard Newsome; (4) Ray Hamilton and (5) Buddy W. Carty, all of the Northern New Salem Association.
9. On motion by Eld. John Elkins, second by Eld. Arvid Blevins, the report of the Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the year 2004 and 2005 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 2005 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Milton Dye, John B. Hamilton, Johnny Newsome, Duane Graves, Arvid Blevins, Sam Franks, Delmas Hall, Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Ballard Brown, Karrel Addington, John Elkins, Conley Daniels, Malcum Branham, I. V. Hudson, Dennis Elkins and Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Eld. Conley Daniels.
 - (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 2005 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Autie Puckett, Jr., John B. Hamilton, Johnny Newsome, Kilby Deel, Duane Graves, Arvid Blevins, Kenny Looney, Buddy W. Carty, I. V. Hudson, Karrel Addington, John M. Elkins,

Milford Prater, Hillard Newsome and Milton Dye. Letter in the hands of Eld. John B. Hamilton.

- (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the Little Rosa Church at the Association Building at Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2005 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Milton Dye, John B. Hamilton, Johnny Newsome, Kilby Deel, Duane Graves, Kenny Looney, Sam Franks, Karrel Addington, I. V. Hudson, John M. Elkins, Doug McCarty, Don Mullins, Dennis Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Delmas Hall, Malcom Branham, Larry Newsome, Hillard Newsome and Bro. Dennis Elkins. Letter in the hands of Bro. Dennis Elkins.
 - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the host churches at the Association Building, Varney, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 2005 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John B. Hamilton, Duane Graves, Arvid Blevins, Sam Franks, Buddy W. Carty, John M. Elkins, Hillard Newsome, Ray Hamilton, I.V. Hudson, Karrel Addington, Delmas Hall, Claude Hale, Raymond Gilman, Hargis Tuttle and Raymond Gayheart. Letter in the hands of Eld. Arvid Blevins.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Mary Lou Church, Stateline, W.VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2005 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Milton Dye, John B. Hamilton, Johnny Newsome, Duane Graves, Sam Franks, Ray Hamilton, Karrel Addington and I.V. Hudson. Letter in the hands of Eld. Milton Dye.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Little Home and Doty Creek churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pinetop, KY. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 2005 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John B. Hamilton, Johnny Newsome, Sam Franks, John M. Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Karrel Addington, I.V. Hudson, Delmas Hall, Malcom Branham and Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Eld. Delmas Hall.
11. The request from the Pleasant View Church in reference to Item #13 of our 1994 minutes regarding obtaining a permit from the Association in building a place to baptize. By request of the delegates of the Pleasant View Church said request was returned to them.
 12. A motion was made by Eld. Arvid Blevins, second by Bro. Jimmy King to grant the request of the Little Rebecca Church in changing their starting time for Saturdays meeting to 2 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m.
 13. A motion was made by Eld. Delmas Hall, second by Eld. John M. Elkins that we the Northern New Salem Association dedicate this 48th Annual Session to the memory of the late Eld. C.W. Turner for his faithful service in serving the Northern New Salem Association as their Assistant Clerk for twenty some years.

The following committee was appointed by the Moderator to write the dedication: Elders: Buddy W. Carty, Ray Hamilton, Karrel Addington, Hillard Newsome and Bro. Dennis Elkins.
 14. Eld. Johnie Bentley made a motion, second by Bro. Cletis Easterling to grant the request of the Pleasant View Church, 3589 Beat Rd., Litchfield, OH the honor of hosting the 2006 setting of this blessed old association.
 15. By a vote of the delegates Eld. Hobart Justice was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. Buford Brock to be his alternate, and Eld. Matt Slone was chosen to write the Circular Letter for our 49th Annual Session.

Eld. Larry Newsome made a motion, second by Eld. John M. Elkins that effective at our 2006 setting that voting for who shall preach the Introductory Sermon, who shall be his alternate and who shall write the Circular Letter be taken at the time ministers are chosen to preach for Saturday evening and Sunday morning. (See Item #8, Saturdays work of current minutes.)

16. Eld. Eddie Wallen made a motion, second by Eld. Billy Miller to forgo reading of the current minutes.
17. A motion was made by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Bro. James Wagner to adjourn to place and time mentioned in the 14th item of Saturday's work in the current minutes.

A warm and uplifting prayer of dismissal was offered by Eld. Karrel Addington of the Northern New Salem Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

<u>Eld. Buddy W. Carty</u>	Moderator
<u>Eld. Ray Hamilton</u>	Ass't. Moderator
<u>Eld. Willard Newsome</u>	Clerk
<u>Bro. Dennis Elkins</u>	Ass't Clerk

Sabbath Morning, August 7, 2005

As the faithful believers of this blessed old church began to assemble in the sanctuary of the Little Rebecca Church, it was such a beautiful lovely morning, yet the congregation was just as lovely. Soon they began to mingle their voices together in singing the inspiring songs of Zion, in praise to our Heavenly Father. The thoughts of the long tedious journey, that many had to make to their several places of abode soon vanished from their minds, as bubbles on a fast moving stream.

The services for the morning were introduced by Bro. Dennis Elkins, Asst. Clerk, and prayer by same. God blessed him to preach with a warm and humble spirit, repentance to the people, begging them to turn to the Lord, serve Him while here on earth, that they may be able to dwell with Him eternally in glory. Bro. Elkins was blessed with a humble spirit to tell of the joy and happiness of serving the Lord.

Second on the stand was Eld. Lowell Mullins, Moderator of the Little Ellen Church. He was blessed to lead us through the life of Paul, how he was changed from persecuting the children of God, by obeying the voice of the Lord. He, Paul asked the Lord, "what would you have me to do?" Repent and be born again, then you will be able to work in the house of the Lord. Paul was changed, so must men and women if they ever hope to dwell in the house of the Lord forever. — Bro Newsome-Clerk

Third on the stand was your unworthy clerk, Bro. Newsome. He approached the congregation in very much humbleness, singing of the bright morning star that is rising in our hearts. God blessed him to preach about that low still voice that will visit everyone of a rational mind. He preached of the inward man that leads us about. Proclaiming that there is one thing that's far better than this world, a place called heaven, and Jesus makes it possible for us to go there. Love one another, let your light shine that the world may see your good works and glorify the Father in heaven. He begged men and women to choose the good part.

Fourth to occupy the stand was the Asst. Moderator, Eld. Ray Hamilton. Preaching that God holds each one responsible for what they know, advising all that we must be careful and not deny that we know something is wrong just to please ourself. God will let you know in your heart what you are by nature, and what you must be by grace, begging all to lift up holy hands to God, repent and seek Him with all your heart, and He will be found with you.

Our beloved Moderator, Eld. Buddy W. Carty came forward in much humbleness to close this 48th Annual Session of this blessed old Association. Begging men and women with much love to take heed to the light that shines in a dark place, proclaiming that John came preaching that I'm not the light but I bear witness of the true light that shall lighten every man that cometh into the world. That there is an angel flying in the midst of Heaven, having

the everlasting gospel to preach to all people. That the church is different from the world. Eld Carty begged men and women to be obedient, and by being obedient God would bless them.

A very warm and thankful dismissal prayer was offered by Eld. Karrel Addington — Bro. Elkins

Bro Dennis and I on behalf of the Northern New Salem Association would like to express to the Little Rebecca Church, everyone both young and old, the community at large, for your kindness, love shown, your hospitality and all you did to welcome us in your part of the vineyard. Our love and thanks to every hand that prepared the wholesome, satisfying and healthy food you served to we hungry travelers. The doors that opened on hinges of love welcoming we weary travelers in for a spell. Shall you be blessed with God's goodness now and always. To the humble sisters who brought Bro. Dennis and I the iced tea in a mason fruit jar, it was good and refreshing. Thanks. You young boys and girls that gave of your time and talent, causes Bro. Dennis and I to think that some day when you grow up you will be an asset to society.

Those of you who resided in Campers Village, it was so good to see your little homes on wheels, parked for a little while near the Little Rebecca Church. We missed you last year, because we love you bushels. Please, oh, please do roll on, be careful on the tedious highways and park at the Pleasant View Church in Litchfield, OH and it's there we shall share in your love and friendship.

Your token of love and appreciation of \$668.00 for the Little Rebecca Church causes all to smile knowing that you love us.

Your humble servants, Bro. Newsome, Bro. Elkins, Clerks

Circular Letter by Elder Delmas Hall

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association of the Old Regular Baptist:

Trusting that the God of Heaven will guide my mind to comply with your request to write a circular letter for our Forty-eighth annual session of the Northern New Salem Association, for your inspection. Brethren it has been with much prayer and fear that I have been doing since our last association. Trusting the Lord of Heaven, the Great Shepherd of Thy Salvation has directed my mind to write about what I feel God has given me to write.

First of all I would like to say, that this old Church is my life and I love her. I am willing by the help of God to lay down my life for her. I believe that Jesus is the Church. He has laid a foundation for us to build on, Him being the corner stone, the one that the builders rejected. Hope, Faith and Good works. What is Hope and Faith? Hope is something that we desire to have but we haven't seen, but yet we hope for. For Jesus is our hope. When I turn my whole life over to Him, I received that hope of Glory through faith. Faith is putting your trust in someone that you will trust with your life, and Jesus is our life, our hope, He is the all and all. The Bible says for us to always be ready to give a reason for our hope. If you haven't been born again you have no reason for your hope, because you failed to use the measure of faith that God gave you. In other words you failed to put your trust in God. For Jesus is our Hope and he is anchored, steadfast, and unmovable. He said the day you give me your whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. He and the Father will take up your abode and would never leave you. So our Hope is more than a wish. I believe that outward man was given a promise through faith. So this outward man has faith that he has received the hope of Glory which is Jesus. So by faith we must believe that he will not leave him in the grave. On that glorious morning those that are asleep in Christ Jesus will rest in Hope, until He comes on that cloud of glory to fulfill that promise. His promise stands assure having this seal God knows them that are His, for God cannot lie. The only thing that will be left in the grave is nature, for nature is

what causes us all our troubles here on earth. The natural mind can't comprehend the spiritual things of God. It takes the spirit of God to reveal them to us, for there will be no nature in Heaven. I thank God for what will not be in heaven. There will be no blind, nor lame, the deaf that has never heard a sound, will then hear Jesus call their name.

Brethren I will try to explain who is the inward and the outward man and see who has the Hope, the inward or the outward man. The Fifth Chapter of Genesis, second verse, "Male and Female created He them and blessed them and called their name Adam in the day that they were created." First Corinthians, Chapter 15 verse 45 it says and so is written, "The first man Adam was made a living soul and the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." First Corinthians Chapter 15 verse 47 says, "The first man Adam is of the earth; earthy, and the second man the Lord from Heaven." We have some that says this outward man has the Hope. If the last man Adam is the Lord from Heaven, then he is a perfect man, so he must be our hope. The Lord said to always be ready to give a reason for the Hope that is within you. The Hope that is within you must be the Lord from Heaven, if you have been born of the spirit of God. And Jesus and the Father have taken up their abode in you. He said he would never leave or forsake thee, then you become a new creature in Christ Jesus. That is the inward man, which is the Lord from Heaven, so that must give this outward man you look at a promise. We preach that the inward man already hath eternal life, so if the inner man already has eternal life where does that leave the outward man after death? It leaves him with a promise in the hope of the resurrection. So therefore this outward man must be a good man. Some say that there is nothing this outward man can do good, but the Bible says the steps of a good man is ordered of the Lord. Our children and lost souls cannot see the inward man so they must see the fruits or works of the inward man through the outward being. So this outward man must show some good works because he is kept by the power of God, which is the inward man the one that is perfect.

I believe God looked into my heart and saw that I was sincere, and He took notice and gave me a desire to do good works. I believe that pleased God. You can find all through the Bible things that you do good. Sometimes we are counted as trees and a good tree cannot bring forth corrupt fruit neither can a bad tree bring forth good fruit. Naturally speaking if a tree has no sap in it, it will not bring forth fruit and will eventually die. If a tree has good sap it will bring forth good fruit and live. We that have been born of the Spirit of God will live again for He said, "Blessed and Holy is he that hath part in the first Resurrection on such the second death hath no Power."

For we that have died dead to the love of sin and have been raised in the newness of life have already had part in the first resurrection. That first resurrection being our Lord and our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We we die dead to the love and the lust of sin we were made alive in Christ Jesus never to die anymore. That is the inner man, the one you look at which is the natural man. For the natural man is going back to a dust from which he came, but on that glorious morning he will come forth and will have a body like Jesus' most glorious body, and we will rise to meet him in that cloud of glory never to suffer again.

You will see the outward mans work by what he has on the inside. He also said in the resurrection, "They all shall come forth those who have done good to everlasting life and those that have done evil to everlasting damnation." The point I am trying to get across to those who say there is nothing we or our children can do good, to get God to take notice. When we begin to be obedient to the drawing power of God and following after the spirit, we begin to do good works. God knew the desires of our heart. He knew that we were sincere. For God said let your desires be knowing unto the Lord. I have tried to explain Hope, Faith, and Good works. What the inward man is and what the outward man must do. He must lay down the things of this world and I think that is doing good works. If this outward man has not done anything good, then I don't believe that the Father and Son will dwell in them. For He will not dwell in an unclean temple, for He said "No ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost."

Does good works from the outward man save you? Of course not, it takes the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ to save lost souls. He said He would grant you according to the riches of His glory to be strengthened with Might by the inner man. The inner man gives strength to this outward being that Christ may dwell in our hearts by Faith rooted and grounded in Love. So Brethren let us look to the God of all Glory trusting that He will continue to smile down on us, and our children will look at our good works and glorify the Father in Heaven, The King of Kings, The Lord of Lord, The only one true living God to us, who are the Children of God. Brethren I am not trying to justify the deeds of the flesh, for I just told you it takes the imputed righteousness and the blood of Jesus Christ applied to your soul to give you eternal life.

I know this is a lengthy letter, now it is left to the delegates of this old association to receive or reject it. May the God of all Glory the Bright and Morning Star, the Lily of the Valley, continue to be with this old Northern New Salem Association.

Written by your unworthy Brother with love, Elder Delmas Hall

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 keep

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.

2005 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Little Rebecca	Dan Thornsberry, Malcolm Branham, Coley Wicker
Maggie's Home	Johnny Newsome, Claude Hale, Albert J. Osborne
Little Flock	Sam Franks, Charles Edwards, Hank Forgey
Little Ruth	Bill Smith, Jimmy King, Adran Counts
Little Edna	Elmer Edwards, Denver Meade, Jerry Caskey
Little Ida	Mose Bentley, Billy Miller, Arvid Blevins
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks, Tom VanZandt, Fred Jones
Little Zion	Jeff Dillon, Joseph Akers, Gerald Akers
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny C. Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Darrell Hall
Mt. Olive	Elbert Hagerman, Luther Hagerman,
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome, Alex Collier, Stoney Blackburn
Little Family	Jerome Watts, Jr., James D. Watts, Roy Caudill
Little Angel	Wilburn Nichols, James Finley, Ballard Brown
Antioch	Karrel Addington, I.V. Hudson, Milford Prater
Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley, William B. Holbrook, Ralph Manuel
Lily of the Valley	Evan Hamilton, Doug Johnson, Roger Newsome
Little Children's Home	James D. Wagner, Mike Hiatt, Buford Brock
Morning Star	Bill Blevins, Buddy Calhoun, Willis Little
Little Bethel	Bill Back, Glenn Conley, Kilby Deel
Family of Love	Delmas Hall, Kenny Looney, David Carty
Macedonia	Harrison Runyon, Ernest Middleton, Paul Moore
True Vine	Kennis L. Robinson, James Coleman, Terry Ratliff
Little Melrose	Mark Baker, John M. Elkins, John B. Hamilton
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Raymond Gilman
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, Cletis Easterling

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2005-2006

NOVEMBER – 2005

LITTLE MELROSE - First in November (2005). Roy Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Paul Boggs, Murl Caudill, Arnold Whitaker, Scott Hamilton, Squire C. Hamilton.

APRIL

ANTIOCH - First in April. Teddy Honaker, Scott Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Larry Newsome, Chuck Hall, Willis Tolliver, James Tackett, Enterprise.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in April starts at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. Roger Hicks, Curtis Hall, Rick Akers, Jeff Dillon.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in April. Larry Dixon, Harvey Tuttle, Bill Blevins.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in April. Eddie Wallen, Richard Staten, Hobert Hamilton, Doug McCarty, James Branham, Billy Blevins, Mike Justice, Sam Franks.

MAY

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in May. Buford Brock, Roy Caudill, Clyde Lewis, Scott Hamilton, Raymond Stapleton, Buddy W. Carty, Milton Dye.

LITTLE IDA - First in May. Hobert Justice, Willis Tolliver, Ira Adkins, Jr., Scott Hamilton, Gary Adkins.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in May. Scott Hamilton, Chuck Hall, Squire C. Hamilton, Daniel Newsome, James Tackett, Enterprise.

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

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

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 Chaffins, Hargis Tuttle, Elbert Hagerman.

MACEDONIA - Third in May. Garfield Thacker, Roger Justice, Hershel Slone, Paul Coleman, Orbin May, Eddie Wallen.

MORNING STAR - Third in May. Paul Dye, Eddie Wallen, Doug McCarty, Elbert Hagerman, Gene Johnson.

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL - First in June. Bill Blevins, Johnie Bentley, William B. Holbrook Jr., Jackie Yates, Travis Bentley, Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in June. Danny Carty, Scott Hamilton, Doug McCarty, Garland H. Deel, Bobby Whitaker.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in June. Johnie Bentley, Estill Hamilton, Raymond Stapleton, Evan Hamilton, Don Lawson, Clifford Newsome.

LITTLE ZION - Second in June. Jerry Caskey, Charles Duke, Ed Howell, Joe Havlic, Mose Bentley, Larry Dixon.

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in June. Doug McCarty, Chuck Hall, Danny Belcher, Russell Hicks, Barry Lucas, Billy Miller, Garland H. Deel.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in June. Sat 2 p.m. Clyde Lewis, Charles Edwards, Billy Miller, Mose Griffith, Gary Blevins, Jackie Yates, John B. Hamilton, Charles Jarrell.

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in June. John B. Hamilton, Gordon Akers, Billy Miller, Larry Dixon, Estill Hamilton, Russell Hicks.

MT. OLIVE - Fourth in June. Clyde Lewis, Russell Hicks, James Watts, Eddie Wallen, Ray Hamilton, Larry Dixon.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in July. Danny Belcher, Lacy Walters, Gary Young, Gary Adkins.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in July. Willis Tolliver, Danny Carty, Charles Edwards, Richard Staten, Floyd Jude, (Northern) Gayle Brown.

AUGUST

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

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in August. Buddy W. Carty, Johnny Thornsberry, Hargis Tuttle, Larry Newsome, Johnie Bentley.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in June. Murl Caudill, Paul Boggs, John B. Hamilton, Gary Young, Danny Carty.

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Danny Carty, Hiram Adkins, John Paul Hamilton, Russell Hicks.

LITTLE RUTH - Second in July. Kenny Robinson, Buddy W. Carty, Russell Hicks, Lloyd Ray, Scott Hamilton.

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

LITTLE IDA - First in April. Floyd Jude, Estill Hamilton, Dennis Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Danny Carty, Milton Dye.

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in October. Hargis Tuttle, Danny Hamilton, Johnny Thornsberry, Arnold Whitaker, Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE ZION - Second in August. Edsel Slone, Hargis Tuttle, Johnie Bentley, Cledith Hall, Danny Carty, Stoney Blackburn.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in August. Scott Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Hobart Justice, Larry Dixon, Russell Hicks.

MT. OLIVE - Fourth in August. Danny Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Scott Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Willis Little.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in June. Stephen Slone, Ray Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in October (2005). Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome, Willis Tolliver, Murl Caudill, Ralph Caudill.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in March. Jimmy Dye, Hargis Tuttle, Scott Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Hillard Newsome, Estill Hamilton.

ANTIOCH - First in June. Roy Caudill, Russell Hicks, Buddy W. Carty, Danny Carty, Carson Wright, Jimmy Dale Sanders.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in October (2005). Leonard Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Dennis Elkins, Hargis Tuttle.

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

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in September, (2005). Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Ira Adkins, Jr., Roy Caudill, Russell Hicks.

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

LITTLE BETHEL - First in September (2006). James Branham, Dennis Elkins, Elbert Hagerman, Hargis Tuttle, Kennis Robinson, Danny Carty.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in October, (2005). Paul Boggs, Morris Wicker, Russell Hicks, Deffort Thornsberry, Danny Carty, Paul Matthews.

MACEDONIA - Third in September, (2006). Edgar Howell, Albert Cable, Jerry Runyon, Raymond Stapleton, Don Lawson.

TRUE VINE - Third in October (2005). Garfield Thacker, John B. Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Willis Tolliver, Rick Akers.

LITTLE MELROSE - First in May. Eddie Wallen, Carson Wright, James Barney, Garland H. Deel, Willis Bartley, Harrison Runyon, Danny Carty.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in June. Scott Hamilton, Elmer Edwards, Larry Newsome.

LITTLE ELLEN - Third in July. Tom VanZandt, Larry Dixon, Jeff Dillon, Clifford Newsome, Dennis Elkins, William B. Holbrook.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

LITTLE FLOCK-MARCUM MEMORIAL - Fifth Sunday in July. July 30, 2006. (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, Lloyd Ray and Morris Wicker.

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, Creed Thomas, Gary Blevins and all Old Regular Baptist ministers are welcome.

LITTLE FAMILY - 50th Anniversary Meeting—Second in May, 2006. Ministers called: Buddy W. Carty, Sam Franks, Teddy Honaker, Danny Belcher, Murl Caudill, Paul Boggs.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

LITTLE REBECCA

Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-9501
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Elder Monroe Hicks	121 W. Broadway, Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-3865
Elder Faris Tuttle	505 St. Rt. 603, Shiloh, OH 44878	419-896-3569

MAGGIE'S HOME

Elder Donald Mullins	36157 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946
Elder Johnny Newsome	60097 Locker Plt. Coleman Rd., McArthur, OH 44651	740-596-0447
Florida Address—6402 Bowdoin Ave., Keystone Heights, FL 32656		352-473-9206
Elder Albert Osborne	42651 St. Rt. 160, Wilkesville, OH 45695	740-669-4002
Elder Paris Tackitt	344 3rd St., Beaver, OH 45613	740-226-6343

LITTLE FLOCK

Elder Charles Edwards	144 Pierson Blvd., Newark, OH 43055	740-364-0636
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

LITTLE RUTH

Elder Scotty Little	2163 Village Point Dr., Batavia, OH 45103	513-735-2895
Elder Bill Smith	11937 St. Rt. 736, Marysville, OH 43040	937-642-4106
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 Mose Bentley	25537 Baker St., Taylor, MI 48180	313-292-3247
Elder Arvid Blevins	15765 Gooddard Rd. Apt. 107, Southgate, MI 48195	734-287-6965
Elder Ralph Caudill	1594 Wilson St., Lincoln Park, MI 48146	313-381-3710
Elder Billy Miller	672 Cora, Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-0208

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 Harvey Tuttle	280 Lane 136 Turkey Lk., Hudson, IN 46747	260-249-7997
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 Joseph R. Akers	105 S. Walker, P.O. Box 427, Capac, MI 48014	810-395-1623
Elder Rick Akers	2828 Lorraine St., Marlette, MI 48453	989-635-7393

Elder Jeff Dillon	7939 Adair Rd., Casco, MI 48064	810-329-4368
Elder Clarence Owens	3790 Lapeer Rd., Metamora, MI 48455	810-678-3145

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME

Elder Danny C. Hamilton	367 Twp. Rd. 1031, Nova, OH 44859	419-652-2485
Elder Eddie Wallen	330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090	440-647-3539
Elder Robert Wallen	123 Main St., Rochester, OH 44090	440-647-4052

MT. OLIVE

Elder Elbert Hagerman	P. O. Box 213, Angola, IN 46703	260-665-1882
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PLEASANT VIEW

Elder Stoney Blackburn	2598 Dix Fork Rd., Sidney, KY 41564	440-308-6225
Elder Hayes M. Chaffins	403 S. Center St., LaGrange, OH 44050	440-355-8461
Elder Alex Collier	961 Pepperwood Ln., 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 Terry Ratliff	829 Woods Edge Center, Wooster, OH 44691	330-262-4389
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 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 Forrest Osborne	255 Berryville Rd., Columbus, OH 43207	614-492-9435

ANTIOCH

Elder Karrel Addington	501 Micawber, Louisville, KY 40245	502-254-5961
Elder Hillard Newsome	3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, KY 40213	502-452-1197
Elder Stephen Slone	210 Glenway Dr., Shelbyville, KY 40065	502-647-9416

ROSE OF SHARON

Elder Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd St., Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-2983
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	2417 Pleasant View, Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-964-0605
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	10702 Oak Lane, Apt. 14214, Bellville, MI 48111	734-699-8204
Elder Elbert Compton	1539 Capital Ave., Lincoln Park, MI 48146	313-382-4939
Elder Ishmal Hall Jr.	36876 Thinbark, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-0194
Elder Willis Little	4541 Grace, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-4486

LITTLE BETHEL		
Elder Paul Dye	Box 122, Tiro, OH 44887	419-347-5064
FAMILY OF LOVE		
Elder Clifford Bradley	18003 SH 231, Nevada, OH 44849	740-482-2095
Elder Buddy W. Carty	18 High School Ave., Shelby, OH 44875	419-342-4143
Elder Delmas Hall	1009 Sundusky St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-0945
Elder Rufus Slone	224 Defiance St., St. Mary's, OH 45885	419-394-5146
MACEDONIA		
Elder Harrison Runyon	17601 Sylvania Ave., Nelsonville, OH 45764	740-753-1024
TRUE VINE		
Elder Kennis L. Robinson	2769 Clearfield Ave., Akron, OH 44314	330-848-4518
LITTLE MELROSE		
Elder John M. Elkins	P. O. Box 1319, Interlachen, FL 32148	386-684-4559
Elder Albert Hamilton	3819 Randall Rd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043	904-284-6046
Elder John B. Hamilton	P. O. Box 251, Bevinsville, KY 41606	606-452-9624
Elder Doug McCarty	P.O. Box 2018, Keystone Heights, FL 32656	352-473-3424
ETERNAL ROSE		
Elder Raymond Gayheart	14061 Twp. Rd. 215, Lakeville, OH 44638	330-378-9008
Elder Hargis Tuttle	4494 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-839-5113
LITTLE ELLEN		
Elder Lowell Mullins	1165 Oak Ridge Dr., Manteno, IL 60950	815-468-1532

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	.12007 Davidson Rd.	Davidson, MI 48423	(810) 658-0135
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny C. Hamilton	.367 TWP Rd. 1031	Nova, OH 44859	(419) 652-2485
Mt. Olive	Lonnie Staton	.4109 Page Ave.	Michigan Center, MI 49254	(517) 764-3105
☞ Pleasant View	Dennis Elkins	.2263 Pontius St. NE.	Hartville, OH 44632	(330) 877-7931
Little Family	Danny J. Watts	.434 Winston Rd.	Oakland, KY 42159	(270) 563-2159
Little Angel	James Finley	.3996 Paradise Rd.	Sugar Grove, OH 43155	(740) 746-9621
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	.65 Hedge Cemetery Rd.	Olive Hill, KY 41164	(606) 286-6049
True Vine	Dennis Elkins	.2263 Pontius St. NE.	Hartville, OH 44632	(330) 877-7931
Little Melrose	John M. Elkins	.P.O. Box 1319	Interlachen, FL 32148	(386) 684-4559
Eternal Rose	Raymond Henderson	.5840 CR 50	Lakeville, OH 44638	(330) 378-2223
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	Danny Carty
Maggie's Home	Donald Mullins	Albert J. Osborne
Little Flock	Sam Franks	Charles Edwards
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	Don Lawson
Little Edna	Hobert Justice	Jessie Pack
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill	Mose Bentley
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks	Morris Wicker
Little Zion	Rick Akers	O. C. Holbrook
Little Pilgrim's Home	Robert Wallen	Danny C. Hamilton
Mt. Olive	Elbert Hagerman	William B. Holbrook
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome	Alex Collier
Little Family	Roy Caudill	James D. Watts
Little Angel	Hiram Adkins	Milton Dye
Antioch	Hillard Newsome	Karrel Addington
Rose of Sharon	Ray Hamilton	William B. Holbrook
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton	Evan Hamilton
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock	Aaron Whitaker, Jr.
Morning Star	Bill Blevins	Willis Little
Little Bethel	Paul Dye	Willis Little
Family of Love	Buddy W. Carty	Delmas Hall
Macedonia	Burl Sturgill	Harrison Runyon
True Vine	Kennis L. Robinson	Alex Collier
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty	Albert Hamilton
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle	Raymond Gayheart
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins	None

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Church	Address	City	State
Little Rebecca	Henry Road, Ph. 419-687-8838	Plymouth	Ohio
Maggie's Home		Dundas	Ohio
Little Flock	1900 Borland, Rt. 1	Ray	Ohio
Little Ruth	Route 3	Marengo	Ohio
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain	Ohio
Little Ida	4060 Drennan Street	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	Green Springs	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 Massilon Rd, Ph. 330-882-6393	Clinton	Ohio
Little Melrose	201 Pearl St.	Melrose	Florida
Eternal Rose	14061 Township Rd. 215	Lakesville	Ohio
Little Ellen	IL 50, W. 115th, Rt. on Lawler, Left S. Avon	Alsip	Illinois

STATISTICAL TABLE

2005

CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	3	0	0	0	3	2	2	42	2:00 P.M. 3-E	450.00	July
Maggie's Home	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	34	1-M	200.00	July
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	26	3-M	300.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	2-M	175.00	June
Little Edna	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	4-M	125.00	July
Little Ida	3	0	0	0	0	2	4	69	1-M	500.00	June
Little Flossie	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	23	1-E	350.00	June
Little Zion	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	25	2-M	200.00	July
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	13	2-M	200.00	July
Mt. Olive	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	14	4-M	150.00	July
Pleasant View	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	71	6:00 P.M. 1-E	350.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	18	2:00 P.M. 2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	39	4-E	350.00	Aug.
Antioch	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	22	1-E	450.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	32	2-M	500.00	May
Lily of the Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	3-E	100.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	2:00 P.M. 3-E	150.00	July
Morning Star	0	2	0	1	0	1	3	26	3-M	250.00	June
Little Bethel	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	11	1-M	350.00	July
Family of Love	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	24	2:00 P.M. 4-E	250.00	July
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	3-M	190.00	June
True Vine	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	15	3-E	160.00	Sept.
Little Melrose	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	15	1:30 P.M. 1-E	200.00	Jan.
Eternal Rose	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	14	2-E	125.00	May
Little Ellen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3-E	80.00	June

2005 Church Contributions.....\$6,405.00

2005 Money for Pictures.....765.00

Other Contributions.....

Grand Total **11 13 1 1 14 15 32 613** **\$7,170.00**

M — Saturday morning services

E — Saturday evening services

OBITUARIES

MEMBERS

ELDER COEBURN WAYNE TURNER

It was in the lovely hills of Eastern Kentucky, as the early days of winter were approaching in the year of 1935, on November 24, a little bouncing baby boy graced the home of the late Wayne and Malinda Caudill Turner in a little community known as Bulan, in Perry County, Kentucky. Little did they know that this precious child would grow up to become a servant of the Lord, and by his devoted Christian life would touch the lives of countless many.

Elder Coeburn Wayne Turner was born on November 24, 1935 at Bulan, Perry County, Kentucky. He expired this life at Norton Suburban Hospital of Louisville, Kentucky on the early Sabbath morning of March 13, 2005. God blessed Brother Wayne to live upon His good earth 69 years, 3 months and 17 days. Time he enjoyed and used it wisely telling of the goodness of our Heavenly Father. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, a retired employee of Ford Motor Company here in Louisville where he was a purchasing clerk. He was Assistant Clerk for 26 years of the Northern New Salem Association, Assistant Moderator of the Antioch Church here in Louisville, and Moderator of the Rose of Sharon Church of Old Regular Baptist Faith in Lincoln County, Kentucky. Brother Wayne was baptized into the fellowship of the Antioch Church by the hands of Elder Hillard Newsome and the late Elder Paul Adkins on the first Saturday in August 1975. He was ordained to the full functions of the gospel at the Antioch Church on the first Saturday in May 1983.



Elder Coeburn Wayne Turner

It was on May 8, 1955, he gave his hand, his heart, and his love to a beautiful, lovely, and charming young lady, Lois Jean Thornsberry of Knott County, Kentucky. He has been to her a supportive, loving, faithful, and caring husband for almost 50 years. Yes, together they shared life's good times and bad, sunny and cloudy days of life. Always there for each other, a love for each other, a love that only death can break here, yet it can never cause one to forget the love of a loved one. It is a lasting love, a love that will comfort we that remain until we are blessed to join their company in the land of love, peace, and joy.

Besides Sister Jean, his devoted wife, he is survived by a daughter, Renee Turner of the home, one son, David of Melbourne, Florida, one grandson, Ethan Wayne Turner, two granddaughters: Kadee Ann and Jessica, all of Melbourne, Florida. A son, daughter, and grandchildren all of whom he was so proud of, please always remember the good advice and counsel he gave you, the good examples he set before you as a devoted, Christian father and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother the late Wayne and Malinda Caudill Turner, a brother Norman Turner, and a sister Lucille Cheney.

We that remain working in the vineyard of the Lord will miss our dear Brother, the meek and humble life he lived, the voice that sang the lovely songs of Zion, the tongue that proclaimed the gospel of Salvation begging poor sinners to repent. Yes, he gave his life in defense of this blessed Old Church, her precepts, orders, principles and beliefs. He was not ashamed of the Church. He mixed not, nor did he mingle with those not of his belief. He set a standard and built upon that standard by living a common and simple life. Often have I heard him say, to be a Christian we are to be different from the world. I can truly say he proved his Christianity well by the life he lived. A tree is known by the fruits it bears, and we can all say Brother Wayne bore good and profitable fruit.

We the Antioch Church, the Rose of Sharon Church, the Northern New Salem Association, and all our corresponding Associations will miss the brave, valiant soldier. A soldier who labored and

served all these many years in the Army of our Lord, one who tread the battlefield warning others of the dangers of living and dying in sin, and the joy, peace, and love of serving the Lord.

Sleep Oh Sleep little Brother until that great and noble day of the Lord, that joyous resurrection morning when it's then and there we shall join your company with all the Saints of the Lord, there to live forever in the presence of our Savior, where time shall be eternal and the weary shall be at rest.

I have and I thank God for being my Assistant Clerk of the Northern New Salem Association, and Assistant Moderator of the Antioch Church. You will be missed, but forever you will be loved!

Precious Memories, Brother Newsome

Dad, I love you with all my heart, and I miss you more than words can say. On e day I hope to be where you are and not be lonely anymore.

Your loving wife, Jeannie

ELDER RAY "BOBBY" ADKINS

On the 6th day of June 1937 in the hills of Kentucky at a place called Rockhouse, a male child was born in the home of Mose and Ethel Adkins. They named him Ray, but his older brother Sammy wanted him called Bobby, so that name stayed with him all through his life. Not many people knew he had the birth name of Ray. He grew up in the vicinity of Kentucky. Later in his life he entered the Armed Services. After returning home he met and married the love of his life, Rita Damron, a neighborhood girl. Together they shared life as husband and wife from July 6, 1963 to November 10, 2004 when the death angel made a call. I've never met a woman who was a more loving companion as Rita was to Brother Bobby. She believed in the biblical terms, until death do us part. To this union six children were born. Along with his wife left to mourn his loss are: Beverly Adkins, Roberta Burk, Susan (Chuck) Woodring, Lesa (James) Robinson, all of Ohio; Laura (Jonathan) Chaney of Kentucky and Michael (Trisha) Adkins of North Carolina; and eleven grandchildren. He also leaves three sisters: Hannah Justice and Evelyn (Franklin) Kendrick of Kentucky and Delphia (David) Bailey of Ohio. He also had five brothers and five sisters that preceded him in death: Henry, Billy, Perry, Sammy and Andy; Ellie Ratliff, Merrow Robinson, Myrtle Adkins, Stella Hylton and Opal Buckley. Many family, friends and sisters and brothers in the Church mourn his loss as well.



Elder Ray "Bobby" Adkins

Brother Bobby realized he was in a lost condition and knew his only answer was Jesus Christ. After a long travel God heard his cries. After much rejoicing he gave his hand to become a member of the Old Rockhouse Church of the Old Regular Baptist. He later took his letter to North Carolina to help establish the New Home Church in the Friendship Association. He was Moderator there for several years. Later in life, partly due to his health, he and Rita moved to Ohio and Brother Bobby brought his letter back to Kentucky to the Old Rockhouse Regular Baptist Church. Then, while living in Ohio, and after halting between two opinions, he felt that the Little Pilgrim Home Church in the Northern New Salem Association needed him so he made the move and laid in his letter with them and was faithful until his death.

It is kind of strange, when his wife asked me to write this obituary, I began to cry. There is so much about this man I could write, but I will try to make it as short as possible, although I could write a book. I sit here trying to collect enough strength to write this of someone I was so close to and had lots of confidence in, lots of love and lots of respect for, we must face the facts. Brother Bobby had paid the ultimate price we all have to pay. I guess my feelings would be better summed up in the verse of the old song, "Oh can we the words of his exit forget, Oh no they are fresh in my memory, Yet an example so bright will never be lost, he fell like a soldier He died at His post." I

have had many wonderful talks with Brother Bobby about life on the other side where no pain, no troubles and no death can come. We would talk for a while and end up crying and rejoicing of what it will be like. At one time we talked about preachers being jealous of other preachers. Brother Bobby said "Brother Bill, why would a man be jealous of another preacher when he may be the one who will convince one of your children or one of your loved ones to close in with the mercies of Christ?" I have been with Brother Bobby on many different occasions. Sometimes when strength was needed, he had it. Sometime when you should be humble, he was. Sometimes when you needed to show mercy, he did. So what more can I say, he was an Old Regular Baptist preacher.

Now a word to his wife and children. I have been through what you are going through. You will have to draw strength from within. Strength you didn't know you had. God is good. He knows what you can stand. Now we know Brother Bobby, husband, Dad and brother can't come back to us, but by the grace of God we can meet him there. So to Rita and the children, we love you and our prayers are with you, but remember God loves you more. As far as Brother Bobby is concerned, a prince, a great man has fallen today. So keep in mind, there is a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun. It is not His will that any should perish. May God bless you and keep you is my prayer.

Written by an unworthy Brother, Elder William H. Cochran

Brother Bill was a brother that I knew Bobby felt close to. He had no natural brothers living, and Bill was more like a natural brother as well as a brother in the church. We spent many wonderful weekends with him and Edna.

Bobby told me many times he felt like he had a better home and was ready to go. He didn't want to leave me and the children, but he wanted to go home where he wouldn't have to struggle to breathe anymore. I wanted to keep him around forever, but I'm glad that his struggle is over. He will be much happier and at peace with no more worries or heartaches down here.

I want to thank the Little Pilgrim Home Church for the love and support to my family and me. To Bill and Edna for so much love over the years I have known them. We have so many friends in the Old Regular Baptist Church and I know he will be missed. None can miss him more than I do. Forty-one years wasn't long enough but God knew best, so I had to let him go. I hope to meet him some day over there in that glorious land.

Written by a lonely and brokenhearted wife, Rita Adkins

MADGE LAURA ANDERSON

Madge Laura Anderson was born on December 6, 1916 to the union of Rilla and Gomer Newsome. Shortly thereafter, her father passed away, and her mother married Silas Hall. Through this union Madge gained two brothers, Astor and Arthur Hall, of which Astor preceded her in death.

Sister Madge Anderson joined Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized on September 1, 1963. She also served in the arm to establish the Lily of the Valley Old Regular Baptist Church of Geneva, Ohio.

She left this earth on February 6, 2005, making her stay here 88 years and 2 months.

As a young lady she fell in love with Minus Anderson. They married and had two children: Nancy Carol and Danny Farrell. Her son Danny, passed away in November 1997, and her daughter Nancy has taken care of her and faithfully stayed by her side until the Lord called her home.

Her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and all who knew her adored Madge. She spent many hours in prayer for those she loved, and no doubt, her prayers are why some of us are still here today.

I can only imagine the huge smile on her face as she entered the gates of heaven, and cast her



Madge Laura Anderson

eyes upon the faces of her Savior, her husband, her son, and her mother. It broke her heart to let them go, and now her heart is healed. She is with them in the presence of the Lord, a place she has longed to be.

She leaves behind one brother, Arthur Hall of Southgate; her daughter, Nancy Tackett of Wyandotte; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Words could never express how much everyone will miss her. The only comfort is that she is not sick anymore. The things that plagued her here on this earth did not go with her. We love her with all of our hearts, and will see her again someday soon.

Her loving granddaughter, Michelle

THURLOW BARTON

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.

At the request of the family, we will try in humbleness to compile an obituary of our dear Brother and Deacon in Christ, Brother Thurlow Barton.

Around midnight on May 22, 2005, an angel was sent to gather another soul from this earth, and Brother Thurlow took his flight from his earthly body to be at peace with Jesus in a heavenly land making his stay here on earth 70 years, 9 months, and 7 days.

Thurlow was born one of 8 children to William and Elefair (Wakefield) Barton of Lynn, Alabama and was the oldest child. Mother, father, and 1 brother, Otho, preceded him in death.

In early life, Thurlow met the girl of his dreams, Juda Mitchell. They were united in marriage on January 30, 1954. To this union God granted 4 children: David, Randy, Loyce and Keith. Thurlow and Juda celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2004. Thurlow worked at Whitehead Kales for 26½ years and at RRA for 15 years.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife of 51 years, Juda Darlene; 4 children: James Randy (Rhonda) Barton of Danville, Alabama; Charles David (Carla) Barton of Taylor, Michigan; Loyce Darlene (Donnie) Kirklin of Mansfield, Ohio; and Edward Keith Barton of Taylor, Michigan. 2 sisters: Ida and Faye; 4 brothers: Wayne, Rudolph, Bob, and Travis; 11 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren, as well as a host of friends, family, and the Little Ida Church.

Finding his need for the Lord, Thurlow repented and was baptized on May 7, 1977 at the Little Ida Church. In 1979, he was ordained a deacon of the church and performed his duty well.

To Sister Juda and family: Brother Thurlow was a good Christian and dedicated to the cause. Your loss was sudden, but he is at peace in a land we all hope for. Your loss is heaven's gain. Memories of his love and caring will always be with you and the family. Weep not for his soul is at rest. He would want us to tell all of you to get ready to be with him. In heaven, there will be no sorrow and tears. His soul is resting under the Altar of God for that great day. May God grant all of you His love and peace.

Your unworthy servants, Brother Ralph and Sister Leona Caudill

*When the days are sad and lonely, and everything goes wrong,
I seem to hear you whisper, "Cheer up and carry on."
Every time I see your picture, You smile and seem to say,
"Don't cry, I'm only sleeping, we'll meet again some day."
God saw you getting weary, So He did what He thought best,
He came and stood beside you And whispered "Come and rest."
You bid no one a last farewell, Nor even said good-bye,
You were gone before I knew it, And only God knows why.*

*A million times I needed you, A million times I cried,
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life, I loved you dearly, In death, I love you still,
In my heart you hold a place, No one can ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you, But you didn't go alone,
For part of me went with you
The day God took you home.*



Thurlow Barton

ELIZABETH (AKERS) CARPENTER

To try and write an obituary of a loved one is not an easy task, especially someone that left such a great void in our lives by her passing. A wonderful mother, a precious nanny, a dear sister and a friend to many that she met along life's journey. I will attempt, by the help of God, to put into words what we feel in our hearts. Words can never fully express the Love we had, and still do, for sis. She had so much love for everyone.

Elizabeth (Liz) Carpenter was born on May 22, 1944 to the parents of Woodrow and Lillian (Smiley) Akers of Dana, KY. She was the third of nine children: Gordon and Carolyn Akers, Okeechobee, FL; Rick and Fay Akers, Marlette, MI; Rose and Buford Conn, Almont, MI; Gerald and Sherry Akers, Davison, MI; and Sarah Boyd, Almont, MI. Her dad Woodrow and three siblings preceded her in death: Oralee, Roy and Sandra Sue. And on the 15th day of August of 2004 my blessed sister answered the call when God sent an angel to convey her spirit home and let her soul enter into the rest that He has promised His children. Making her stay on earth, 60 years, 2 months and 23 days. We all felt it was too soon for her to go but the God she loved and trusted in knew better. The pain and suffering for her is now over.

Sis was blessed with a wonderful family of her own. She was both mom and dad to her kids. She provided for their needs as best she could but most of all she gave each one her love. From the oldest to the youngest, her love was the same. As the children read an eulogy on the day of her funeral, you just feel the love they had for her as they spoke about their Mom. Their final thought was, "Even though we feel like we've lost our best friend, we all know that she will always be with us where she has always been, in our hearts."

God blessed Sis with eight children, two of which preceded her in death, twins: Stacy and Tracy died at birth. The daughters are: Lesa Gayheart, Prestonsburg, KY; Theresa and Tommy Hogan, Clarksville, IN; Malesa and Carl Jones, Clearville, KY; and Beverly Gibson, Shepherdsville, KY. The sons are: Kevin and Colleen Burke, Brown City, MI; and Gary and Aimiee Carpenter, Shepherdsville, KY. They in turn bore ten grandchildren for Liz to love, pamper and spoil. They were truly bundles of joy to her from the oldest, Teela Renee to the youngest, Benjamin and all the in between: Nick, Shawn, Dakota, Damon, Jacob, Elizabeth Carol (Carly) and Jordan.

Sis would always put her family before herself no matter what! Although there was one great exception. There came a point in her life that she realized she was in desperate need of help; the kind of help that no one humanly could give her. She realized that she was a sinner and stood in need of a Savior. Taking heed to the light she repented and asked God to have mercy on her soul. After being delivered from the dead state she was in, into a lively hope, she came forth on the 26th day of April 1992 and offered her hand to the Little Zion Church, making her confession of the experience of Grace she had with God and wanting to have fellowship in the Church. She was baptized by Elders Clarence Owens and Rick Akers. She remained a member of the Church the rest of her life.

The latter days of Liz's life were filled with pain and suffering. But I believe that when it got a little too tough she would just call upon her dear Savior to help her through. Whenever we got to go and visit with her she would always want us to sing some old songs of Zion and hold prayer. And I believe it was done as much or more for her children than for her. She wanted them to know who she was trusting in and wanted them to trust in him too. Children and grandchildren if you want to go to that goodly land called Heaven, then you will have to call upon the same God that Mom and Nanny did. For there is a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun; so the choice is yours. I'll bring this to an end by saying what Christ said, "Accept me and live; Reject me and die."

Written by a brother in hope, Elder Rick Akers



Elizabeth (Akers) Carpenter

WANDA CARROLL

It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of my precious sister Wanda Carroll. As I reflect on the times we had together, I thank God that I was given the opportunity to stay with Wanda during her final days and help take care of her. The experience has changed my life in many ways and has given me more blessings than I could have imagined.

Wanda was born April 25, 1935 at Grethel, Kentucky. She was blessed with 69 years until she left to be with Jesus on February 2, 2005. She was the daughter of the late Troy and Stella (Tackett) Branham.

On January 14, 1953 Wanda married Reeves Carroll. They were blessed to share 52 years together. During their marriage they had two children. Dorvin (wife Betsie) Carroll and Pamela Kay (husband Larry) Justice. She had four grandchildren: Reeves John Hamilton, Emmitt Hamilton, Joshua Carroll and Jacob Carroll.

Also left to mourn her loss are four brothers: Elder James Branham, Elder Aaron Elisa Branham, Emmitt Branham and Ellis Branham all of Harold, Kentucky. Four sisters: Judy Hamilton, Gladys Mitchell and Ruth Laferty of Grethel, Kentucky; and Maxine Collins of Carleton, Michigan. In addition to her parents, Wanda was preceded in death by her sister Beatrice Spradlin. Many nieces, nephews, and countless good friends are saddened by her death but happy that she is no longer suffering and is now resting in a beautiful place.

Wanda lived a very full and happy life. She was very active and could often work circles around people much younger than herself. She worked as a mail carrier for many years and more recently volunteered for the Salvation Army where she gave her time helping others. She also had the gift of hospitality. Wanda loved to cook for her family and friends. Every time that I made the trip down home she would have a wonderful meal waiting for me and my family to eat.

Wanda joined the Pilgrims Home Church at Grethel, Kentucky, November 28, 2002 on Thanksgiving Day. She was baptized that day and remained a faithful member until she could no longer attend church. Even in her weakest time she loved when the Brothers and Sisters came to her home and preached and sang for her. It seemed to lift her spirits knowing that Jesus was right there with her.

During her sickness Wanda never complained. She remained strong and courageous still being a witness to others who needed her. She will be missed by all her family, friends, and the church. She was a blessing to people who knew her and as we look back at the memories she will remain a blessing to us for many years to come.

I love you and miss you sis, Maxine Collins

Wanda's memorial will be the odd weekend in April 2006. All Old Regular Baptist ministers are welcome.



Wanda Carroll

BROTHER ROY E. COLLINS

In loving memory and with much sadness, with the help of the Lord, we will try to write this obituary of our brother Roy Gene Collins. God sent His angel down to take our brother home November 28, 2004 in Chattanooga, Tennessee after a car accident at the age of 70 years and 6 months. He was born in Minnie, Kentucky on May 5, 1934. He was the son of Siefas and Artie Tuttle Collins.



Bro. Roy E. Collins

He was preceded in death by one brother Bill, two sisters: Virgie King and Irene Storie; and his Mom and Dad. He was survived by his wife of 47 years, Dolores Stephens Collins; 4 beautiful daughters: Vicki Collins of Norwalk, Ohio; Kathy Welfle of Norwalk, Ohio; Deatra Jones of Hawkinsville, Georgia; and Lorna Collins of Shelby, Ohio. Six grandchildren: Katelyn, Amber, Emilee, Brandon, Cory and Alexys; two sisters: Verda Shepherd and Hazel Pullum of Plymouth; and one brother: Eurmlee of Edison, Ohio; and so many brothers and sisters in the church that loved him so much and so many friends.

Roy was a Navy veteran and was retired from General Motors. He was a member of the Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth, Ohio for 39 years. He was a deacon of Little Rebecca, Family of Love and Little Pilgrim Home Churches.

Roy was like one of my children and now all I can do is cry. He has just made it home before me. He called so often just to check on Mitchel and me. He told me how many times, how close he felt to me. Before he had his first wreck I had a dream. I was digging my way out of a big hole. I had a little baby with me, and when I heard he was hurt and in the hospital, I knew we had a hole we had to dig out of and I prayed so hard for the Lord to let us keep him and He did twenty-one more years. After this accident, all I could do is say, "Lord, Your will be done." When he came to Ohio from Kentucky, he stayed with Mitchel and me. When I was at church Saturday night, Bro. Carrol Addington was preaching about the Lord coming down on a cloud. I have never had a feeling like that before. I could almost see the cloud coming down. I thought it was coming for me, but it was coming for our brother.

I would like to say to Roy's children, do you believe in your hearts when the death angel comes to you, that you will hear what we believe your Dad heard? Be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid, "I'm going to take you home now to the place you've waited on for 39 years." If you can't feel that in your heart, please, repent and live for Jesus in this life because all else is vanity and will soon be gone but Jesus is forever and He is begging, "Come". God gives us breath and we live, He takes it away and we are gone, where we go is up to us.

About the life Roy lived, can anyone that knew him the last 40 years deny the light that shone from his life? Was he faithful to God and his church? We always, at the Little Rebecca Church, knew when he was not there he was either in the hospital or out of state. We will miss him, but I don't believe you could ask anyone of his family or friends if they want him back in this land of suffering and sorrow. He is so much happier now. The land he's gone to knows no wheelchairs or walkers, only peace, love and joy. Over in glory land, he would say, "Come see me in my new home, we'll be happy forever."

To Dolores and the girls, I know it has been hard for you for the last 21 years. I'm sure you'll never forget the good years you had together, and God will reward you for every drink of water you carried to him, and nothing will go unnoticed by God. We love you. And, we want to thank all the brothers at the church. You have been so good to help Roy. God Bless you all, you know what you've done, and God knows.

Now our brother has gone to that new home up there, where his smile outshines the sun. He labored so hard for his master. He wanted so bad to go, to the last association, he wanted to carry the letter. He fought the battle, he was a good soldier. He lived each day for Jesus, until he could

lay down his cross and go home. His body grew feeble and weary, but Heaven was waiting, for his journey to be over. He walked down that lonesome valley, with a smile that was so plain to see. He performed his duties well, while waiting for Jesus to guide him safely over Old Jordan. No more pain will he ever suffer, no car wrecks over there, his old knees will never have to bow, and he won't worry about the children. No more tears will he ever shed for us now. I can hear the angels singing, "Here comes our brother home." Roy is saying now, "If only you could see where I have gone."

We could go on and on writing about Roy's life. He has been a bright shining light, the light will never go out, so let's love one another, and keep that light burning, and remember the good times we've had together, and make preparations to join him. He loved the Little Rebecca Church so much. Let's keep that love there, and remember where our help comes from "JESUS".

We love you, Sister Verda Shepherd, Sister Hazel Pullum

MEMORIAL: 3rd weekend in November 2005 at the Little Rebecca Church

LENA CONLEY

With a sad heart we will try to write the obituary of our dear Mother. Lena Conley, age 80 of Church Street, Willard, Ohio, passed away Sunday, June 5, 2005 at her home. She was born June 16, 1924 in West Liberty, KY and had lived in Willard most of her life. She was a member of the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church in Litchfield, Ohio. Mom joined and was baptized on October 8, 1990 by Elders Larry Newsome and Stoney Blackburn.

She is survived by her husband, Manis Conley; 2 daughters: Betty Fotia of Williamsport, PA; and Patty Brown of New Castle, PA; 1 step-daughter, Sue Dalton of Louisiana. 3 sons: Gary Lykins of New Castle, PA; Freddy Whitt of Dayton; and Doug Conley of Willard. 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; sister: Eva Stidham of Dayton; brother: Leo Turner of Ocala, FL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Orpha Turner; an infant daughter; son, Daniel Lykins, who was killed in the Vietnam War; twin sister, Anna Patrick; and sister, Geneva Williams and a brother, James Turner.

Mom was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. After Dad had his stroke, Mom took excellent care of Dad. She loved to cook and bake pies. She enjoyed cooking for her family and friends. She enjoyed working in her garden and working with her beautiful flowers. She enjoyed making hand-made quilts. Mom always had a smile on her face, she was always happy when people came to visit her. She loved to sit on her porch and talk with Dad, family and friends. Mom enjoyed her neighborhood. She had special neighbors that became very close to her and became part of her family.

Mom loved to attend church at Pleasant View Church when she was able. She always wanted to know who had preached when she was not able to come. We believe that our loss is Heaven's gain. Mom will be sadly missed.

Written by her broken-hearted family



Lena Conley

ROY DEMPSEY, JR.

It is with a sad and heavy heart that I write this obituary of my loving husband of 53 years. Roy Dempsey, Jr., age 72, of Walbridge, Ohio, and formerly of Northwood, Ohio, died Tuesday, August 2, 2005, in Bay Park Community Hospital. He was born on May 23, 1933, in Logan, West Virginia, to Roy and Carrie (Conley) Dempsey, both of whom preceded him in death.

He later married Georgia Ratliff on April 26, 1952, and she survives. He was employed in the Bending Department at L.O.F. in Rossford for 31 years before retiring in 1985. Brother Roy joined the Rose of Sharon Church April 25, 1993 and was baptized on May 9, 1993.

He is survived by his loving wife, Georgia; his children: Roger (Sandy) Dempsey of Zebulon, GA; Keith (Debbie) of Northwood, OH; Betty (Don) Blackledge of Oregon, OH; Wanda (Russell) Warnke of Northwood, OH; and Mary Dempsey of Walbridge, OH; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; siblings: Crawford (Garnet) Dempsey of Johnstown, OH; Kyle (Della) Dempsey of Pataskala, OH; James (Kathy) Dempsey of Logan, WV; Betty (Jim) McCall of Diboll, TX; Dorothy Davis of Circleville, OH; Jewell (Fred) Meade of Carroll, OH; Shirley (Paul) Hensley of Harts Creek, WV; and Mary (Mike) McCoy of Logan, WV; and mother-in-law, Alpha Ratliff. He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Charlene Dempsey, and father-in-law, Flain Ratliff.

With loving and precious memories, your loving and devoted wife, Sister Georgia Dempsey



Roy Dempsey, Jr.

VIRGIL FIELDS

With a sad and lonesome feeling we will try to write an obituary for Elder Virgil Fields. He was born in Martin Co., KY on February 19, 1927. He left this life April 6, 2005 in the hospital at Louisa, KY.

He was the son of the late Elmer and Mintie Fields. He married Goldie Adams on April 26, 1945. To this union was born 7 children: 5 sons and 2 daughters. Two daughters preceded him in death: Ruby May Fields and Kathy Calhoun. 5 sons and 1 son-in-law survive: Carl and Joyce Fields of West Unity, Ohio; James and Kathie Fields of Taylor, Michigan; Andy and Debbie Fields of Adrian, Michigan; Martin and Cindy Fields of Louisa, Kentucky; John and Teresa Fields also of Louisa, Kentucky; and son-in-law, Roger Calhoun of Taylor, Michigan.

He has 4 brothers and 2 sisters: Pat Fields of Milo, Kentucky; Eddie Fields of Columbus, Ohio; Eldon Fields of Lebanon, Indiana; Sandy Carter of Columbus, Ohio; and Amy Ward of Taylor, Michigan; 1 brother: Dale Fields of Lebanon, Indiana preceded him in death. He had 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Virgil felt like the Lord forgave him of his sins and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on March 8, 1959 at the Little Ida Church in Ecorse, Michigan. He was baptized by Elders Roy and Sidney Hudson. He lived a faithful life until his death. He started preaching the Gospel soon after he became a member. His life and love had a great influence on people in the world and in the church. He was loved by all who knew him. We felt he left a world of sorrow to a place of plenty where there will be no more suffering or sorrow, where there will be joy and peace forever. We feel there will soon be a great family reunion, where all the family of God will be together forever. There will be no more worried days or restless nights. We will see the Shepard of the Sheep and dwell in his presence forever. We could go on writing, but we could not put into words the life Brother Fields lived.



Virgil Fields

Written by his family and brother, Auty McClanahan

LORA MAXINE WILSON GREGORY

She took her flight on the wings of a dove. She's gone to a place of joy and love.

Lora Maxine Wilson Gregory was born September 29, 1916 in Olive Hill, Kentucky to the late Robert and Myrtle Holbrook Wilson. At the age of four, she had whooping cough so badly that one of her eardrums burst. For most of her life she could only hear loud noises such as thunder or a crash. The only sound that she could identify was drums. In 1926 she attended Danville School for the Deaf in Danville, Kentucky, but she mostly taught herself to read and write.

As the oldest girl in the family, it was her responsibility to do the household chores for a family of twelve. Her hobbies were quilting and reading.

In 1943 she sent her profile to *Lonely Hearts* magazine. At the military hospital in Victoria, Texas, PFC Lee L. Gregory was undergoing treatment for a back injury. He read her ad and sent her a letter. On May 7, 1944 they were married at the home of Rev. J.B. Roots in Olive Hill, Kentucky. Their honeymoon suite was a three-room house close to the Lubbock Air Force Base in Lubbock, Texas. In August 1945, Lee was sent to Guam and Maxine returned to Kentucky.

In 1947 they moved to Mansfield, Ohio where Lee went to work for the Westinghouse Corp. during the post-war business boom. There were five sons and five daughters born to them. Two girls died at birth and one son died at the age of seven. They moved to Tennessee in 1964.

Maxine's history of eye disease began in December 1956 with the removal of a cataract. Later, she developed glaucoma. In 1962 she had another cataract removed and the retina became detached leaving her blind in her right eye. In April 1973 the retina came loose from her left eye leaving her totally blind. After an unsuccessful surgery at Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland to repair the retina, Maxine had to learn to do things by feel and not by sight. Her family learned to communicate by writing in her hand and using signs. She learned to read Braille and type letters on a Braille typewriter. People marveled at how she could thread a needle and piece quilts without being able to see. She also crocheted several different things: afghans, dolls, caps, etc.

The first testimony of her overcoming her handicap was written by her oldest grandson, David Washburn, and published by Word Aflame Publications in 1984. "My Greatest Inspiration" was again published in the Trevecca Campus Newsletter in 1987. On a visit to Ohio in 1989, Maxine's story was featured in *The Belleville Star*. In 1992 another article was written about her in the *Dickson County Herald*. In 1999, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Organization presented her with the Ageless Heroes Award which honors people who have overcome insurmountable odds to make a notable contribution to society. On May 4, 1997 she was crowned Miss Old Timer at the annual Old Timer's Day in Dickson, Tennessee.

Maxine, a fourth generation Old Regular Baptist, sat at her father's funeral in April 1970 and made a silent promise to him that she would prepare to meet him in Heaven. Two years later she got her aunt, Thelma Holbrook, to help make the arrangements for her to be baptized. On July 1, 1972 she was baptized in Little Sinking Creek in Grahn, Kentucky by Elders: Stanley Cox and Charlie Seagraves of Clark Hill United Baptist Church in Olive Hill. In 1975 she moved her membership to Macedonia Old Regular Baptist Church in Grahn.

On July 5, 2005 she entered into eternal rest after a short illness. She is survived by four sons: Sam, Rick, Wade and Noah Gregory; three daughters: Barbara Washburn, Linda Canada and Wanda Laxton; three brothers: Herb, Bob and Homer Wilson; two sisters: Mildred Stone and Betty Miller; 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

With loving memories, Barbara Washburn, daughter



Lora Maxine Wilson Gregory

DORTHIE JOHNSON CAUDILL HALL

With a sad and broken heart, I will try to write an obituary for my mother-in-law and sister in the Lord, Dorthie Johnson Caudill Hall. She was born November 27, 1916 in Pike County, Kentucky to the late George and Dollie Tackett Johnson. Her first husband, Cleveland Caudill, preceded him in death in 1954 leaving her with 7 children.

She often told how hard it was to raise a family without a father being there, but she did the best she could. Later on in life she met and married Bro. Brock Hall. She joined the Joppy Church of the Old Regular Baptist and remained a member until her death.

She leaves behind five kids to mourn her: Ethel Tuttle of Plymouth, OH; Bethel Bryant of Wheelwright, KY; Geraldine Morgan of Norwalk, OH; Art Caudill of Attica, OH; and Kenneth Caudill of Willard, OH. Four kids preceded her in death: 2 infants, one son Bo Caudill died in 1996 and Grethel Pitsenberger in 2001. She leaves four sisters and many grandkids, great-grandkids and great-great grandkids. She lived by Ethel and me for nine years. We sure do miss her. Bye for a while. See you soon.



Dorthie Johnson Caudill Hall

Arthur and Ethel Tuttle, Brother and Sister in the Lord

WILLIS HALL

It is with a broken heart I write this about my father Willis Hall who was born February 1, 1933 to Floyd and Sarah Hall in Dry Creek, KY, whom he is now with. He left the world October 14, 2004 at 4:42 p.m. to also be with his grandson, James Lewis Richmond, Jr., who passed away 9 years ago to the very day. I know he is happy being with his family now, although we wish he was still here with us. He left behind his children: Belinda, Jean, Sarah, Debbie, Colleen, Tammy, Robin, Danny and Sam; along with his sisters: Luli, Rutha and Pearl; and brother: Costella; and grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and many cousins and friends.

I can remember the day Aunt Luli came to the hospital and my dad asked for Brother Forrest. Even though he was home not feeling well himself he came to the hospital and my dad asked for his hand so he could give his heart to the Lord and ask for forgiveness and he did. My dad joined the Little Angel Church that day. I knew then my dad was forgiven and accepted by God and when he was told he was accepted as a member of the Little Angel Church I saw the tears in his eyes. I was glad to be there at that moment to see the peace and happiness it brought to him.

So many things happened in his life and he knew his life was almost over on this earth and he needed God's forgiveness and I believe he received it. He really wanted to go to church to be baptized but due to his illness he was unable. My dad was a caring and loving man and I know he had one more mountain to climb and with his heart and the help of God he made it to the top. And when my Aunt Pearl said he took a piece of her heart with him I know for everyone who knew him it was true for all of us and he will be in our hearts until we meet him again.

Written by his daughter, Belinda

CLARA B. (MARTIN) HAMILTON

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Psalms 116:15

Our mother and mamma was born September 20, 1916, in Grethel, Kentucky. She was the daughter of John and Lula (New-some) Martin. She was married to Nola Hamilton on July 17, 1932. They had seven children together. Surviving are: Bill, Tallahassee, FL; Bonnie, Concord, NC; Prince, Lucky, Carvel, Jettie, all of Clyde, OH. She was preceded in death by husband Nola, November 9, 1990 and one son, Wesley, April 26, 1999. She was also blessed with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on March 19, 1961, and was baptized by Saul Combs and Willie Collins. Her membership was at Little Rebecca and later moved to Little Bethel in Green Springs, Ohio.

She was a wonderful mother and keeper of the home and loved her children dearly. She made beautiful quilts and always looked forward to having a garden. Green beans were her specialty. She always raised a wonderful garden, even when others couldn't. She harvested all that could be used and would can or freeze what she had grown and share it with her children. As sister Joanne said, "Clara had a zest for life and so much energy it would put some to shame."

We are thankful for the days God allowed her to be with us and the testimony she had for the Lord. She witnessed to her children and grandchildren about the Lord and her desire was for all to be saved. Jettie will always treasure the talks they had about the Lord.

She is greatly missed. There is a void in our lives without her. We are reminded of her through our everyday tasks, whether it be doing laundry, cooking, or shopping. She had a special way of doing things.

"If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, we'd walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again."

Written by daughters: Bonnie and Jettie, and granddaughters: Debbie and Princetta

Clara had a second family whom she loved as her own. After mom and dad died, she adopted us and would tell everyone that we were her other children. I truly believe she loved us.

I have so many precious memories, like the times she stayed with me. She would help me can and quilt. We had so many good talks. She loved her children and her desire was that they would go to church with her.

In nature we have a selfish love. We don't want to give up loved ones, but each time I went to see her, I could see her suffering. Even in her suffering, she would raise her hands and say, "Bless you Lord, Bless you Jesus." I believe even in our pain and suffering, God can bless us to rejoice. He was there every step of the way for her and carried her across Jordan. Her sleep is peaceful. The greatest flower you can ever give sister Clara is to get the Lord in your life.

I love you all, Sister Joanne Nickles



Clara B. (Martin) Hamilton

ELDER HENDRICKS HAMPTON

My precious Daddy how I miss him. He was born September 24, 1919 to John and Frances (Adams) Hampton in Jeremiah, Kentucky. God called him home to rest on November 3, 2004.

Dad had three brothers: Earl, Middletown, Ohio (deceased); Arnold, Middletown, Ohio (deceased); and Troy of Franklin, Ohio; and six sisters: Artie Davis, Henderson, Kentucky (deceased); Flarie Caudill, Jeremiah, Kentucky; Alta Combs, Clarksville, Ohio; Allie Aldridge, Franklin, Ohio; Ila Mae Cloud, Middletown, Ohio; and Ruth Smith, Jeremiah, Kentucky.

He was married to Fannie Caudill on August 29, 1941. To this union was born one child, Millie Frances Alexander. He had 3 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. One grandchild preceded him to rest in 1983. Dad and Mother had 27 wonderful years together before he had to give her up to cancer on February 20, 1969.

I believe the Lord saw how sad and lonesome Dad was after his great loss and brought another good christian woman into his life. On March 7, 1970, he and Vivian (Tackett) Caudill were married and enjoyed 34 years together until she passed away on October 7, 2004. There were no children from this union, but Vivian had two adult children from her previous marriage: Melvin Caudill and Junetta Caudill; and now there are 6 step-grandchildren, 12 step-great-grandchildren and 3 step-great-great grandchildren.

Dad served in the Army Air Force for three and one half years, being honorably discharged in 1945. He worked for General Motors for 35 years, retiring in 1982.

Dad was blessed with a beautiful singing voice and used his gift to lead songs at church until he became ill and weak, but even in weakness, he sang songs of praise. I remember Dad and Mother going to every Old Regular Baptist church any chance they had, and after they built their home, enjoyed having services held there. Dad was proud that The Little Family Church was organized in his basement on May 12, 1956, with Elder Wesley Caudill and Elder Roy Caudill as Moderator and Assistant Moderator. Later on, he helped to build the church house.

Dad felt the Lord had forgiven his sins on October 19, 1954, but he did not join the church until July 2, 1960. Sometime later, he felt the Lord had something more for him to do. He started making offerings and telling what he felt the Lord had done for him. He was ordained April 13, 1968 and has been a faithful servant telling everyone "The greatest thing you will ever do is to get right with the Lord." Dad loved everyone, and if they were sick, he would go to the hospital or their home to comfort and pray for them.

He was Assistant Moderator of The Little Family Church in Jacksonburg, Ohio for 36 years; Moderator of The Little Bethel Church in Sligo, Ohio for 12 years; and also helped at Little Childrens Home in Laurel, Indiana.

I miss Dad very much, but I would not wish him back to struggle for every breath, or to be so unhappy after the loss of his mate. I believe he is resting at the throne of God, and will walk those streets of gold singing with the angels when God takes His children home.

Written by his loving daughter, Millie Frances Alexander



Elder Hendricks Hampton

VIVIAN M. TACKETTE CAUDILL HAMPTON

In loving memory of our Mother. She was born in Lincoln County, KY on January 19, 1920. She passed from this life into Eternal life October 7, 2004.

She was the daughter of the late Elder B. F. Tackette and Laura Tyler Tackette both deceased. She was married to Arthur Caudill on November 12, 1938 who deceased on November 18, 1969. To this union was born three children: Junetta Caudill of Hopewell, VA; Melvin Caudill of Waynesburg, KY; and Weldon Caudill, stillborn in 1955. She had six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. Four brothers: James M. Tackette of Eubank, KY; Roy Tackette, deceased; Jasper Tackette of Stanford, KY; and Benjamin F. Tackette of Louisville, KY.



Vivian Caudill Hampton

She was married to Hendricks Hampton on March 7, 1970. From this marriage of 34 years was added a stepdaughter, Millie Frances Hampton Alexander, 3 step-grandchildren, 4 step-great-grandchildren and 2 step-great-great grandchildren.

She became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church in Lincoln County, KY. After she married Brother Hendricks Hampton she moved her membership to the Little Family Church in Ohio and became a faithful member until death. She traveled many miles with Brother Hampton serving the Lord. She was a bright and shining light to the World. To know her was to love her. Her beautiful smile would win you right over. We believe she has just left a world of trouble and gone to a land of peace and joy where sickness and sorrow can't come.

Written by her children, Melvin and Junetta and Elder Murl F. Caudill

BRO. BERTAL HICKS

Bertal Hicks, age 87, of Payne, Ohio, passed away at 12:05 A.M. Friday, March 11, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was born in Floyd County, Kentucky on April 3, 1917. He was the son of the late William and Mary Anne (Coburn) Hicks. He married Julia (Wireman) Hicks in 1935. She passed away in 1990.

He retired from Uniroyal Goodrich at Woodburn. He had also worked at Permaglass and as a coal miner. He was a member of the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church of Kendallville, Indiana.

Bert will be sadly missed by his daughters: Donna R. Devore, Terrie L. Baumgartner; sons: Lacy Dean, Clifton, Carlos, Billy Jo and Jacky N; sister: Pearl Fulk; brothers: Delmar and Garrett; 20 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. His daughter: Bruxie Ann Smalley; son: Adrian; sisters: Sylvia Reigns, Trylbia Osborne, Viola Beverly and Katherine Onley and brother: Elmer, have passed away.



Bro. Bertal Hicks

Written by his son Bill Hicks

GERTRUDE HOBBS

With a sad heart, we write the obituary of our precious loving mother, Gertrude Hobbs. Gertrude was born to John Blackburn and Florence (Lane) Blackburn on May 29, 1920. She left this life on December 24, 2004. Her stay here was 84 years and 7 months.

Family left to mourn her death are six children. Sons: Glen, Clifton and Carl, all of Lorain, OH; daughters: Sylvia Jean Cavanaugh of Grafton, OH; Florence Elenore Johnson and Kathy Sue Slone, both of Liberty, KY. Gertrude also left behind 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Loving husband, Ergel (Rose) Hobbs, and sons, Tildren and Clayton, granddaughter, Sheila Hobbs and great-grandson, Tyler Canter preceded Gertrude in passing.

Gertrude gave her life to the Lord 64 years ago. She served the Lord with her whole heart and soul each and every day. Gertrude was a good Christian wife and mother, who taught her children to respect others and to understand right from wrong. The family attended church every Sunday and learned the good ways of the Lord.

She told us many things about her childhood, growing up in the hills of Kentucky, and how hard she and her family worked tending their strawberry farm and crops on the hillsides. The family worked from sunrise to sunset storing their food in jars, and putting them in wells to keep until next spring. She said, "It was hard times but I wouldn't trade all the memories for nothin'."

She fell in love and married Ergel (Rose) Hobbs. Mommy and Daddy had the boys and moved to Ohio. It was in Ohio that their love continued to grow along with our family. Daddy passed away in 1988 and two sons, Tildren and Clayton also preceded Mommy in death.

Christmas Eve

Mommy, our hearts were broken when you left us on Christmas Eve. It was the time to celebrate the birth of our precious and newborn King; a time of giving gifts to those near and far. But on this Christmas Eve, in a quiet voice, Jesus spoke to you and said, "Come here my child and spend the rest of eternity with me." So, on this Christmas Eve, you see, us children we did grieve. But in our hearts, we understood that Jesus came to claim His gift that was His all the while. So we know where you are Mommy, and if our lives we give to this Savior, the Newborn King, He will come and take us home as well to live eternity. So sleep, our Dear Mother, as Jesus calls you to live with Him within those gates in Heaven, the city that is so fair.

In loving memory from the children of Gertrude Hobbs



Gertrude Hobbs

BRO. HENRY HOBSON

James Henry Hobson, age 89, passed away Sunday, April 17, 2005 at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville, IN. He was born on May 5, 1915 in McDowell, Kentucky. He was the son of George Douglas and Mary Catherine Fife Hudson.

He enlisted on May 4, 1942 at Ft. Thomas, Kentucky as a T/4 Sgt. in the United States Army Medical. He served in the 3rd Medical Depot Company (supply department) while serving in New Zealand, Australia, New Guinea and the Philippine Islands. He had received the Good Conduct medal, Philippine Liberation medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Bronze stars. He was discharged in December of 1945 at Ft. Knox as a T/4 Sergeant. On July 2, 1947 he married June Moore Hobson in Pikeville, Kentucky. He worked in the coal mines in Kentucky until moving to Indiana where he began at Rex Manufacturing/Philco Ford retiring in 1969 due to his health.



Bro. Henry Hobson

He was a member of the Columbia United Methodist Church before joining the Little Children's Home Church in 1975, where he served as deacon of the church. He had served as Township Trustee in Columbia Township and had been on the Columbia Cemetery Board. Henry took great pleasure in fishing with many close friends in Connersville, IN, watching and attending baseball and basketball games, and working crossword puzzles in his spare time. He lived in Fayette Co., until October of 2002 when he moved to Noblesville to be near his daughter and her family. Although he used a walker or wheelchair in the later years, he still greatly enjoyed attending church with his wife and daughter. One of his greatest joys of all was the company of friends and family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. This wonderful man will be missed by all who knew him. He touched all of our lives in many ways.

James Henry Hobson is survived by his wife, June; his daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Michael Emerick; a brother: Homer Hobson; four sisters: Geneva Beverly, Rebecca Elliott, Virginia Burke and Viola Sexton; three grandchildren: Jeffrey Emerick and wife Laurie Emerick; Natalie Clark and Jennifer Emerick; 2 great-grandchildren: Jasmine Clark and Lauren Emerick; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, 3 infant siblings, 3 brothers, 5 sisters and a daughter, Esta Jane Hobson, preceded him in death.

*There are few words that could adequately describe,
The impact this remarkable man had on our lives.
His fondness of baseball, fishing, and crossword puzzles,
We're all inferior to the love he showed for the Lord, his family and others!*

Submitted with love by his wife, daughter, and family

ELIZA JOANNE HUNTER

It is with a sad and broken heart I will try to write this obituary of my dear and loving sister, Eliza Joanne Wallen Hunter.

She was born in Ashland, Ohio on April 19, 1950 to Robert and Mary Adkins Wallen. She was preceded in death by her sister, Diane Wallen, grandparents, Autie and Clar Trimble Adkins, grandfather, Ernest Wallen.

She is survived by her husband, Jackie Hunter whom she married on October 11, 1969. To this union was born one daughter: Mary Joanne Hunter Terry and son-in-law, Marty Terry, and two grandchildren: Seth and Morgan Terry. Joanne loved her grandchildren very much. She always called them her babies.

She also leaves 2 sisters and 2 brothers and her parents to mourn for her. Sue Prelipp of Willard; Roxie Hamilton of Nova; Eddie Wallen of Rochester; Bobby Wallen of New London. Parents: Robert and Mary Wallen, and also a host of nieces and nephews and a great host of family and friends.

Joanne as we all called her will be greatly missed by all that knew her. She has struggled for the last year and a half with that dreaded disease cancer. Joanne and I were not only sisters by nature but also sisters in the Lord. We traveled a lot to different churches and took vacations together. We always had such a good time when we got out together. She loved and enjoyed to take care of the church and to fix dinner for the church. She had belonged to the Little Pilgrim Home Church for over 30 years.

Joanne always wanted to make sure that Mom and Dad were taken care of. She loved them very much. Joanne was always a good listener and would help out as much as she could.

I am going to miss her greatly. She was my best friend. I know our loss is heavens gain, and we will meet again some sweet day.

To all of her family and friends who don't know Jesus as their Personal Savior, if you want to



Eliza Joanne Hunter

go where Joanne has gone make it right with the Lord and we can all meet in heaven some sweet day.

Written by her broken hearted sister, Roxie Hamilton

How do you say goodbye to someone who was so special in so many lives?

A niece, a cousin, an aunt, sister, daughter, mother, grandmother and wife.

To some she was an aunt. Or you may have called her Nana. To her, her nieces and nephews were much like her extended children. She was always ready to listen when Mom and Dad didn't understand. A caring aunt who watched you all grow from babies and you know how much she adored you. Each of you made a difference in her life.

To some she was a sister. Someone you shared a room with growing up. You shared some secrets, and tears and so much laughter. You have known her your whole life. You know things about her I will never know. A sister has a special bond with her siblings. And mom shared that bond with each of you. She truly treasured each of you and the memories you shared.

Mom didn't know the term brother-in-law or sister-in-law, they were brother and sister. And they shared in her life as deeply as her own brothers and sisters. She loved them all.

For two of you, she was a daughter. A daughter who strived to be the best she could be in your eyes. She always wanted to be there for you. You gave her life, love and guidance throughout her life. She loved you both so much.

For one special man he was her life. A partner for 34 years. They have shared so many of life's ups and downs. Through it all their love for each other stood strong. She was so thankful that you were there dad, to help take care of her. You have done everything you could do to make her happy and comfortable. I know she felt very blessed to have shared her life with you. She loved you with the kind of love that doesn't end.

To two special children, she was mamaw. She was so proud of her grandbabies. You both brought so much joy and happiness into her life. She treasured all the time you were able to spend together. Always remember the special times you shared, like when we visited the ocean, or you were able to spend the night. Those times meant so much to her. You were her babies and she loved you with all she had.

To me, for many years, she was "just Mom". Once I had children of my own I quickly removed the "just" from that phrase. Later on as I grew up she became so much more than "just mom". In reality, she had always been so much more. She became to me what she was to all of you, my friend. We talked everyday at least once, sometimes more, sharing all the silly details of daily life. I never thought I could miss the sound of a phone ringing, but I do. She was always telling me how proud she was of me and how strong I was. But really she was my strength. She always encouraged me. She taught me to be strong.

She handled her sickness with such courage and grace. Always worried about how we were all handling it, instead of worrying about herself. Each day her faith strengthened as her body weakened. She was surrounded by family and friends who showed how much they loved everyday.

There is a saying: Live each day to the fullest for tomorrow is promised to no one. Mom waited too long to fulfill many of her dreams. We were able to help with a few. The trip to the ocean, which we had promised her while she was recovering from her surgery in ICU, and the wedding she always wanted. To some these may seem pointless or silly. But to us they were important. But one thing I have learned from my mother's life is to live. Whatever your dreams are — fulfill them. God gave each of us this life to live. Honor Him — but still live.

Today I know she would understand our sadness. But she would want us to rejoice in her life. When you remember Mom, remember her great capacity to care so deeply. Remember the friendship you have shared. Just always remember her.

So the answer to my question — how do you say goodbye to someone so special? You don't say goodbye forever you just say goodbye for now.

MANERVIA JOHNSON

With fond memories I will write an obituary of my aunt, Manervia (Breeding) Johnson. Manervia was born June 16, 1915, in Knott County, KY. She was the daughter of the late John Madden and Martha Anne (Hall) Breeding.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Johnson; one sister: Lona Breeding; and four brothers: Daniel, Paul, Irvin and Vester Breeding.

Manervia is survived by her two children: Bobby Johnson (Joan) of Winter Haven, Florida, and Emma Lee Brown of White Pine, Tennessee; seven grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by two sisters: Juanita Mitchell of Wyandotte, Michigan, and Shelby Jean Jones of Garrison, Kentucky, as well as four brothers: Esrom Breeding of Lincoln Park, Michigan; Almon Breeding of Groveport, Ohio; Lester Breeding of Lexington, Kentucky; and John Madden Breeding Jr. of Garrison, Kentucky. She also left many nieces, nephews, and friends to mourn her loss.

Manervia was a member of the Little Jewel Regular Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky. She corresponded frequently with many of her sisters in the church. She always enjoyed receiving mail from her family and friends.

Manervia was a pastry cook for Ashland Oil. Everyone thought she was a "special lady." She was loved by all who knew her.

Aunt Manervia loved to sew and quilt, which was one of her many talents.

We believe our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her niece and sister in Christ, Linda Joyce (Mitchell) Hall



Manervia Johnson

BRO. RICHMOND JONES

I write this obituary in loving memory of my uncle, Brother Richmond Jones. He was born in Vicco, Kentucky, on April 14, 1920, to William and Martha Jent Jones. He died in Huntington, Indiana on January 2, 2004. Brother Richmond married Ruby Caudill on May 17, 1946. They had nine children: five sons and four daughters. Two of his daughters preceded him in death.

Brother Richmond was a faithful member of The Little Home Church of the Old Indian Bottom Association for over 50 years. He loved to go to church and would be at church every Saturday and Sunday. In the summer of 2000 he moved to Huntington to be closer to his children. Brother Richmond started going to church with me every weekend. He said he loved The Little Flossie Church and he was there every meeting time. He said he loved going to church with me, but it was not the same as it was in Kentucky. There was much more traveling to get to church and he would get tired easily.

Brother Richmond always said that he would like upon his death to be taken back to The Little Home Church and have Elder Claren Williams preach his funeral. On January 5, 2004, Brother Richmond received his wish. He got to go to church one more time at The Little Home Church and was laid to rest beside his baby daughter. I miss being with Uncle Richmond, but he has gone home and if it be the Lord's will, we will be together again someday.

Written by his nephew and brother in Christ, Brother Fred Jones



Bro. Richmond Jones

DEMPSEY ARVIL KNIPP, SR.

Dempsey Arvil Knipp, Sr. was born March 8, 1916 in Grahn, KY, and departed this life on April 8, 2005 at his home in Alliance, OH after a long illness (Alzheimer's). He was the son of the late William L. Knipp and Minta Lou (Barker) Knipp.

He was married to Nettie L. Dean in 1936 and to this union was born 9 children: 5 sons: Donald (Susan) Knipp of Mentor; Dempsey, Jr (Marti) of Lake Milton; Phillip of Lisbon; James (Patti) of Atwater; and the late Carl, and 4 daughters: Gladys (Chester) Bryant of Alliance, OH; Cathern (Charles) Turner of Arizona; the late Hazel Aldridge and the late Jeannetta Jones. Brother Dempsey also had 31 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great grandchildren who survive. He is also survived by 3 sisters: Reathel (Clair) Walters and Eathel (Jack) Payne both of Alliance, OH and Susan (Clayton) Bryant of Niles, OH. 2 brothers: Jess of Oklahoma and John (Delores) of Alliance, OH. In addition to his dad, mother, son Carl and daughters Hazel and Jeannetta, Brother Dempsey was also preceded in death by 4 brothers: Clifford, Charles, Billy and Jack. He also leaves to mourn his loss a host of friends and relatives.

Brother Dempsey received the most precious gift of Salvation and joined the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church at Litchfield, OH and was baptized on October 29, 1989 by Elders Larry Newsome and Stoney Blackburn. He took his letter to the True Vine Old Regular Baptist Church in Clinton, OH in September of 1990, where he remained a faithful member as long as he was able to attend. He loved to sing and even after he was ill with Alzheimer's, he would hum or sing parts of Old Regular Baptist songs.

Brother Dempsey lived in Lawrence County, OH during most of his youth. He and his wife, Nettie, moved to Alliance, OH in 1941. He worked for several companies including the brickyard, Transue and Williams, Stewart Brothers Paints, Galvanaw Steel, United Co-op, Babcock and Wilcox rush Street Plant, and he retired from Terex Division of General Motors in 1978.

Brother Dempsey served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was also a farmer, carpenter, golfer and musician in his younger days. During the 1950's, he had a band called the Circle K Ranch Hands in which he played guitar and sang.

Brother Dempsey's pain and suffering are now over and he now rests in Paradise where all is peace, happiness and joy. He has no more confusion now. His faith has become reality and he can now think clearly. Seek Jesus with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength. There is no promise of tomorrow, so you must seek Him while you have life and opportunity. Tomorrow may be too late!



Dempsey Arvil Knipp, Sr.

SALLY BELLE LAFFERTY

Sally Belle Lafferty was born April 14, 1930 to the late George and Osie (Miller) Ousley and departed this life March 19, 2005 at her home in Napoleon, Michigan.

In July of 1951 she married Willard Lafferty. To this union were born four sons: Floyd (wife Kathy) of Tecumseh, Michigan; David and Timothy of Napoleon, Michigan; and Willard Dean (wife Anna) of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. She had three grandchildren: Erin, Jacob, and Willard Dean III.

Sally is survived by four sisters: Virginia Baird of Westerville, Ohio; Shirley Johnson, Barbara Howard (husband Larry) and Deloris Ousley of Stockbridge, Michigan; and one brother: Carl Ousley (wife Lois) of Leslie, Michigan, and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents George and Osie Ousley; two brothers: Virgil and



Sally & Willard Lafferty

Willie Ousley; and two sisters: Mary Ousley and Susie McKee.

Sister Sally professed a hope in Christ and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ in March 1968.

We were blessed to spend a few weeks with Sister Sally and Willard when they were living in Florida and to visit several wonderful Regular Baptist Churches with them. Sister Sally had her membership at the Naomi Regular Baptist Church at that time.

Her home was always open to Brothers, Sisters and friends who traveled to visit the church. She cooked and fed the people in her home after church for many years. I could continue to say good things about Sister Sally but those who knew her know these things. The Bible tells us "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted. Sister Sally will be planted in this earth but Jesus will return to pluck her up.

Written by a brother by nature and a brother in Christ, Carl Ousley

WILLARD DEAN LAFFERTY

Willard Dean Lafferty was born March 3, 1933 to the late Floyd and Bessie (Ousley) Lafferty in Floyd County, KY, and departed this life April 9, 2005 at the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI.

In July of 1951 he married Sally Ousley. To this union were born four sons: Floyd, David, Timothy and Willard Dean Jr.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sally and his parents and two step-fathers: Cecil Bradley and Benny Hampton.

Willard is survived by his four sons: Floyd (wife Kathy) of Tecumseh, Michigan; David and Timothy of Napoleon, Michigan; and Willard Dean Jr. (wife Anna) of Rocky Mount, North Carolina; and three grandchildren: Erin, Jacob, and Willard Dean III.

Willard never had his name on any church record. While he was able he attended church as regular as any member. During the time that work was being done on the Mt. Olive Church Willard was always ready and willing to help. He put many hours of labor in the building of the church. He was well known by many people.

Willard enjoyed hunting and fishing. While he resided in Florida many people that came down to visit Regular Baptist Churches would stop by and visit Sister Sally and Willard and go fishing during their stay in Florida. His home was always open to any visitors.

Willard was a Veteran and served with pride in the U.S. Army. He worked for many years as a machine repairman. Willard always stayed busy, when he wasn't working he was always doing odd jobs and "horse trading" to make sure his family was provided for.

Written by his brother-in-law, Carl Ousley

BETTY SUE TACKETT LITTLE

Betty Sue Tackett Little "Betty Sue" was born January 28, 1941 on Long Fork of Shelby Creek in Pike County, Kentucky. She departed this life February 11, 2005 at her home in Inkster, Michigan at the age of 64. She was the daughter of the late Harvey and Naomi Hudson Tackett. She was the ninth child in a family of 15.

Betty married the love of her life, Mickey Little, February 25, 1961. They were blessed to be together and share the joys and sorrows of earthly life for nearly 44 years. To this union were born 5 children: 2 sons and 3 daughters. The daughters are: Peggy Sue Peters of Wayne, Michigan; Patricia Ann Stewart of Inkster, Michigan; and Tammy Marie Sears of Inkster, Michigan. The two sons are twins. They are: Harold Little and Darrell Little both of Dearborn, Michigan. 6 grandchildren: 4 granddaughters and 2 grandsons survive her. She is also survived by



Betty Sue Tackett Little

4 sisters and 1 brother. The sisters are: Ilma Miller of Xenia, Ohio; Flora Brickey of Xenia, Ohio; Jackie Bartley of Collins, KY; and Wilma Mullins of Jonancy, KY. The brother is Douglas Edward Tackett of Virgie, KY. She is also survived by a host of relatives and friends. Betty was preceded in death by 4 brothers: Elder Emzy Tackett, Elder J. C. Tackett, Eugene Tackett, Martin van Buren Tackett (affectionately called Brother Roy). She was preceded in death by one sister, Lille Hager. Four others died in infancy.

Betty, after feeling that the Lord had saved her soul and wrote her name in the Lambs Book of Life, joined the Pilgrims Hope Old Regular Baptist Church in 1967. Later she took her membership to the Morning Star Old Regular Baptist Church where she remained until death. She was a very kind, sincere person. The church found her worthy to fulfill the qualifications for a deacon; wife (1 Timothy ch. 3 ver. 11). Her life was a great example for all to follow. Betty believed in always being ready for the future. As dawn of the day drew near on February 11, Betty gently went to sleep in the arms of Jesus and was carried on the wing of love by angels. To a place prepared for her. She had been getting ready for the trip for many years. She had never traveled with this type of transportation before. But as the sweet breezes from that celestial land came by as she landed in that great city, surely she could say, "The dawn of a never ending glorious day has arrived for me."

Written at the request of the family.

GRACIE LEE NEWSOM

On July 1, 1910 God blessed Henry and Polly (Greer) Addington with the most precious baby girl, our mother, Gracie Lee. She was the ninth of ten children born to them in Pike County, Kentucky. But she was the last one to join them in Heaven on May 12, 2005. She lived 94 years, 10 months, and 11 days.

She was baptized and joined the Pilgrim Rest Old Regular Baptist Church on Beefhide in Myra, KY about 68-70 years ago. She moved to Michigan in 1956 to be near her children that were married. Several years later she brought her letter to the Morning Star Old Regular Baptist Church in Belleville, MI. It was conveniently located near her home and many of her children later made it their home church. She was known there as the "mother of the church". She had

lodged many of the brothers that came to Michigan to help build the church. And she had become so close to Brother Covis Tackett (the Moderator) that he felt like one of her own children.

As a young lady she met Jonah Newsom and they fell in love and were married in 1926. Little did they know that a tragedy would take him from us a short 29 years after they pledged their love for each other. Dad died in Morehead, KY July 21, 1955. He was only 52 years old, and Mom was only 45. She was left with seven children still at home to raise all alone.

Many would ask her why she never re-married and she would boldly tell them, "I didn't want someone else telling me how to raise my kids and you know if they worked to provide for them that they would want to make them mind. I couldn't stand the thoughts of that." We thank you, Mom, for your many sacrifices!!

We feel that we were the richest children in the world. We had an Angel of God for a mother. She had only a fourth grade education and very little money. But, she took over when God called our Dad home at such an early age — trying to fill the void in our lives and still provide for us.

With the help of the Lord, she worked hard — gardening, canning, raising animals for food, babysitting and doing housekeeping for others — and saw that we got an education and we did not want for anything. She refused to ask for any government help because she had been taught to be self sufficient.



Gracie Lee Newsom

She opened our home to so many young people. Allowing them to stay with us until they found a job and a place to live. We look back now and wonder, "how did she do everything she did?" Only by the grace of God. It reminds you of Jesus feeding a multitude with five loaves and two fish. Matthew 14:19. We know that the figures would not balance if put on paper, but we also know of no one that lived any closer to God than she did.

Everyone that knew her loved her. They always wanted us to share her as a Mom. We thought that we should because we were so very blessed — and needed to share that blessing. She showed so much love to everyone that she met. The love of God shone through her so much that no one crossing her path would ever be able to forget her.

She is survived by six daughters: Mildred Hall of Belleville, MI; Seamawn Cisco of Jackson, OH; Beulah Faye Heflin of Belleville, MI; Eula (Paul) Ward of Gilbert, WV; Freda (Ron) Roman of Belleville, MI; and Reeda (Paul) Dalton of Belleville, MI; two sons: Otto (Bea) Newsom of Dorton, KY; and Algar D. (Brenda) Newsom of Reynoldsburg, OH. Also survived by (and this is not a misprint) 35 grandchildren, 92 great-grandchildren, and 41 great-great-grandchildren, with 4 more due in a few months.

She was preceded in death by 2 sons: Delano Newsom in 1999 and Feddy Elmo Newsom in infancy; a daughter, Madeline in infancy; a son-in-law, Cecil Hall and a daughter-in-law, Peggy Sue Newsom; 2 grandchildren: William Cisco in 1999 and Cathy Lavon Johnson in infancy.

We don't know how we are going to live without her. But we have to remember to lean heavily upon the Lord as she did when she lost her children and her husband. We realize that she is now where she was longing to be and is receiving her many rewards. We must strive to be as patient, understanding, and as loving as she was.

Mom, we would not take a million dollars for the wonderful memories and the blessings that we experienced for the Lord allowing us to care for you in our home for the last three years. We know how hard it was for you to have to depend upon us because you were so accustomed to caring for everyone else.

Our prayers will continue (as yours did) for all of your grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many friends to recall what Mamaw taught them so that they can meet you again in Heaven. Thank you for the wonderful example you set for all of us. You were truly a "widow indeed". 1 Timothy 5:5-10. We will keep you in our hearts forever.

Written by her lonely daughters, Freda Roman and Reeda Dalton

MARTHA POTTER

Psalms 62:1. *Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from Him cometh my salvation.*

With the help of the Good Lord to guide and direct me, I will try to write the obituary of my dear sister, Martha (Ford) Potter.

Martha was born on March 11, 1923, to Clell and Myrtie Ford of Firebrick, KY and went home to heaven on July 16, 2005, making her stay here on God's footstool 82 years, 4 months, and 5 days. She was the 10th child of 13 and was preceded in death by mother, father, 7 brothers: Jeff, Bill, Curt, Clyde, Clarence, Lonnie, and Edgel Ford; and 4 sisters: Rebecca Flanery, Arzillia Gillum, Mary Kirk, and Dana Holcomb. Martha had one surviving sister, Sarah Johnson.

Martha met and married her sweetheart, Sherman Potter, on January 17, 1940. He preceded her in death. Martha worked in defense plants during the war years while her husband, Sherman was away serving his country in the European War Theater.

Martha saw her need for a savior, repented, and was baptized into the Little Ida Church in January 1963. On September 5, 1964, Sherman and Martha were ordained as deacons and per-



Martha Potter

formed their duties well. She remained faithful to the church until her death.

Martha was dearly loved and will be missed by all her family, as well as her church family.

Written by her surviving sister, Sarah Johnson

ANDREW RITCHIE

8:50 a.m. on the morning of May 11 is burned into our minds and hearts as an hour of great loss. Although he was three days away from his 91st birthday, and we knew it was inevitable and close at hand, we were unwilling and prepared for him to leave us.

We knew him to be humble and honorable. He loved us, took care of us and supported us. He supplied us with a quiet security and good role model as a parent and spouse. Our mother was the love of his life and he devoted himself to giving to her, even caring for her at home as she lived out years of physical decline. He was a man of few words but as our mother faded and withdrew from life he became the communicator. He also became more emotionally open, verbally expressing his thoughts, feelings and love. He shared many stories of his life, his courtship of our mother and their trials and adventures.

We never knew him to speak harshly or unkindly to or about anyone. During his lifetime he cared for his orphaned stepbrothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and others in need. He was honest and valued godliness above material gains. He was a man of integrity and strove to be righteous in thoughts and actions. Reading the Bible became a regular part of his life. He attended the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon, Indiana. He was baptized on the 6th of June, 1986.

Although he was afflicted with emphysema he was blessed with a long life and amazingly good health and was still handsome at ninety. We miss the phone calls, the visits and just knowing that he was close. Although we are mature and beyond middle age ourselves he was still our daddy.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law: Marie and Ivan Tuttle of Phoenix, AZ; Hazel and Perry Miller of Lagrange, IN; and Marcella and Armando Griego of Highlands Ranch, CO; three sons and daughters-in-law: Ervin and Pam Ritchie of Orland, IN; Linville and Doris Ritchie of Lagrange, IN; and Oliver David and Lein Ritchie of Kendallville, IN; two brothers: Claude Ritchie of Tennessee and Joseph Ritchie of Ohio; 21 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Marcella Griego, Art Teacher, Trailblazer Elementary



Andrew Ritchie

ETTIE SPENCER

With precious memories of our sister we are writing this obituary in her honor. Ettie was born August 29, 1920 to the late George and Hulda Cook. She passed away February 7, 2005 at Willard Mercy Hospital, Willard, Ohio. In her early years she met and married Alonzo Wireman. They had no children together but raised a foster daughter Iva Hall Ratliff who remained very close to Ettie over the years. Iva's children were grandchildren to Ettie. She loved them all. Alonzo passed away after a long illness. Ettie then moved to Willard, Ohio where she met and married Russell Spencer. They had no children together but Ettie had eleven stepchildren whom she loved very much. They are a loving caring family and was so good to Ettie. We want to thank all of them especially Gail and Patty from the bottom



Ettie Spencer

overcome his afflictions, and death won the battle. But joy will come in the morning. To Sister Lucy, for you and the children this is a great loss. Try not to weep, but look at it as, he's gone to be with Jesus. Your children have treated us with so much respect and love we really appreciate that. To all the Triplett family, Brother Reed loved you all so very much. If you are not serving the same God he was, if you want to see Brother Reed again, start thinking about your soul. Because time is running out, repent and be born again. Love one another, be good to one another, and I hope we all can meet Brother Reed in heaven someday.

Your unworthy, Brother Buddy Carty

BROTHER REED TRIPLETT

*Meek and humble were his words
Slow to speak and quickly heard
A voice so low, gentle, kind
Always could ease a troubled mind
So strong a spirit and full of life
Never spoke of heartache or strife
His love in God so deep and great
Surely the path walked was narrow and straight
The soft smile so bright to see*

*Reminded so many of a beautifully lit Christmas tree
Emptiness is so great in our hearts
That we must remember as we part
The example He set in the life He led
Will remain here for us to follow
So rest on my precious Brother and very dear friend
Until we can meet on the Glorious Day once again
Written by the Lord's inspiration:
Sister Megan Carty*

WALTER HOWARD TROUT

Psalms 34: 19-22: Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

Praying for God's guidance, we will try to compose an obituary of our Brother in Christ, Walter Trout.

On October 15, 2004, Brother Walter suffered a heart attack dying suddenly. God called his name, and he answered the call to his final rest, making his stay here on earth 78 years, 3 months, and 28 days. His soul now is at rest awaiting that glorious day of redemption.

Walter was one of six children to Daniel and Rebecca (Lowe) Trout, of Banner, Virginia. All of the family preceded Walter in death.

Early in life, Walter met and married Cindy Marshall. To this union was born 3 children. Cindy preceded Walter in death. In 1956, Walter met and married Billy King. To this union God granted 6 children. A son, Norman, preceded Walter in death.

Leaving to mourn a great loss are: his loving wife, Billy; Walter (Eddie) Troutt, Taylor, Michigan; Randall Trout, Romulus, Michigan; Rebecca Wright, Romulus, Michigan; Daniel Troutt, Taylor, Michigan; Deborah Craco, Garden City, Michigan; Paula Edwards, Temperance, Michigan; Peggy Clauson, Gibraltar, Michigan; Shirley Czuchra, Roaming Shore, Ohio; 35 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and a host of family and friends.

Walter served his country in World War II in the Army serving in the Pacific theater. He also worked at General Motors and other places to support his family.

Finding himself in need of a Savior, Walter repented and was baptized at the Little Ida Church in January 1998.

Billy and Walter would have celebrated their 48th anniversary on October 16, 2004.

To Billy and family, we know all of you will greatly miss Bro. Walter and his devotion to all of you. Your loss is heaven's gain. We know he cared for your well-being in life. His life here has ended, but memories will linger on. Walter came to the Lord and is now in a better home. We at the Little Ida Church were blessed to have him as a member. His presence will be greatly missed as a faithful servant in the Lord. We pray his God will become your God.

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



Walter Howard Trout

THE BROKEN CHAIN

*We little knew that morning
that God was going to call your name,
In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories,
your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again*

OPAL ALICE TUCKER

Opal Alice Tucker was born January 10, 1926 in Landville, WV, and departed this life on January 16, 2005 at Community East Hospital in Indianapolis, IN after a battle with brain cancer. She was the daughter of the late Frederick Douglas Marrs and Mallie May (Matthews) Marrs.

She was married to the late Truman Tucker on January 20, 1968. She had two sons: Billy Fred Sampson of Medina and the late Kenneth Howard Sampson. Sister Opal also had 3 grandchildren who survive: Frank, Susan, and Karen. She is also survived by 3 sisters: Edith Selsor of Washington; Sylvia Lambert of Virginia; and Dollie Slater of Indianapolis, IN; and 2 brothers: Frank Marrs of Falls River, Mills, CA; and Roy Marrs of Seville, OH. She also leaves to mourn her loss a host of friends and relatives. In addition to her husband Truman who died in 2001, her dad, mother, and son, Sister Opal was also preceded in death by 2 sisters: Mary Blevins and Helen Belcher; and 2 brothers: Everett Marrs and Ralph Marrs. She also had 3 siblings who died in infancy.

Sister Opal received the wonderful gift of Salvation and joined the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church at Litchfield, OH and was baptized on April 3, 1977 by Elders Alex Collier and David Slone. She remained a faithful member as long as she was able to attend. She loved to hear good preaching and singing and although she had trouble remembering people's names after she got sick, she could remember the words to all of the old songs of Zion and could remember her relationship with Jesus Christ. It seemed to please her so much when we visited her and she helped sing every song from beginning to end whether they were lined or sung without being lined.

Sister Opal had lived in North Ridgeville, OH, until becoming unable to take care of herself. She then went to live with her sister, Dollie Slater, in Indianapolis, IN. Dollie took a leave of absence from her job to stay home and take care of Sister Opal. She was so good and caring with Sister Opal and made her last few months as pleasant and as comfortable as possible.

Sister Opal worked as a dietician for the Southwest General Hospital in Middleburg Heights, OH, until her retirement. She loved going to church, spending time with her brothers and sisters in Christ, crocheting, knitting, quilting and gardening. She loved growing beautiful flowers. Now she is a beautiful flower in the Master's bouquet.

Sister Opal's pain and suffering are now over and she now rests in Paradise where all is peace, happiness and joy. Her faith has become reality and she awaits the beautiful morning when Jesus will call all of His children home. Her body will then burst from it's earthly grave and be changed to a glorified body like unto Jesus' most glorious body and be carried away to Heaven to dwell forever and ever. To all of you, you will have to face death just like Sister Opal has. The question that you need to ask yourselves is, "Am I ready to meet Jesus?" If you don't feel in your heart that you're ready, please don't put off what's important. Seek Jesus with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength. There is no promise of tomorrow, so you must seek Him while you have life and opportunity. Tomorrow may be too late!

Written by her brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins



Opal Alice Tucker

OBITUARIES

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VIOLET ELLIOTT

Violet was born February 20, 1938 in Pike County, Kentucky in the town of Virgie. She departed this life July 13, 2004. She was the daughter of the late Elder Roy Hudson and his wife Arkansas Hudson who still resides at Robinson Creek, Kentucky. Violet moved to Michigan with her parents early in life where she met her late husband, Curt Elliott. They had five children: two boys, one daughter, and a set of twins that were stillborn. Curt Elliott passed away in January 1992.

After the death of her husband Violet spent a period of time alone in Detroit, Michigan. Then went to live with a sister in southern Illinois.

One day a call on the telephone came that her mother had a bad fall. Mother's local family needed help, and Violet, with no ties decided it would be her duty to go, and care for, and stay with her mother.

When Violet became ill, and no longer able to take care of her mother, she wanted to come back to where she called home in Thompsonville, Illinois for care and medical attention.

She loved the Christian faith of the Old Regular Baptist Church in which she was raised. Violet loved to see the Brothers and sisters come on Sunday afternoon to sing and have prayer with her and her mother.

Violet was preceded in death by one sister, her husband, and her father. She leaves behind three children, her mother, one brother, and five sisters. And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends to mourn for her.

Violet is at rest with the Lord never to suffer the pains of this life again. She wrote her mother a letter the last day she lived, telling her that she loved her very much. And saying, "I hope you understand Mom, that I don't want to die, but it's all in God's hands now. If you don't have God in your life, you have no life at all. Mom just try to live one day at a time, and thank God for what He has given you. That's what you always told me."

We'll miss Violet very much. But our loss is Heaven's gain. She was the jewel of our family.

Written by her sister, Lora Johnson



Violet Elliott

OTMAR G. MOORE

As the pebbles disappear beneath the water, so do the lives of people. We never know when, where, or how we each will die.

Otmar wasn't feeling well for about two weeks. On Thursday, September 9, 2004, he was admitted to Medina Hospital in Medina, Ohio, and as the shade of evening began to cover the earth on Tuesday, September 14, 2004, Otmar passed away. His granddaughter, Roseann (Tommy) Roden will long remember that date, as it was their second wedding anniversary. It also marked the month and date of the death of Emmarine's sister, Ollie Cook Ladig.

Otmar was a very close-mouth, humble quiet man. He didn't attend church at first, but he became as faithful to Pleasant View Church as any member on Sunday evenings as well as on the first of the month. He sat very intensely focused on the sermons being delivered by God's ministers.



Otmar G. Moore

He enjoyed the fellowship at church with his friends and the members of the church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and woodwork.

Otmar was born in Garrett, Kentucky, the son of the late Arlin and Julie Moore. He had three sisters and one brother: Ocie Jacobs of Dema, KY; Bethel Allen of Huntersville, NC; Faye Jones of Westland, MI; and Gary Moore of Summerville, OH. Otmar was 72 years old, and he had lived in the Brunswick and Litchfield areas since 1955. He retired in 1984 after thirty years at Chevrolet in Brookpart, Ohio. Otmar was also a U.S. Army veteran who fought in the Korean Conflict.

Otmar and Emmarine (Cook) were married for 49 years. God blessed them with two children: a son, Mark and his wife Miranda Moore of Creston, Ohio, who have three children: Tyler, Tarrah, and Tymothy; and a daughter, Ginger and her husband Gary Hite of Litchfield, Ohio, who have three children: Amanda, Jared, and Roseann.

Otmar's son Mark had tears in his eyes and his voice trembled as he told his mom about the vision he saw at the hospital. He saw his dad walking a shiny path with his dad and mom. Otmar's mom had such a beautiful smile on her face! There was also a group of people along with them, but he couldn't tell who they were. As the Bible says, "Young men will see visions and old men will dream dreams."

Emmarine especially wants to thank Brother Charles Duke of the Blackburn-Duke Funeral Home, and all the members and friends of the Old Regular Baptist Church, in particular Pleasant View Church, for their comfort at the hospital, the funeral home, and the church. So many friends came from different directions. God knows, and He will bless them for all the kindness they showed to this family. Special thanks to Elders Hayes Chaffins, Donel Gibson, Hargis Tuttle, and Larry Newsome, and to Deacon Dennis Elkins.

Let's not get so busy in the coming months that we neglect Emmarine and her family, and remember to keep them close in prayer.

Written by Emmarine's long-time friend and sister in Christ, Marjorie Slone Gibson

JASPER MULLINS

In the lovely hills of Eastern Ky., in a little community known as Amburgey in Knott County, where trees stand tall stretching higher and higher beneath the far away distant sky, wild flowers bud and bloom, giving off a sweet smelling fragrance, carried by an early morning breeze. Minnows swim and frolic in the clear clean brooks and streams, as they flow gently down the hollow of Amburgey, on their way to bigger and wider bodies of water, known as rivers.

Yes it was here in early spring in 1938, as tiny green leaves, the size of a mouse's ear, were beginning to appear on the trees. Casting a shadow around the little home of the late Jasper and Silvia Gibson Mullins. It was here on the 30th day of April, 1938, their home was blessed with a bright-eyed, bouncing baby boy. They welcomed with love this bundle of joy, and gave him the name Jasper Jr., also known as Tommy.

It was here he was educated in a little country school. A graduate of Carr Creek High School. A retired machinist and also a union steward for the Dean Milk Company here in Louisville. He resided at 237 Elderado Ave., Buechel, here in Louisville. Expired on Sunday, June 5, 2005 at Baptist Hospital East. God blessed our good friend to live here upon His good earth 67 years, one month and 6 days. Bringing joy and happiness to those he was blessed to meet here on life's pathway.

Preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Bernice and Leroy Mullins. Of his siblings, he is survived by two sisters: Gladys Coghill of Amburgey, Knott County, KY; and Jewell Freeman of North Carolina.



Jasper Mullins

On February 5, 1959, he was joined in holy wedlock to a beautiful young lady of this city, Loris Bush, who survives. Together they shared the good times of a happy marriage for over forty-six years. Devoted to each other with a love that only death can sever. This union was blessed with two sons. They are: Randy and wife Clara; Jerry and wife Gina, all of Louisville. Two granddaughters: Amber and Tara; two step-grandsons: Robbie and William Roby.

Jasper was very fond of his two pet puppies, Sadie and ET, that gave him so much joy and happiness in his sunset years.

Jasper was a simple man, one who lived a common simple life. Warm and friendly, just an old fashion man from the mountains. One who never forgot his heritage, and never saw a stranger. I have never heard Jasper brag or boast, neither have I heard him talk about his fellow man. Our lives have been enriched by his kindness, the good example he set, a man of good morals. Someone who we will always remember as a true friend. A faithful attender of the Antioch Church. Bro. Wayne, Bro. Karrel and I have had many good conversations with Jasper, often he assured us that he was praying. With the witness I feel in my soul, with tear-filled eyes and the good things Jasper told, all is well with his soul as he waits for that glorious resurrection morning. It's then and there we hope to join their company in a land of perfect peace and joy. To you his sons may you always remember the good advice and council he gave you, and to see daddy again "you must be born again." Sister Loris, may the precious memories he left with us comfort you in all your tomorrows.

With love, Bro. Newsome

JIMMIE L. OSBORNE

It is with much sadness that we struggle to write the obituary of our loving husband, father, and grandfather, a man who has left us with many sweet memories to treasure and hold close to our hearts.

Jimmie was born October 10, 1941, in Dry Creek, Kentucky, to Charles and Socie (Hall) Osborne. It broke her heart to lose him so quickly on Friday, March 19, 2004, at the age of 62. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles and an infant son, David, with his mother Socie leaving us not long after Jimmie.

Those left to mourn his loss are his loving wife, Jeanetta (Slone) Osborne of Willard, Ohio, whom he married September 17, 1962; a son and daughter-in-law, Forest and Michelle Osborne of Attica, Ohio; and five grandchildren, with whom he loved to spoil: Jay and Cody of Willard, Ohio; and Kyle, Mikayela and Brooke, all of Attica, Ohio. He also leaves behind three sisters and two brothers-in-law: Phyllis and Ron Burgette of Willard, Ohio; Nella Faye and Earnest Martin of Plymouth, Ohio; and Carolyn Sue Prater of Prestonsburg, Kentucky; and one brother and sister-in-law: Dannie Ray and Nancy Osborne of Ironton, Ohio.

Jimmie was an honest, hard working man. He would tell you the truth or give you his opinion, whether you wanted to hear it or not. We admire him for that, but he had two good teachers, his parents were much the same way. We are deeply saddened by the fact that he will miss seeing his grandchildren grow. They were the apple of his eye, and are missing out on so much more than we are, for they will not experience his whole-hearted love, and learn from him, the values that he lived by.

Jimmie worked at Mayflower Vehicle Systems in Norwalk, Ohio as a tow motor driver. He retired in January 2004. We wish he could have enjoyed more of his retirement. He was a member of the UAW 1379, and many of the local clubs, the Willard Elks, VFW, American Legion, the Moose, the Eagles and the Owls.

Jimmie, we know you are in a better place and the pain you suffered is gone, but it's still been so hard for all of us because we miss you so much. The grandkids are growing so fast, and you're not here, but know you are watching over them. Grandpas can be guardian angels, too. As we said



Jimmie L. Osborne

before, we will remember the good times and treasure them always. You are always in our thoughts and hearts, and smiling in our dreams.

We miss you, we love you, we'll see you again someday.

Your loving wife, Jeanetta; your loving son and daughter-in-law, Forrest and Michelle
and your loving grandchildren

FAYE A. RODGERS — LARRY W. RODGERS

Faye was born July 22, 1936 in Virgie KY and passed away May 21, 2005. Larry was born April 4, 1933 in Pleasantville, TN and passed away April 27, 2005. They were married for 44 years. They had three sons: Micheal (Kelly), Thomas (Lisa) and Rodney (Dawn); and six grandchildren: Amanda, Thomas, Kyle, Kristin, Brittany and Molly.

Larry moved to Michigan in the early 1950s and worked in the mill at Great Lakes Steel. He had a short stint in the Army, and later returned to Great Lakes Steel. Around 1960, he got a new job at the Linde oxygen plant. There were hundreds of applicants, but he was one of only 9 people who passed a test and met the criteria to work in the new plant. He was highly respected for his work ethic and high standards and trained many people. He was very proud of his work and instilled that same pride and work ethic into his three sons. As a father and husband he provided a loving comfortable home, food and many things he didn't have as a child.

Faye followed her siblings to Michigan in the 1950s where she met Larry. She will be remembered for how she would make people laugh. There are countless memories by friends and family of parties and get togethers that were full of laughter. Faye and Larry's house was always bustling with activities and she was always in the thick of it. She counted her sons' friends as if they were her own and even more, treated them like sons and daughters. A lot of time was spent sitting around the living room together watching TV, playing games, or just talking and laughing. She taught her sons that the important thing was that it was done together as a family.

Written by her son, Michael Rogers



Faye and Larry Rodgers

WILLIAM RUSSELL TACKETT

Psalms 40:1: *I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.*"

In the late morning hours on Saturday, June 11, 2005, an angel softly slipped into the hospital room where William Russell Tackett lay and carried him to eternal rest.

"Russ" to all who knew him, was born July 3, 1931 at Hensley Hollow in Flatwoods, Kentucky. He was the oldest child born to the late Lawrence and Mary Roark Tackett.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife of 32 years, Mrs. Janice Ruth (Barker) Tackett; two sons: William Russell, Jr. (Sue) of Flatwoods, KY; and Timothy Dale (Kris) of Greenup, KY; one daughter: Debra Jean (Randy) Caudill of Lincoln Park, MI; five grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; 3 brothers: Richard Allen (Tina) Tackett of Flatwoods, KY; Donald Wayne (Kay) Tackett of Zanesville, Ohio; and Roger Dale (Patty) Tackett of Greenup, KY; 1 sister: Betty Linkous of Flatwoods, KY; and a host of extended family and friends.

Also preceding him in death were two sisters: Shirley Mae Tackett and Wilma Lee Tackett



William Russell Tackett

Bartle and one brother and sister-in-law: James Thomas Tackett and his wife Jeanette.

Russ served in the United States Army as a young man and was honorably discharged on January 10, 1960. He got a job at Armco Steel Corporation in Ashland, KY and retired from there as a crane operator in 1992.

He was a friend to all he met and had an easy smile and a joke for everyone. But there came a time in his life when he sought a quiet place to call on Jesus for the saving of his soul. God surely answered and forgave him of his sins and made him prepared for that very day when that angel would call him away from this earth.

Russ suffered several long weeks of very labored breathing and a relentless infection that wore him down so pitifully. Many times when loved ones would come to visit him and would speak of him getting well and going home with mom, he would shake his head "no" and point up toward his Heavenly home. The nurses all grew to love him and were so very concerned about him.

He was surely one of the kindest souls upon this earth. He loved the Old Regular Baptist family and attended their services faithfully. He will be missed by many on this earth but surely was welcomed on that peaceful shore of eternal rest.

If he could speak today, I believe he would say to all who haven't been down at Jesus' feet for His pardoning grace "Come and get ready to go to Heaven with me."

Written by his daughter, Sister Debbie Caudill on behalf of his loving family

STEVEN R. TUTTLE

John 14: 27-28: *Peace I leave with you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. You have heard me say to you, "I am going away and coming back to you." If you loved me, you rejoice because I said, "I am going to the Father" for my father is greater than I.*

Steve was born May 15, 1968 in Willard, Ohio to Orville (Shorty) and Marie Tuttle. Left to mourn is his loving wife Victoria; two children, Jeremy and Tonya and his mother, Marie Tackett, all of Plymouth, Ohio. Also three sisters: Anna Bores and Gayla Langhurst of Willard, Ohio; and Tonda Huddleston of Taylor, Michigan. Steve was preceded in death by his dad, Shorty Tuttle and his step-dad, Elder Covis Tackett.



Steven R. Tuttle

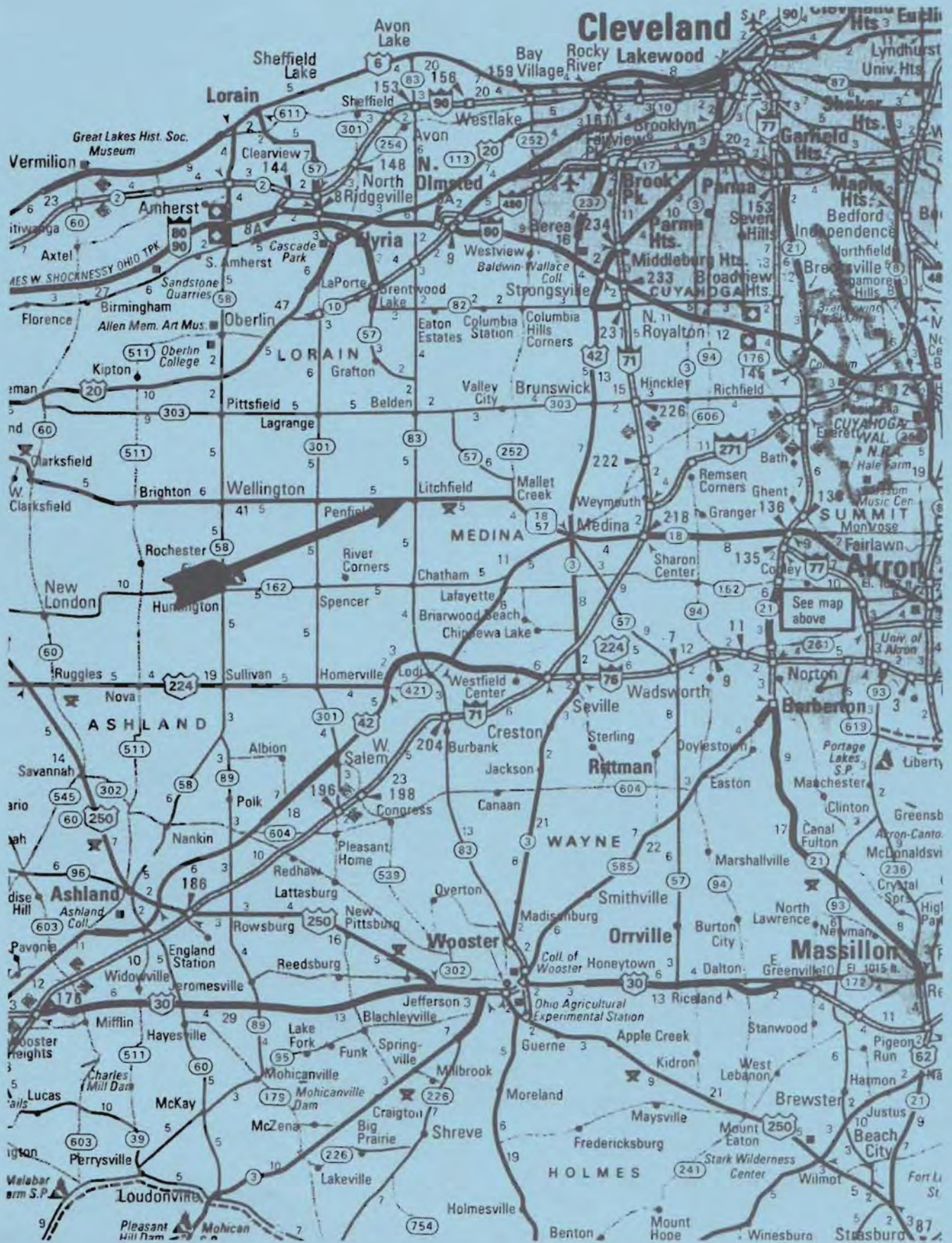
I am thirteen years older than Steve and so I feel he thought of me not only as his sister, but as a second mom. When I married, Steve would often come to my home to spend the night and we took him to ball games and cedar point along with our children. I have many fond memories of him as a little boy and young teen. Throughout those years, I talked to him about the Lord and tried to guide him in the right way.

Steve had a difficult young adulthood, always sweet and polite, but making bad choices for his life. We prayed and hoped for a better life for him and many people tried to help, especially my mom. Mom never gave up, hoping and praying for her son.

On December 24, 2004 my brother was diagnosed with a massive, cancerous brain tumor. I will always be grateful for the seven months that we had him. During this time, we saw a definite change in his life and he talked to his wife, Vicki and to me about the Lord. In his final days, Steve trusted the Lord to forgive him and save him from his sins. This has given us tremendous peace even though we miss him terribly. 2 Corinthians 5:8. We are well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. We trust that someday we will see him again and that will be a great reunion.

Written by his sister, Anna Bores

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