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of the
Northern New Salem Association
of Old Regular Baptist
of Jesus Christ**



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

Elder Faris Tuttle - Little Rebecca Church

Elder Danny Hamilton - Little Pilgrim's Home

Elder John Jude - Little Angel Church

“A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one’s birth.” *Ecclesiastes 7:1*

We shall miss your fellowship here on Earth but we look forward to that day when we shall meet again in that land that has no end, where all is peace, joy, and love.

Your humble servants,
Brother Newsome - Clerk
Brother Sartin - Assistant Clerk
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**Officers (Left to Right): Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk; Elder Scott Little,
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Assistant Moderator; Elder Wayne Sartin, Assistant Clerk**

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Note: *Obituaries are to be typed and double spaced, a \$20.00 charge applies for pictures. Please, if you want your picture returned by mail, include a self addressed stamped envelope. Also, be sure that the name of the deceased is applied on the back of the picture. However, if you wish you may email the picture and obituary to Elder Wayne Sartin at waynesartin@gmail.com. You would still need to send the \$20 payment.*

**Thank you,
Brother Newsome**

Reprinted Items from the 1964, 1965, 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 1965 – Item 16: That each church in our union shall hold its own key, and it is to be the sole judge of the members as long as it does not violate the Word of God, the order of the Association or Old Regular Baptist principles.

Year 1970 – Item 17: The request from the Little Ruth Church “Asking for advise on how should a minister who has been excluded from preaching with sects and orders contrary to Regular Baptist principles can be received back into the fellowship of a Regular Baptist Church.” We as an advisory council say to all our churches that you may restore such one upon strict examination, BUT not to return to them their credentials until they have been reexamined by legal presbytery.

Year 1980 – Item 12: By a motion and second, the request from the Little Rebecca Church was granted to correct Item #13 of our 1979 minutes to read as follows:

We, the Little Rebecca Church of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ having met at our regular meeting time being found in full love and fellowship of all members present agreed unanimously to send the following request to the Northern New Salem Association when convened with the Little Ida Church on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1979. “We, the Little Rebecca Church request the Northern New Salem Association to adopt a resolution against members of our churches belong to secret orders such as Masons, Odd Fellows or any other related worldly organization that is an offense to our Sister Association as well as our own brethren”. This question has produced friction far too long in our union and we feel it is contrary to our fundamental Christian beliefs and our church principles as we are not to be a part of a worldly kingdom. And farther that we advise all of our churches having such members to rid themselves of any members that refuse 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
Sixtieth Annual Session of the
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist
The Church of Jesus Christ
Dedicated to the Memory of Elder Faris Tuttle
August 4 through August 6, 2017

Friday Session

As the pilgrims gathered in the sanctuary of the Little Rebecca Church, due to the morning rainfall that God was showering down on our small Association, you could feel that sweet spirit stirring all around us. One could hear the sound of an old time song, sung by the humble pilgrims that had traveled countless miles to attend this, the Sixtieth Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association.

Alternate, Elder Mike Fortner meekly approached the stand and was soon endowed with that power from on high. He was blessed to raise that banner of Love that God will hang over his children, that light hath no part with darkness, that God gave man a help mate here on Earth, and that obedience to God is the key to peace here on earth.

Having been chosen by the delegates at our 2016 Session to preach the Introductory Sermon for this year, Elder Greg Sowards, humbly approached the stand and began to sing a beautiful song. He then preached of how we must follow after God and be willing to be led by the Spirit. The enemy has power that we cannot overcome on our own but through the Lord we can overcome, because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4) He reminded us that we must warn sinners to flee from the wrath that is to come.

After the Introduction Sermon had ended, the non-delegates were dismissed to the pavilion for preaching. The delegates were advised to remain 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) Gary Adkins-Philadelphia; (2) James Branham-New Salem; (3) Theodore Slone-New Salem; (4) Danny Hurley-Old Friendship; (5) Jimmy Amos-Union.

After gathering in the house and one of Zion's songs was sung, Elder Omery Chuck Hall-New Salem was called on to make remarks and Elder Barry Lucas-Union led in prayer. Our beloved Moderator, Elder Buddy Carty, announced that the Sixtieth Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, August 4, 2017

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed in to the Clerk.
The letter from the Little Rebecca Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Elder Paul Dye, seconded by Elder Lowell Mullins to receive the letters, seat the delegates and refer all queries and requests 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: Elder Hobart Hamilton-Sardis, Elder Willis Tolliver-Philadelphia, and Elder Barry Lucas-Union.

Officers elected:

Moderator Elder Buddy Carty
Assistant Moderator Elder Ray Hamilton
Clerk Elder Hillard Newsome
Assistant Clerk Elder Wayne Sartin

- (a) Noted by the Association concerning our Finance Committee. It was moved and seconded that our Finance Committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers, the Moderator appointed: Elder Richard Staton-Sardis, Elder Deffort Thornsberry-New Salem, and Elder Omery Chuck Hall-New Salem. Elder Doug McCarty made a motion, seconded by Elder Paul Dye to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharge them of their duties.
3. By a motion made by Elder John Elkins, seconded by Elder Paul Dye, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments at the Association and throughout the year. At this time, Elder Buddy McCarty appointed Elder Scott Little as the Second Assistant to the Clerk.
4. By a motion made by Elder Larry Newsome, seconded by Elder Danny Carty, to read the Constitution, and forego the reading of the Rules of Decorum, and the Articles of Faith. The Constitution was 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: John Tucker, Preston Lewis, Clyde Lewis, Chuck Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, Ted Burke, James Branham, Daniel Samons, Carlos Akers, Darrell Calhoun, Glenn Frazier, Leonard Hamilton, Jeff Reed and Theodore Slone. Letter in the hand of Elder Omery Chuck Hall. A motion was made by Elder Larry Newsome and seconded by Elder Danny Carty to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
- (b) **Union** — Represented by the following delegates: Barry Lucas, Estill Hamilton, Earl Dean Yates, Eddie Lane, Gary Sanders, Jimmy Amos, Teddy Bentley, Tony Bentley, Garfield Thacker, Bobby Johnson, Kenneth Elliott, Danny Adams, Jeff Owens, Dennis Elkins, and James Coleman. Letter in the hand of Elder Estill Hamilton. A motion was made by Elder Lowell Mullins and seconded by Elder Hargis Tuttle to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
- (c) **Philadelphia** — Represented by the following delegates: Paul D. Moore, Ira Adkins Jr., Gary Adkins, Robert Adkins, Scott Adkins, Ted Parker, Jimmy Stewart, Wayne Caudill, and Willis Tolliver. Letter in the hand of Elder Paul D. Moore. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty and seconded by Elder Andy Fields to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
- (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Stony Blackburn, Richard Staton, Marion Duncan, Ivan Neal Thornsberry, and Clayburn Varney. Letter in the hand of Elder Stony Blackburn. A motion was made by Elder Bill Smith and seconded by Brother Rudy Djordjevich to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
- (e) **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegates: Arthur D. Short, Edgar Baker Jr., Roger Baker, George Thomason, David Lester, Danny Hurley, James Stacy, Dewey Matney, Allen Hunt, Andrew Ford, and Danny C. Justus. Letter in the hand

- of Elder George Thomason. A motion was made by Elder John Elkins and seconded by Brother Hansel Brown to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
- (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — Represented by the following delegates: Aaron Whitaker Jr., Dannie Caudill, Wendall Lycans, Reuben Lycans, and Delmar Jones. Letter in the hand of Brother Wendall Lycans. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty and seconded by Brother James Wagner to receive the 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 ministers for Friday evening and Saturday morning, who reported as follows:
Friday evening — Elders: (1) Earl Dean Yates-Union; (2) Barry Lucas-Union.
Saturday morning — Elders: (1) Aaron Whitaker-Old Indian Bottom; (2) Deffort Thornsberry-New Salem; (3) Danny Justus-Old Friendship; (4) Willis Tolliver-Philadelphia; (5) Danny Adams-Union; (6) Richard Staton-Sardis.
8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Elder Billy Miller.
9. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, seconded by Elder Steven Miller 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. The Moderator 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. The committee on Arrangements is to meet back at the house at 2:00 p.m. Friday afternoon.
- (a) Elder Danny Carty made a motion, seconded by Elder Scott Hamilton that we, the Northern New Salem Association, adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, August 5, 2017.
- (b) The committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday afternoon and completed its work on the Bill of Arrangements. The services for the evening were introduced by Elder Earl Dean Yates, prayer held by the same and closed by Elder Barry Lucas.

Saturday, August 5, 2017

In accordance with having met pursuant to adjournment, this the second day of three of the Northern New Salem Association, the Association delegates and attenders reconvened at the Little Rebecca Church.

As the sanctuary of the Little Rebecca Church began to overflow, you could feel the flame of that fire that spreads in the dry stubble. Brothers and Sisters could be seen embracing in joy that they once again were able to gather together to worship the King of Kings in peace and love. Knowing that God had one more time blessed this Association to assemble in His name.

Services for the morning were introduced by Elder Thomas J. Dials of the Sardis Association. A song was called for and then Elder Thomas J. Dials offered a humble prayer.

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
2. The Bill of Arrangements was read by the Assistant Clerk. A motion was made by Elder John Elkins and seconded by Rudy Djordjevich to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.

3. The Circular Letter, written by Elder Joe Akers, for our 2017 Session was read. A motion was made by Elder Larry Newsome and seconded by Elder Scott Hamilton to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2017 Minutes. Objections were called for and none responded.
4. The Finance Committee appointed Friday, Item 2(a), consisting of Omery Chuck Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, and Richard Staton, reported as follows:

2017 Church contributions	\$4,960.00
2017 Money for pictures	540.00
Other contributions	<u>\$275.40</u>
Total money received for 2017	\$5,775.40
5. The Moderator called for Treasurer, Elder Wayne Sartin to give his report as follows:

Treasurer's Report

A. Balance as of August 1, 2016.....	\$15,478.21
2016 Church contributions.....	\$5,170.00
2016 Picture money.....	\$600.00
Other contributions.....	<u>\$205.40</u>
Total money on hand as of August 7, 2016.....	\$21,453.61

Expenses for 2016

B. Printer's fee	\$5,994.00
Secretary's fee	\$200.00
Postage, UPS Freight.....	\$801.01
Supplies	\$00.00
Website	<u>\$155.40</u>
Total Expenses for 2016.....	\$7,150.41
Total of A.....	\$21,453.61
Less Total of B	<u>\$7,150.41</u>
Balance	\$14,303.20
Plus Interest Earned	<u>\$0.81</u>
Balance August 4, 2017	\$14,304.01
Plus money received for 2017	<u>\$5,775.40</u>
Total money on hand August 7, 2017	\$20,079.41

Note: Money sent by Sister Churches of the Northern New Salem Association to the Little Rebecca Church in helping host the 2017 Session **\$8,400.00**
 Also thanks to Camper's Village for a donation of..... **\$140.00**

6. Elder Lowell Mullins made a motion and seconded by Brother Raymond Henderson to receive the Treasurer's Report.
7. Elder Doug McCarty made a motion and seconded by Elder Scott Hamilton that Elder Hillard Newsome be appointed recording secretary. He is to have 2,000 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.
8. The brothers appointed to take the vote for who is to preach the **Introductory Sermon:** Elder Omery Chuck Hall-New Salem; Elder Earl Dean Yates-Union; Elder Estill Hamilton-Union; and who is to write the **Circular Letter:** Elder Thomas J. Dials-Sardis; Elder Clyde Lewis-New Salem; Elder Stony Blackburn-Sardis for 2018.

The following ministers were chosen to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning:

Saturday evening: (1) Prayer held by Brother Glen Slone, (2) Elder Wayne Sartin, (3) Elder Hillard Newsome, (4) Elder Ray Hamilton.

Sunday morning: (1) Elder Hillard Newsome, (2) Elder Wayne Sartin, (3) Elder Ray Hamilton, (4) Elder Danny Carty, (5) Elder Buddy Carty, (6) Elder Scott Little.

By a vote of the delegates, **Elder Steven Miller** was chosen to preach the **Introductory Sermon**, **Elder Mose Bentley** to be his alternate, and **Elder Bill Smith** to write the **Circular Letter** for our 61st Annual Session.

9. 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, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 2017 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Scott Little, Jason Hagerman, Wayne Sartin, Hillard Newsome, Buddy Carty, Scott Hamilton, John Elkins, Nate Caudill, Doug Slone, Larry Newsome, Dave McCracken, Ray Vanderpool, Harvey Tuttle, IV Hudson, and Eugene Cough. Letter is in the hand of Elder Hillard Newsome.
 - (b) **Union** — When convened with the host churches. To be held at the Association Building, Ashcamp, Pike County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 2017 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Scott Little, Wayne Sartin, Jason Hagerman, Hillard Newsome, Buddy Carty, Scott Hamilton, John Elkins, John Mullins, and Nate Caudill. Letter is in the hand of Elder John Elkins.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the South Fork Church at the Association Building, at 522 5th Ave., Worthington, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2017 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Scott Little, Steve Miller, Adam Moore, Nate Caudill, Buddy Carty, Billy Miller, IV Hudson, Eugene Couch, Larry Newsome, John Elkins, John Mullins, Walt Evans, Wayne Sartin, and Hillard Newsome. Letter is in the hand of Elder John Elkins.
 - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the host church and cohosting churches at the permanent Association Building, Varney, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 2017 and the two following days. Delegates to attend: Scott Little, Billy Miller, Wayne Sartin, Hillard Newsome, Adam Moore, Scott Hamilton, Jack Dials, and Buddy W. Carty. Letter is in the hand of Elder Scott Hamilton.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Little Zion Church, Panther, West Virginia, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2017 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Scott Little, Billy Miller, John Elkins, Wayne Sartin, Hillard Newsome, Buddy Carty, and Danny Carty. Letter in the hand of Elder Buddy Carty.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Doty Creek and Little Home Churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pinetop, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2017 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Scott Little, Buddy Carty, IV Hudson, and Hillard Newsome. Letter is in the hand of IV Hudson.
10. The Moderator called for a motion and a second to grant attorney Hazel Hall to speak on the civil matters of dissolution of the Cedars of Lebanon Church. Motion made by

Elder Scott Hamilton and seconded by Brother Joe Gilliam.

11. Note the reading of the minutes from the presbytery that dissolved the Cedars of Lebanon Church. Motion made by Elder Steven Miller, seconded by Elder Scott Hamilton to receive the report. Objection was called for and none responded.
12. Note the request from the Family of Love Church that we remove James Curry from the list of ordained elders. He has already turned in his credentials and taken his membership out of the Old Regular Baptist. Motion made by Elder Doug McCarty and seconded by Brother Raymond Henderson to grant their request. No objections were noted.
13. Note the request from the Little Rebecca Church to dedicate this Session to the memory of Elder Faris Tuttle. Motion made by Brother Chester Tuttle and seconded by Elder Raymond Vanderpool to grant their request. No objections were noted.
14. The request to host the 2018 Association from the Pleasant View Church was read. A motion was made by Elder Hargis Tuttle, seconded by Brother James Wagner to grant the request of the Pleasant View Church the honor of hosting and the Lily of the Valley Church, the Little Edna Church, the Eternal Rose Church, and the Mt. Olive Church to co-host the 2018 setting of this blessed Old Association.
15. Elder John Elkins made a motion, seconded by Elder Doug McCarty to forego the reading of the current minutes.
16. A motion was made by Brother Raymond Henderson, seconded by Brother Kenny Slone to adjourn to the place and time mentioned in Item 12 of Saturday's work in the current minutes.

The 60th Session was closed out by Elder Doug McCarty of the Northern New Salem Association and then Elder John Elkins of the Northern New Salem Association closed out the Association in a humble prayer.

Sabbath Morning, August 6, 2017

Having assembled ourselves for this third and final day of our blessed, Old Association, we gathered once again with a desire to be showered from on high with the sweet spirit of our Father. As the Brothers and Sisters gathered in, they were getting those final embraces and handshakes, as they knew our association was coming to an end. When the brethren began to sing, you could feel the sweet spirit start to rise. The God of Heaven let us rejoice in the sweet rain of His spirit and to offer praises to the King of Kings. Thank God!

The arrangements were as follows:

1. Elder Hillard Newsome - Northern New Salem Association
2. Elder Charles Hagerman - Northern New Salem Association. Prayer.
3. Elder Wayne Sartin - Northern New Salem Association
4. Elder Ray Hamilton - Northern New Salem Association
5. Elder Danny Carty - Northern New Salem Association
6. Elder Buddy Carty - Northern New Salem Association
7. Elder Scott Little - Northern New Salem Association. Dismissal.

We the clerks, aren't able to express to you, the Little Rebecca Church, co-host Churches (Mt. Olive, Family of Love, and Eternal Rose), and all the friends, both young and old, who gave their time and effort to care for this glorious Association, our appreciation. Your labor and love have indeed made this weekend memorable.

To the little subdivision, known as Camper's Village, we salute you for your presence with us at this the 60th setting of our Association. We look forward to seeing you at the Pleasant View Church for our 61st Annual Association. When gathered there we can once again praise the Lord of Lords and celebrate our fellowship with our brothers and sisters in this Old Baptist Family.

Ever thankful,
Brother Newsome - Clerk
Brother Sartin - Assistant Clerk
Brother Little - Second Assistant Clerk

Letter of Condolences to Our Sister The Northern New Salem Association

We, your sister the Old Friendship Association, wish to extend to you our deepest sympathy and prayers in the loss of your Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last meeting. May you find tranquility in knowing that friends of the Old Friendship Association share in the loss of your dearly departed? You have the knowledge that according to their works on earth, we will be together in that great homecoming day.

We will all be better satisfied when we get to that most sacred city, New Jerusalem. Our love and prayers are with you.

Elder Arthur D. Short - Clerk
Brother Edgar Baker Jr. - Assistant Clerk

2017 Circular Letter

To my Friends and Delegates of the Northern New Salem Association,

As I was sitting and meditating over this letter, I was reminded of the day my name was announced to write the 2017 Circular Letter of the Northern New Salem Association. Now I'm here today, standing in my Father's love, sharing with you the letter I have wrote.

As long as I've been around the church, I've enjoyed reading these letters. Often, I've wondered what it would be like to have this honor placed upon me. Then it did on August 6th, 2016, I received the responsibility to write the 60th Letter of Our Association. At first, I didn't think I heard it right. Then I clearly heard someone say, "Everybody knows Brother Joe Akers." However, I know everybody doesn't know Brother Joe Akers and with my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I hope it stays that way. My life is hidden in Christ, I want to live out my walk with Christ in sincerity, being true to my Father in all my ways. When you look at me I hope you see the Son of God working through and in me. That I would be the brightest light for my Father that is possible by His grace bestowed upon me.

Resting in the words, spoke to encourage people, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. These precious words are often recited loosely and not taken to heart. When it is used this way, it diminishes it's intended purpose. It becomes flawed in its usage. As a child of the most high, I am made glad to learn of him, to use the mind of Christ to understand just why the Apostle Paul said it that way to the Philippians. He had been through the fiery trials, through the nights that seemed to never end, in his way he was thanking and encouraging them that he was hanging on to Christ above all. That he wasn't going to be there with them always but the same Christ he trusted in would be. As brothers and sisters in Christ we drift toward other believers, till one day the Lord calls that

one home. Then what? That my friends, is what I think of. About when verses are used as statement or rally cries. Has any prayer been invoked? Has any thought been considered? My heart hurts, from what my ears hear from our conversations when I see people dismiss a brother or sister's opinion, act of kindness, or even their apology as if one isn't worthy of the grace and mercy that is offered to everyone who will seek after it. Who am I that I should dismiss or not acknowledge another person? Am I any better than them? I myself found myself lost and searching, it isn't hard for me to put myself in a place where I felt unlovable, unforgivable, and undeserving of the Father's love. I'm writing this with my new heart, a heart of flesh, a heart of compassion that I received in the moment Jesus washed away all my guilt and fear. As my heart trembled from the love that was being poured into it by the Father. Never to be hardened by this world again. Sure, the road is hard, rough and lonely at times, but that doesn't last forever. I want you to be encouraged, stay encouraged, and be encouraging. For I am going to a place where there is just an everlasting day, one eternal day. So yes, I do believe I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. It's by the love of God shed on the cross applied to my soul that I'm able to say it, live it, and believe it. To look over each other's faults, that brothers and sisters will help me up and over my transgressions and not cut me off from their love. For they don't have the power to separate me from the love of Christ. Also, it is a lot better to dwell in unity and let love cover us than to be the unforgiving one. Unity doesn't just happen; all parties must want it and work toward keeping it. That is where brotherly love comes in, you want unity more than your way. We need to show the love we have for one another when the transgression arises make it known to the brother and sister come together and reason together. For the sake of unity, you must want that above all else. When Jesus was letting Peter know 70 x 7, he wanted him to forgive and let love abound. The holy spirit instructs all God's children on how to behave him or herself. We need to lean on the spirit and not just towards it. Be not wise in our own eyes, be willing to be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath. It should always be done in and with love, we can do it in the way the Lord will be pleased with and love will abound. Well that is my heart. May we Love one another as Christ loves us.

May I leave you with a Prayer from Numbers 6:23-27:

Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, on this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

Fare Ye Well my Friends,
A prisoner of The Cross, to His glory forever,
Elder Joe Akers

CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION WHEN ORGANIZED IN 1957

From a long series of experiences we, the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and, upon their

producing Letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.

ARTICLE 2. In the letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by Letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

ARTICLE 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord anything over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the Churches nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church in the union.

ARTICLE 4. The Association when convened shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

ARTICLE 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 6. New Churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by Letter and delegates and, if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received; and every Church in the union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

ARTICLE 7. Every query presented by the Church to the Association, being first debated in their own Churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

ARTICLE 8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

ARTICLE 9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association.

ARTICLE 10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each Church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper and send it by their delegates to the Association; and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

ARTICLE 11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association who shall receive a compensation for his services.

ARTICLE 12. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises, unless the same is dispensed with.

ARTICLE 13. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the union, if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present, except in receiving and dismissing churches and Associations which shall be by a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the Churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches; to give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the Churches failing to represent them at any time in the Association; to appropriate money contributed by the Churches for the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any members, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have power to withdraw from any Church in the union

which violates the rules of the Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; and to admit any orderly Minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.

Isaiah 45:5, 1st Cor. 8:6, 1st John 5:7

ARTICLE 2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments of the 1611 Authorized King James version of the Bible are the written words of God, and the only rules of Faith and practice.

2nd Peter 1:21, 2nd Tim. 3:16

ARTICLE 3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace. *“For by grace are ye saved through Faith.”*

Acts 15:11, Titus 2:11

ARTICLE 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and of man’s inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore a Savior is needed for redemption.

Gen. 3:6, Romans 5:12

ARTICLE 5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance, and believe in the gospel, and regeneration of the soul, sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none such shall fall away and be lost.

Prov. 8:4, Matt. 9:13, Mark 2:17, 2nd Tim. 2:9, 1st Peter 1:23

ARTICLE 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

2nd Tim. 1:9, Luke 18:13-14, Acts 13:39

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

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

ARTICLE 8. We believe that the Lord’s Supper is the command of the Savior, and that by the use of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming, by His believers.

Matt. 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:20, John 13:7-8, 1st Tim. 5:9-10

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

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

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel, except such as are regular baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the gospel, and has come under the hands of a regular chosen presbytery of the church and ordained thereby.

Acts 13:2-3, Romans 1:6, Titus 1:5-9

ARTICLE 11. We believe that it is the duty of all church members to contribute money for defraying all reasonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor, according to their several abilities.

Acts 11:29, Romans 15:26, 1st Cor. 16:1-2

ARTICLE 12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage, or indulge people in their sins, or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation, is erroneous, and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

Matt. 16:12, Acts 8:16-21, Romans 16:17-18, Eph. 4:14-15, Gal. 1:8-10

ARTICLE 13. We believe that the church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ, who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and with one another, and have given themselves to the Lord, and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the gospel.

Acts 2:42, 1st John 1:3

ARTICLE 14. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church, and the government thereof is upon his shoulders.

Isaiah 9:6-7, Ch. 22:21-22, Luke 1:33

ARTICLE 15. We believe that a sanctioned marriage of God is between a man and a woman only. Also we believe in receiving members into our fellowship that follow the natural dating relationship that leads to holy matrimony between a man and a woman only; thereby, preserving the family unit of father, mother, and children.

Eph. 5:22, 23, 28, St. Mark 10:6-8, Romans 1:26, 27

ARTICLE 16. None of the articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation, so as to make God partial directly, indirectly, or to injure any of the children of men; nor shall any of these articles be altered without legal notice, and free consent.

John 3:16, Heb. 2:9

RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

ARTICLE 3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ARTICLE 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.

ARTICLE 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as to make remarks on his slips of imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can as to convey his ideas.

ARTICLE 6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

ARTICLE 7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2017 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Church

Delegates

Little Rebecca	Malcolm Branham, Marty Carty, Chester Tuttle
Maggie's Home	Joe Gilliam, Daniel Newsome, Don Mullins
Little Flock	Mike Fortner, Hank Forgey, Greg Sowards
Little Ruth.	Bill Smith, Raymond Vanderpool, Don Lawson
Little Edna	Dave McCracken, Billy Moore, Stephen Slone
Little Ida	Nate Caudill, Steven Miller, Adam Moore
Little Flossie	Matthew Jones, Sean Hicks, Morris Wicker
Little Zion.	Joseph Akers, Joseph Havlik, Algar Newsom
Little Pilgrim's Home	Eddie Wallen, Bill Hall
Mt. Olive.	Enoch Hagerman, Jason Hagerman, Justin Hagerman
Pleasant View.	Larry Newsome, Kenneth Slone, Donel Gibson
Little Family	Danny Carty, Earnie Tuttle, Walt Evans
Little Angel.	James Finley, Jack Dials, Wilburn Nichols
Antioch	IV Hudson, John Mullins, Eugene Couch
Rose of Sharon	Andy Fields, Gayle Johnson, William B. Holbrook Jr.
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton, Rock Newsome, Scott Hamilton Jr.
Little Children's Home	James Wagner, Harvey Tuttle
Morning Star	Bill Blevins, Mose Bentley, Charles Blevins
Little Bethel	Robby Cordle, Paul Dye, Ike Spears
Family of Love	Patrick Deel
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty, John M. Elkins, Hansel Brown
Eternal Rose	Doug Slone, Raymond Henderson, Hargis Tuttle
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, Rudy Djordjevich

UNION and MEMORIAL MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018

NOVEMBER, 2017

LITTLE MELROSE – *First in November (2017)*. Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Scott Hamilton, Willis Tolliver, Barry Lucas, Jimmy Amos, and Preston Lewis.

Memorial – *First in March*. Danny C. Justus, James Stacey, Scott Little, Danny Carty, Terry Fuller, David Crigger, James Barney, and Paul D. Moore.

APRIL

ANTIOCH – *First in April starts at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday*. John Lewis, Hargis Tuttle, Preston Lewis, Teddy Honaker, Lowell Mullins, Johnny Thornsberry, and Steve Slone.

Memorial – *First in June*. Barry Lucas, Ben Little, Omery Chuck Hall, James Tackett (Enterprise), Danny Carty, and Buddy Carty.

PLEASANT VIEW – *First in April starts at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday*. Roger Hicks, Jeff Dillon, Wayne Sartin, Jason Hagerman, and Justin Hagerman.

Memorial – *First in June*. Ray Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, William Holbrook, Lowell Mullins, Stony Blackburn, Barry Lucas, Moderator, and Assistant Moderator.

ETERNAL ROSE – *Second in April*. Danny Adams, Scott Hamilton, Bill Blevins, and Jeff Dillon.

Memorial – *Second in June*. Don Gibson, Johnny Thornsberry, and Home Brothers.

ROSE OF SHARON – *Second in April*. Mike Fortner, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Greg Sowards, Doug McCarty, Ralph Slone Jr., Charles Blevins, and James Branham.

Memorial – *Second in October (2017)*. Harold Coleman, Leonard Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Estill Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Bill Blevins, and William Holbrook.

MAY

LITTLE FLOSSIE – *First in May*. Charles Edwards, John Lewis, Danny McCoy, Garfield Thacker, and Patrick Deel.

Memorial – *First in October (2017)*. Ralph Cloud, Delmas Hall, Clyde Lewis, and Preston Lewis.

LITTLE IDA – *First in May*. Willis Tolliver, Gary Adkins, Barry Lucas, and Preston Lewis.

Memorial – *First in April*. Buddy Carty, Danny Carty, Scott Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, and Matthew Ison.

MAGGIE'S HOME – *First in May*. Earl Dean Newsome, Joe Gibson, Hargis Tuttle, Justin Hagerman, and Greg Sowards.

Memorial – *First in June*. Mike Fortner, Hank Forgey, Gary Young, Jerry Runyon, and Harrison Runyon.

LITTLE RUTH – *Second in May.* Zachariah Collins, Russell Hicks, Sean Hicks, Garfield Thacker, Daniel Newsome, and Clyde Lewis.

Memorial – *Second in July.* Raymond Vanderpool, Delmas Hall, Charles Edwards, and Morris Wicker.

LITTLE ZION – *Second in May.* Matthew Ison, Terry Hall, David Maynard, Charles Blevins, Mose Bentley, and Ralph Slone Jr.

Memorial – *Second in July.* Lowell Mullins, Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome, Danny Runyon, and Barry Lucas.

LILY OF THE VALLEY – *Third in May.* Squire Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Danny Carty, Charles Hagerman, Justin Hagerman, Jason Hagerman, and Wayne Sartin.

Memorial – *Third in July.* Stephen Slone, Steven Miller, Larry Newsome, Joe Havlik, and Joe Akers.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME – *Third in May.* Thomas VanZandt, Preston Lewis, Kenny Newsome, Johnny Thornsberry, and Scott Little (Little Angel).

Memorial – *Third in September (2017).* Ira Adkins Jr., Bobby Baker, Paul D. Moore, Russell Hicks, Deffort Thornsberry, and Tivis Caudill.

LITTLE ELLEN – *Third in May.* Ray Hamilton, Danny Runyon, Danny Adams, Patrick Deel, Wayne Sartin, William Holbrook, Andy Fields, and Larry Newsome.

Memorial – *Third in October (2017).* Joe Akers, Joe Havlik, Scott Little (Little Angel), Jason Hagerman, and Justin Hagerman.

MORNING STAR – *Third in May.* Eddie Wallen, Doug McCarty, Andy Fields, William B. Holbrook, Joe Akers, and Joe Havlik.

Memorial – *Third in July.* Ray Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Jerry Caskey, Larry Newsome, Danny Adams, Willis Little, and Bill Blevins.

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL – *First in June.* Andy Fields, Charles Blevins, Bill Blevins, William Holbrook, and Raymond Vanderpool.

Memorial – *First in September (2017).* Philip Beverly, Hargis Tuttle, Ted Burke, Delmas Hall, and Willis Little.

LITTLE FAMILY – *Second in June.* Gary Blevins, Paul Boggs, Jimmy Stewart, Scott Hamilton, Steven Miller, Russell Hicks, and Patrick Deel.

Memorial – *Second in October (2017).* James Barney, Buddy Carty, Wayne Sartin, Hillard Newsome, Willis Tolliver, and Doug McCarty.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME – *Second in June.* Billy Miller, Larry Dixon, Charles Edwards, Estill Hamilton, Morris Wicker, and Zachariah Collins.

Memorial – *Second in August.* Russell Hicks, Paul Dye, Sean Hicks, Garfield Thacker, and Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE REBECCA – *Third in June.* Chester Cochran, Johnny Thornsberry, Arnold Adkins, Barry Lucas, and Andy Deel.

Memorial – *Third in August.* Deffort Thornsberry, Billy Miller, Ralph Caudill, Steven Miller, Theodore Slone, and Hargis Tuttle.

FAMILY OF LOVE – *Fourth in June starts at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday.* Billy Miller, Gary Blevins, Greg Sowards, Sean Hicks, and Phillip Beverly.

Memorial – *Fourth in October (2017).* Darrell Kidd, Paul Boggs, Morris Wicker, Buddy Carty, Russell Hicks, and Lowell Mullins.

LITTLE EDNA – *Fourth in June.* Andy Fields, Sam Hamilton, Wayne Sartin, Scott Little (Little Angel), Estill Hamilton, and Joe Gibson.

Memorial – *Fourth in August.* Scott Hamilton, Stoney Blackburn, Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome, Hobert Justice, Alex Collier, and Phillip Beverly.

MT. OLIVE – *Fourth in March.* Danny Carty, Buddy Carty, Scott Little, Scott Hamilton, Wayne Sartin, Hillard Newsome, Joe Havlik, and Andy Fields.

Memorial – *Fourth in August.* Lowell Mullins, Estill Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Charles Blevins, Bill Blevins, Steven Miller, Ralph Caudill, Earl Dean Yates, and Ray Hamilton.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK – *Third in July.* Gary Young, Jimmy Stewart, Daniel Newsome, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Sartin, Steven Miller, Scott Little (Little Angel), and Zachariah Collins.

Memorial – *Third in June.* Ray Hamilton, Gary Blevins, Danny Carty, Justin Hagerman, William B. Holbrook, and Paul D. Moore.

LITTLE ANGEL – *Fourth in July.* Preston Lewis, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Jimmy Amos, Tony Bentley, and Todd Dials.

Memorial – *Fourth in March.* Charles Edwards, Thomas Dials, Larry Newsome, Hargis Tuttle, Harrison Runyon, and Buddy Carty.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

TUTTLE MEMORIAL – We the descendants of the Tuttle family wish to invite everyone to meet with us for the Tuttle Memorial on Sizemore Mountain near Wayland, Kentucky on *Saturday, June 30, 2018*. Singing will start at 9:30 a.m. with preaching at 10:00 a.m. Any and all are welcome to attend. We especially look forward to the presence of Old Regular Baptist Ministers.

CHAFFINS CEMETERY – *Memorial Weekend, Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 10:30 am*. Ministers called: Clyde Lewis, Preston Lewis, John Lewis, and Ralph Cloud. All welcome.

LITTLE REBECCA CHURCH – SPECIAL MEMORIAL FOR ANNA LOU THORNSBERRY – *Third Sunday in May 2018*. Ministers called: Buddy Carty, Danny Carty, Hargis Tuttle, and Deffort Thornsberry.

LITTLE REBECCA CHURCH – SPECIAL MEMORIAL FOR LACY BLANTON – *Odd weekend in March (Saturday, Saturday Night and Sunday)*. Ministers called: Deffort Thornsberry, Curtie Hall, Chuck Hall, Hargis Tuttle, Scottie Hamilton, Dan Carty, Buddy Carty, Delmas Hall, Dennis Elkins, Joe Gibson, Phillip Beverly, and Larry Newsome. Everyone is welcome!!

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME – SPECIAL MEMORIAL FOR ELDER DANNY HAMILTON – *The meeting will be held on Sunday, May 13, 2018*. All Old Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME – 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL MEETING – *The meeting will be held the third Sunday in March 2018*. Ministers called: Buddy W. Carty, Ray Hamilton, Don Lawson, Don Mullins, Daniel Newsome, and Bobby Baker. All are welcome.

LITTLE RUTH CHURCH – MEMORIAL FOR SISTER GIDGET BURKETT – *The meeting will be held Sunday, December 10, 2017*. Ministers called: Ray Vanderpool, Russell Hicks, Delmas Hall, Preston Lewis, Charles Edwards, and Zach Collins.

MARCUM MEMORIAL – *Sunday, June 24, 2018*. Location: Wilkesville, Ohio, near the intersection of 160 and County Road 8 (Newsome Road), about 3 miles from the intersection. Ministers called: Russell Hicks, Sean Hicks, Greg Sowards, Harrison Runyon, and Chester Cochran.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

LITTLE REBECCA

Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-9501
Elder Phillip Beverly	4076 Bull Head Rd., Willard, OH 44890	567-224-2661
Elder Danny Carty	5346 St. Andrews Dr., Westerville, OH 43082	614-949-4889
Elder Buddy W. Carty	18 High School Ave., Shelby, OH 44878	419-342-4142

MAGGIE'S HOME

Elder Scotty Little	474 Diana St., Minford, OH 45653	740-250-8049
Elder Donald Mullins	36157 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946
Elder Daniel Newsome	35010 Buck Run Rd., Langsville, OH 45741	740-669-3408
Elder Johnny Newsome	60097 Locker Plt. Rd., McArthur, OH 45651	740-596-0447

LITTLE FLOCK

Elder Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd., Thurman, OH 45685	740-682-6533
Elder Mike Fortner	2476 Centerpoint Rd., Oak Hill, OH 45656	740-682-6236
Elder Greg Sowards	12942 St. Rt. 220, Waverly, OH 45690	740-289-4771

LITTLE RUTH

Elder Don Lawson	204 2 nd St., Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	740-468-6100
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	34 Brooks Ct., Plymouth OH 44865	863-242-9487
Elder Amos Williams	150 Riley St., Newark, OH 43055	740-344-1073

LITTLE EDNA

Elder Hobert Justice	Avon Oaks Caring Community, Avon, OH 44011	440-522-0166
Elder Denver Meade	953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	440-949-6048
Elder Jesse Pack	6496 Crossview Rd., Seven Hills, OH 44131	216-236-6164
Elder Stephen Slone	240 Heritage Dr., Wellington, OH 44090	440-574-1740

LITTLE IDA

Elder Gordon Akers	735 Elmdale Ln., Almont, MI 48003	810-798-3834
Elder Ralph Caudill	1594 Wilson St., Lincoln Park, MI 48146	313-381-3710
Elder Billy Miller	672 Cora St., Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-0208
Elder Steven Miller	19363 Buck Ave., Brownstown, MI 48174	734-955-1347

LITTLE FLOSSIE

Elder Zachariah Collins	11021 17 Mile Rd., Marshall, MI 49068	269-245-6976
Elder Larry Dixon	8070 N. Angling Rd., Kendallville, IN 46755	260-347-8082
Elder Russell Hicks	11971 N. Angling Rd., Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-854-3649
Elder Sean Hicks	4114 North Sparta Lake Rd., Ligonier, IN 46767	260-221-1965
Elder Harvey Tuttle	10995 East Rt. 20, Lagrange, IN 46761	260-499-7997
Elder Thomas N. VanZandt	11346 Wildwood Dr., Marshall, MI 49068	269-781-8191
Elder Morris Wicker	5510 E. 1150 N., Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-318-2998

LITTLE ZION

Elder Joseph R. Akers	105 S. Walker, P.O. Box 427, Capac, MI 48014	810-395-1623
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LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME

Elder Eddie Wallen	330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090	440-647-3539
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MT. OLIVE

Elder Charles Hagerman	830 Cedar St., Waterloo, IN 46793	260-318-1362
Elder Jason Hagerman	19966 County Rd. 146, New Paris, IN 46553	260-894-1885
Elder Justin Hagerman	4320 N. 750 W., Ligonier, IN 46767	260-348-8697

PLEASANT VIEW

Elder Alex Collier	961 Pepperwood Ln., Brunswick, OH 44212	330-273-3505
Elder Donel D. Gibson	222 Stonehedge Dr., Elyria, OH 44035	440-322-0299
Elder Larry Newsome	2216 Brownhelm Station Rd., Vermilion, OH 44089	440-967-5877

LITTLE FAMILY - None

LITTLE ANGEL

Elder Scott Little	13409 Appleton Terrace, Pickerington, OH 43147	740-804-6615
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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 Wayne Sartin	1613 South 4 th St., Louisville, KY 40208	502-645-2690

ROSE OF SHARON

Elder Ray Hamilton	5040 Carleton-Rockwood Rd., S. Rockwood, MI 48179	734-783-5037
Elder William B. Holbrook Jr.	13388 Parkway Blvd., Carleton, MI 48117	734-654-6883
Elder Andy Fields	10130 Newburg Hwy., Tecumseh, MI 49286	517-815-1933

LILY OF THE VALLEY

Elder Evan Hamilton	5801 Washington Blvd., Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-992-9359
Elder Sam Hamilton	695 Breezewood Ln., Orwell, OH 44076	440-344-6246
Elder Scott Hamilton	4760 N. Ridge E., Geneva, OH 44041	440-415-5004
Elder Junior Jent	3120 Mill Rd., Dorset, OH 44032	440-293-5018

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - None

MORNING STAR

Elder Mose Bentley	25537 Baker St., Taylor, MI 48180	313-292-3247
Elder Bill Blevins	10702 Oak Lane #4203, Belleville, MI 48111	734-391-7297
Elder Charles Blevins	48469 Eastbridge Dr., Canton, MI 48188	989-413-7176
Elder Willis Little	4541 Grace, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-4486

LITTLE BETHEL

Elder Paul Dye	Box 122, Tiro, OH 44887	419-347-5064
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FAMILY OF LOVE

Elder Clifford Bradley	18003 S H 231, Nevada, OH 44849	740-482-2972
Elder Patrick Deel	22500 Delaware County Line Rd., Marysville, OH 43040	937-348-2350
Elder Delmas Hall	3951 Henry Rd. Lot 5, Plymouth, OH 44865	567-844-0945

LITTLE MELROSE

Elder John M. Elkins	2038 Allcorn Rd., Greenup, KY 41144	606-473-0324
Elder Doug McCarty	6803 Fern Creek Way, Keystone Hts., FL 32656	352-473-3424

ETERNAL ROSE

Elder Joseph Gibson	1838 Lyons Rd., Willard, OH 44890	419-933-7820
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
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CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Church	Clerk	Address	City, State	Phone Number
Little Rebecca	Marty Carty	194 County Rd. 24	Ashley, OH 43003	(614) 579-4323
Maggie's Home	Joe Gilliam	19323 St. Rd. 160	Vinton, OH 45686	(740) 612-9302
Little Flock	Mike Fortner	2476 Centerpoint Rd.	Oak Hill, OH 45656	(740) 682-6236
Little Ruth	Jimmy King	2186 TWP Rd. 165	Cardington, OH 43315	(740) 833-5273
Little Edna	Billy Moore	5377 Bond Ave.	Lorain, OH 44055	(440) 277-1793
Little Ida	John Johnson	15649 Fordline St.	Southgate, MI 48195	(734) 246-0769
Little Flossie	Fred Jones	1602 Villa Ct.	North Manchester, IN 46962	(779) 225-2244
Little Zion	Gerald Akers	2311 Chestnut Ln.	Burton, MI 48519	(810) 444-6325
Little Pilgrim's Home	Ike Spears	2 E 2 nd St.	North Fairfield, OH 44855	(567) 805-4161
Mt. Olive	Justin Hagerman	4320 N 750 W	Ligonier, IN 46767	(260) 348-8697
Pleasant View	Steve Conley	11110 Humm Rd.	Berlin Hts., OH 44814	(567) 234-1000
Little Family	Gary Sanders	4411 Dana Dr.	Franklin, OH 45005	(937) 550-9402
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	Gayle Johnson	14079 Village Ln.	Riverview, MI 48193	(734) 282-4567
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton Jr.	5859 S. Wright St.	Kingsville, OH 44048	(440) 344-9721
Little Children's Home	James D. Wagner	17201 Stone Church Rd.	Laurel, IN 47024	(765) 698-2316
Morning Star	Charles Blevins	48469 Eastbridge Dr.	Canton, MI 48188	(989) 413-7176
Little Bethel	Ike Spears	2 E 2 nd St.	North Fairfield, OH 44855	(567) 805-4161
Family of Love	Patrick Deel	22500 Delaware County Line Rd.	Marysville, OH 43040	(937) 348-2350
Little Melrose	Hansel Brown	8598 SW 56 Avenue Rd.	Ocala, FL 34476	(352) 861-2722 cell: (352) 598-0983
Eternal Rose	Raymond Henderson	2600 Olivesburg Rd.	Mansfield, OH 44903	(419) 522-0405
Little Ellen	Jimmy Sowards	19166 Hyde Park Ct.	Woodhaven, MI 48183	(734) 775-7831

MODERATORS AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

Church	Moderator	Assistant Moderator
Little Rebecca	Buddy W. Carty	Danny Carty
Maggie's Home	Donald Mullins	Daniel Newsome
Little Flock	Hank Forgey	Mike Fortner
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	Don C. Lawson
Little Edna	Stephen Stone	Larry Newsome
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill	Billy Miller
Little Flossie	Sean Hicks	Morris Wicker
Little Zion	Joseph R. Akers	Joseph Havlik
Little Pilgrim's Home	Eddie Wallen	None
Mt. Olive	Charles Hagerman	Jason Hagerman
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome	Dennis Elkins
Little Family	Danny Carty	Scott Little
Little Angel	Danny Carty	Bill Smith
Antioch	Hillard Newsome	Wayne Sartin (Honorary Assistant, Karrell Addington)
Rose of Sharon	Ray Hamilton	William B. Holbrook Jr.
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton	Evan Hamilton
Little Children's Home	Aaron Whitaker Jr.	Harvey Tuttle
Morning Star	Bill Blevins	Willis Little
Little Bethel	Paul Dye	Eddie Wallen
Family of Love	Delmas Hall	Patrick Deel
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty	John M. Elkins
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle	Joseph Gibson
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins	None

CHURCH ADDRESSES

(Preferably, mail correspondence to the Clerk's address)

Church	Address	City	State/Zip Code
Little Rebecca	4982 Henry Road, Ph. 419-687-8838.	Plymouth	Ohio 44865
Maggie's Home	Benner Road	Hamden-Dundas.	Ohio 45634
Little Flock	1900 Borland Road Rte. 1	Ray	Ohio 45672
Little Ruth	3521 County Road 217	Marengo	Ohio 43334
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain	Ohio 44055
Little Ida	4060 Drennan Street	Ecorse	Michigan 48229
Little Flossie	159 W. Greenwood Drive	Lisbon-Kendallville.	Indiana 46755
Little Zion	63181 Romeo Plank Road	Romeo	Michigan 48096
Little Pilgrim's Home	1487 U.S. Route 224 East, Ph. 419-524-8514	Greenwich.	Ohio 44837
Mt. Olive.	3635 S. 200 E.	Lagrange	Indiana 46761
Pleasant View	3589 Beat Road	Litchfield.	Ohio 44253
Little Family	4079 Sommersville/Jacksonburg	Middletown	Ohio 45042
Little Angel	5733 Saltzgaber Road, Ph. 614-492-0010	Groveport	Ohio 43125
Antioch	10817 Barricks Road	Louisville	Kentucky 40229
Rose of Sharon.	5665 Carleton-Rockwood Road, Ph. 313-379-4870	South Rockwood	Michigan 48179
Lily of the Valley	Route 534—600 Kiwanis Pk. Drive	Geneva	Ohio 44041
Little Children's Home.	18125 Stone Church Road	Laurel.	Indiana 47024
Morning Star	44441 Clay Road	Belleville	Michigan 48111
Little Bethel	State Route 228	Green Springs.	Ohio 44836
Family of Love	18061 S.R. 231 (Wyandotte).	Nevada	Ohio 44849
Little Melrose.	201 Pearl Street	Melrose	Florida 32666
Eternal Rose.	14061 Township Road 215	Lakeville	Ohio 44638
Little Ellen	IL 50, W. 115 th , Route on Lawler, Left 11200 S. Avon.	Alsip	Illinois 60803

**STATISTICAL
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2017

CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	35	3-M	325.00	July
Maggie's Home	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	1-M	150.00	July
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	3-M	225.00	Aug
Little Ruth	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	2-M	150.00	June
Little Edna	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	4-M	225.00	July
Little Ida	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	35	1-M	250.00	June
Little Flossie	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	4:00 P.M. 1-E	275.00	June
Little Zion	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	10	2:30 P.M. 2-E	125.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	2-M	175.00	July
Mt. Olive	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	12	2:00 P.M. 4-E	125.00	Apr
Pleasant View	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	37	6:00 P.M. 1-E	250.00	May
Little Family	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	2:00 P.M. 2-E	200.00	July
Little Angel	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	30	4-M	350.00	Aug
Antioch	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	21	2:00 P.M. 1-E	435.00	Oct
Rose of Sharon	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	2-M	400.00	May
Lily of the Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	6:00 P.M. 3-E	100.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2:00 P.M. 3-E	225.00	July
Morning Star	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	3-M	350.00	June
Little Bethel	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	1-M	50.00	July
Family of Love	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	2:00 P.M. 4-E	150.00	July
Little Melrose	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	2:00 P.M. 1-E	150.00	Jan
Eternal Rose	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	9	4:00 P.M. 2-E	100.00	Aug
Little Ellen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	4:00 P.M. 3-E	100.00	June

2017 Church Contributions	\$4,960.00
2017 Money for Pictures	540.00
Other Contributions	275.00
	<u>\$5,775.00</u>

Grand Total 13 1 0 1 7 2 20 401

M — Saturday morning services
E — Saturday evening services

OBITUARIES

MEMBERS

MYRTLE L. (BROWN) ADKINS

September 7, 1932 - July 19, 2017 (age 84)

Myrtle L. (Brown) Adkins, 84, of Rush, Kentucky, and formerly of Lockbourne, Ohio. She passed away Wednesday, July 19, at her residence. Myrtle was born in Blaine, Kentucky on September 7, 1932 to the late James Clyde and Bessie (Curnette) Boggs. She was a graduate of Virgie High School in Pike County, Kentucky, and retired after 30 years from Kroger Bakery in Columbus, Ohio. Myrtle was the last surviving founding member of the Little Angel Old Regular Baptist Church in Groveport, Ohio. Myrtle loved going to church, camping, playing board and card games, and reading.

Preceded in death in 2011 by her first husband of 62 years, Ballard Brown; sisters: Carol, Noel, Patricia Sherman, Wilma Castle, Charlotte Boggs; brothers: Donald Boggs, and James Clyde Boggs Jr.

Myrtle is survived by her husband, Jack Adkins; son, Leonard (Pat) Brown of Lockbourne; daughter, Kathy (David) Mankin of Dublin, Ohio; grandchildren: Chris Brown, Jennifer Wood, Andrew Mankin, Amy (Ryan) Gilmore; great-grandchildren: Landyn Brown, Caden Wood, Gabby Wood, Levi Mankin, Jake and Will Gilmore; brother, Ronnie Boggs; sisters: Marilyn Curry of Columbus and Brenda (Bill) Rodney of Pickerington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Myrtle loved her family and enjoyed everything they did. She will be missed by all her church family. There is another empty seat at Little Angel but she is home now and at peace.

Submitted by her Family and Little Angel Church



Myrtle L. (Brown) Adkins

EVERETT "ELB" BLAIR

On Friday morning, the 30th day of September 2016, God sent an angel to take Brother Everett "Elb" Blair home. He was 76 years old. He died unexpectedly at his home in Holmes County, Ohio. Elb was born February 27th, 1940, in Letcher County, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Benny H. and Bessie (Watts) Blair. He had moved from Lodi, Ohio to rural Lakeville, Ohio, where he had resided the last eight years. He was a 37 year employee of The Ford Motor Co.'s Brookpark plant. He retired from The Ford Motor Co. in 1995. Elb was a member of The United Auto Workers Local No. 250 of Brookpark, the Eternal Rose Old Regular Baptist Church of Nashville, Ohio, and was a former member of Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church of Litchfield, Ohio.

Elb is survived by his wife, Barbara Gayheart Henderson Blair, whom he married on October 16th, 2004; his son, Rodney (Rachel and her son Zack) Blair of Kokomo, Indiana; his daughter, Ramona Blair of Lodi; stepsons: Marty (Sandra) Henderson of Gahanna; and Raymond Henderson, Craig (Julie) Henderson, Neal (Valerie) Henderson, Jason (Laurie) Henderson and Reggie (Holly) Gayheart Jr., all of Loudonville, Ohio; stepdaughter, Mona (Robert) Weiss of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers: Larry (Geraldine) Blair of Blackey, Kentucky; Estill (Alma Rose) Blair and Winford Blair of Latcher, Kentucky; and sisters: Nancy Carol Blair of Latcher, Kentucky; and Mary Ellen Blair of Whitesburg, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Billie Carol Bryant (on December 22nd, 2001); brothers: Willis, Lexter, and Astor Blair; sister, Beulah Blair Barrier.

One of the many things said about Elb was that he never met a stranger. No matter where he was or who he was around, Elb was still Elb. If you didn't know him when you met him, you would



Everett "Elb" Blair

know him before you left! If you met Elb, you met someone special. He may not have remembered your name but he had already made up a nickname for you, so he would be able to remember you!

Elb moved to Ohio in 1960, and started working at The Ford Motor Company that same year. After he retired from Ford, he started a small shop working on lawn mowers and anything that had a small engine. Folks would bring stuff from near and far to Elb's shop, many times because he was one of the best at fixing just about anything, but mainly just for the chance to visit one of the friendliest and most honest men around. His laughter and story telling will be greatly missed by the many folks who were fortunate enough to meet him. We know Elb would want to say to all his family and friends "Please join me in paradise and repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" (As it says in Matthew 3:2)

Written with the help of the Lord by his heart-broken family.

SARAH ANN BOYD

It is with heavy heart that I try to write the obituary of my loving Mother, Sarah Ann (Akers) Boyd. Mom was born on May 20, 1954, to Woodrow and Lillian Akers. She departed this world September 8th, 2016, after a long battle of COPD.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents, Woodrow and Lillian Akers; sisters: Orelee, Liz and Sandra; and brother, Roy Akers. Mom leaves behind her two sons: Brandon (Jamie) Boyd of Brown City, Michigan; Roy (Amy) Boyd of Capac, Michigan; twin brother, Gerald (Sherry) Akers of Burton, Michigan; Gordon (Carol) Akers of Almont, Michigan; Rick (Fay) Akers of Marlette, Michigan; Rose (Bufford) Conn of Almont, Michigan; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends to mourn her loss. She also leaves behind her two grandchildren: David and Nolan Boyd who were one of the greatest joys of her life.

Mom's greatest love was the Lord. She gave her hand to the Little Zion Church in Romeo, Michigan on March 29th, 1998. She remained a faithful servant until the end. She was an inspiration to others. She loved attending church and would often go to church not feeling well and struggling to breathe. She trusted in the Lord to take care of her and provide whatever she needed. She had a beautiful voice and loved to sing both at church and at home. Her singing was a blessing to her church family, grandchildren and other friends and family. Now she is singing with the angels. Mom also enjoyed playing games, painting ceramics, coloring and most of all spending time with her grandchildren. Mom was a very giving person who loved her family with everything in her and she gave all she could. Mom is very missed by all, but it is a comfort to know she is resting in the arms of her Lord.

Written by her broken hearted family.

BROTHER JERRY BRAGG

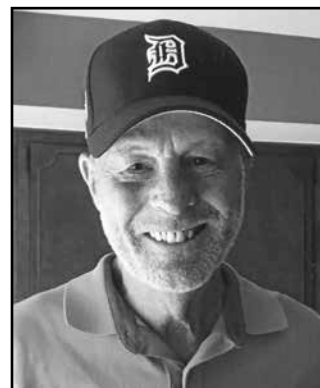
It is with a heavy heart and uncontrolled tears that I write this tribute to my most beloved husband, my soul-mate, Brother Jerry.

Jerry Elbert Bragg was born at home on August 23, 1945, to James and Dortha (Tomblin) Bragg in Verdunville of Logan County, West Virginia. He had a younger brother, Bernis Bragg. His mother later married Junior Freeman and Jerry gained another brother, Gregory Freeman.

In elementary school, Jerry moved with his family to Detroit, Michigan. After graduating from Wilbur Wright High School, he worked for Chrysler for a short while and then Detroit Edison. Jerry worked full time and earned an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Macomb County Community College.



Sarah Ann Boyd



Brother Jerry Bragg

Jerry and I met in 1969 while working at Detroit Edison. We were married at his mother's house, on April 8, 1972, by Brother John Paul Hamilton and shared 45 wonderful years together. Along the way, we were blessed with two wonderful children, Carissa and David, and a son-in-law, Alek. In 2013, we became a proud Papa and Mimi to our only grandson, Jacob.

Family was always the most important part of our lives. Jerry worked hard to provide every opportunity for his family and volunteered to coach many sports teams for our children. He was very involved in the Riverview Baseball Association for years and was the Association President at one time. He was always on the sidelines of every event cheering on his family and ready to support them.

Jerry was a sports fan his whole life. He played softball and handball for many years and we loved bowling in a league together with our friends. He watched all Detroit Sports, and the Michigan Wolverines, but he especially loved the Detroit Tigers. When the Tigers' played, you could guarantee he would be watching the game from his favorite recliner. He even ushered their games at Comerica Park, including the World Series games in 2012!

Jerry retired as a Quality Assurance Supervisor from Enrico Fermi in Monroe, Michigan, after 40 plus years of service. He was excellent at his job and always meticulous about his work. He truly enjoyed working and continued after retirement as an independent contractor performing audits for many different nuclear companies.

On April 23, 2017, Brother Jerry, declared his love for God and gave his hand to the Little Ida Church. He was baptized in the Old Regular Baptist faith. It was such a relief for him, and us, that 12 days before God chose to take him home he was born again and ready to meet Jesus. He always told us his wish was to touch the hem of Jesus' garment.

Brother Jerry was an incredible person. He was intelligent, charismatic and well-spoken. His smile was infectious and he made everyone around him feel special. He had a wonderful giving heart and would help anyone out without a second thought. His warm hugs, reassuring words, dry sense of humor (and laughing at his own jokes) and irreplaceable presence will be missed immensely by all who loved him. His memories will be cherished and his spirit carried on by everyone that was blessed to have known him.

Brother Jerry was preceded in death by his father, James Bragg; mother, Sister Dortha (Tomblin) Freeman; brother, Benis Bragg; Father-in-law, Frank Polesnek; and brother-in-law, Gary Kiger. Left to mourn his loss, his wife, Cindy Bragg; daughter, Carissa (Alek) Gralewski; son, David Bragg; grandchild, Jacob Gralewski; dad; Junior (Peggy) Freeman; and brother, Gregory (Joyce) Freeman; Mother-in-law, Anna Rose Polesnek; and sisters-in-law: Valarie (Charles) Beadling, Marceda Zurawski and Frances Kiger; and many nieces and nephews.

Please our most precious Heavenly Father, give me a moment of relief from this pain in my heart. I love you and miss you every day, Jerry.

Written by,
Wife, Cindy Bragg and daughter, Carissa Gralewski

ELLAREE JO (GIDGET) BURKETT

To see a Pilgrim as she dies, with Glory in her view, to Heaven she lifts her longing eyes, And bids the world adieu. I truly believe we witnessed this Saturday night and Sunday. Gidge would raise her arms like she was reaching for something or someone and then she would wave goodbye to us. What her eyes were beholding and who she was reaching for was not meant for us to see. What a blessing it was for all in the room to watch as she slowly left this world behind and fell asleep in the arms of Angels to be carried to the arms of Jesus.

Ellaree Jo (Gidget) Burkett was born July 19th, 1961, to Rex Gayheart and Sue Vanderpool. God took her home January 8th, 2017. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Lem and Parthena



Ellaree Jo (Gidget) Burkett

Gayheart; her maternal grandparents, Newton and Ethel Vanderpool. She is survived by her Dad, Rex (Ada Lynn) and her Mom, Susie; one son, Donnie; and one granddaughter, Layla. I pray you always remember how much Grandma loved you. Three sisters: Brenda (Shayne) Wicker, Beverly (John) Moore, Parthena Gayheart; four brothers: Rex Jr. (Cynthia), Mickey (Tonya), Mark (Emogene), Matthew (Kristy) Gayheart; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and her very special church family.

Gidge was diagnosed with Epilepsy at a very young age. It was hard watching her suffer with this. Then later in life she was diagnosed with Multiple Symptom Atrophy or MSA. We watched as slowly this disease took its toll on her body. It was not easy for her to accept losing the ability to care for herself and it was hard for us to watch. Often she would say she wished the Lord would just take her home. We would tell her it was not in our time, but that the Lord would take her in His time.

She loved when family and Brothers and Sisters in the church would come to visit her. A few times they had church for her or they would sing and hold prayer. This brightened her lonely days. Gave her memories to cherish.

She had few possessions in this life, but there came a time when after much begging and pleading God had mercy on her. He wrote her name in the Lambs Book of Life and promised her a mansion. She was baptized in a very special little creek on February 13th, 1993, and took her membership at Little Ruth Old Regular Baptist and she dearly loved it.

Her suffering is over. There will never be another disease to attack her body. Her body is free of pain. She is not struggling. In that morning of all mornings she will have a new body. Legs that can skip down that golden street. She didn't sing much but in that morning she will be singing that new song and her voice will be strong.

To her family and friends. She can't come back to us but by the Grace of God you can go to be with her. You will have to do just like she did. Lay down the world, cleanse your hands, purify your hearts and be afflicted and mourn. You will have to be Born Again. You cannot just accept the Lord. You must get yourself cleaned up to where He will accept you. No man can save you and no little sinners prayer will save you. Only the Blood of Jesus can save you. God's children are peculiar people. They are a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. Take a long hard look at yourself. Does your appearance meet this description. If I am wrong you have nothing to worry about. If I am right you will have settled down on a lie and you will not miss it all but you will miss the best part. Ask yourself. What am I doing that is worth losing my soul for? Try to imagine a lake of fire that will never end. My advice would be to sincerely beg God to show you the true way. You cannot serve two masters. Let no man convince you that any way is alright. Hell will be full of religion but there will not be an ounce of salvation there. Eternity cannot be fathomed and the torment is unending. Gidge chose the good part. She is enjoying the sweetest sleep and nothing will disturb her until the morning God calls her name and then she will get up to board a beautiful cloud with all of God's children to go home to that mansion that God has prepared for His children. Bless that morning. You can go too but you will have to want it more than you want your life. May this day be the day if you are not ready that you set your eyes towards Heaven and begin to beg.

I thank God that He blessed me to write this. Please I beg, don't let the sun go down without doing something about your soul. Don't let the circle be broken. Heart of love

With Love,
Sister Sue Vanderpool

LILY WELLMAN CASTLE

Mother was born in Fort Gay, West Virginia, on January 25, 1918, to the late George B. Wellman and Birdella (Akers) Wellman. She died March 4, 2016, at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa, Kentucky at the age of 98.

Mrs. Castle was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Elder Kelly Castle; her father and mother; eight brothers; four sisters; her first and eldest grandson, Roger Lee Miller; son in law, Ova Pack; and son in law, Leroy Miller.

She leaves behind two daughters: Jeanette Pack of Louisa, Kentucky; and Carol Miller of Orient, Ohio; three sons: Robert Gary, Kelly L., and Ben Cramer all of Louisa, Kentucky; three granddaughters: Wanda Parsley and Marsh Calvert of Louisa; and Kimberly Gibson of Denver, Colorado; as well as a host of great-grandchildren, extended family and friends who will miss her greatly.

Mom was a wonderful mother, a good homemaker, a devoted wife, and a faithful member of the Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church in the Sardis Association. She took pride in cooking for the church, especially making her old fashioned apple pies. They were always good and she received many compliments on them. When she was younger, she would raise a big garden in the summer and can most of the vegetables for winter. Those half runner green beans were so good with Christmas dinner when the whole family was at the table together. In her spare time, most always at night, she made some very, very pretty quilts. I just hope the ones who get them will take care of them and pass them down to her grandkids. There was a lot of work and love that went into them.

This picture of her was taken when she was 96 years old, she was sitting in her chair smiling but unable to walk or take care of herself in any way. This was the way she had to live the last four years of her life, but she never complained or asked for anything, not even a drink of water. She just waited for it to be given to her. She was so patient, kind and loving. When we hugged her and kissed her, she would smile and say "Do you love me?" Nothing will ever be the same without Mother. We will love her and miss her for the rest of our lives.



Lily Wellman Castle

Written by her son and daughter,
Kelly L. Castle and Carol Miller

LORAINE (HALL) DANIELS

With a very sad and broken heart, I will try to write this obituary of my Dear Mother, Loraine (Hall) Daniels. She was born June 20th, 1931, and passed away at the Cleveland Clinic Avon Hospital on April 29, 2017, after a sudden illness, making her stay here on earth 85 years.

Mom was the second child born to the late Elder Jerry Hall and the late Tora Hall. They preceded her in death along with two sisters: Gladys Meade and Jean Burton; and two brothers: Jerry Hall Jr. and Harlos Hall. Left to mourn her death are Charles, Ivan, Terry, Lydia and her favorite sister, Yvonne.

Mom married Conley Daniels on August 20, 1949. He was a wonderful husband to her for 66 years. My sisters and I had a loving father in him. Dad preceded Mom in death on September 2, 2015. They had three daughters: Wanda (Larry) Long, Vicki (Ron) Bullock, and Lynn (David) Cesar. There are five grandchildren: Teresa, Dawn, Rick, Cindy and Kelsey; and eight great-grandchildren: Cody, Mikayla, Zachary, Rick Jr., Matthew, Kaitlyn, Gage and Zoe; and two great-great-grandchildren: Negan and Gideon.



Loraine (Hall) Daniels

Mom joined the Old Beaver Old Regular Baptist Church in 1976. In May 1994, Mom brought her letter to the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church, of which she was a very faithful member until her time of death.

She always made sure she brought enough food for everyone at church and she made the best corn anyone could eat. She baked her favorite dessert that everyone looked for, her gingerbread. No one could have just one piece, but my Aunt Yvonne and Aunt Lydia would have three. Cody loved his Mimi's gingerbread and she always gave him his own special bag. I will never forget her carrying her Longaberger basket full of corn bread into the church.

Mom was very loving and caring and all of us knew it. I can't stop without telling about Mom's favorite pets, her dog, Eddie and her birds, Petey and Barbie. In her last four months, she had been staying with my husband, Larry and me. She had Eddie with her but her birds were at her house in Cleveland, so Larry would go to her house every day to feed and water the birds and talk to them. This made her very happy, knowing that they were being taken care of.

Sleep on Mom. I feel with all my heart you are resting in the arms of Jesus where you will have no more pain.

God saw you were getting tired, and a cure was not to be; so He put His arms around you and whispered, "Come with Me." With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer and saw you fade away; although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands to rest; God broke our heart to prove to us, He only takes the best!

Written by her daughter, Wanda,
with the help of my Aunt Lydia and Aunt Yvonne

BESSIE MERRITT FORTNER

1923 - 2017

Loving Memories of a Precious Sister, a very dear friend of 40 years, Sister Bessie Fortner. She'd always say, "Sister Marge, you'll never know how much I Love You." Oh! But I did know. We each had God's love in our hearts.

Every month we were "Pew Partners" always sat together. Sometimes we would go to different directions to church. She'd call me, "I missed you so much today." One time at Rose of Sharon, a group of us from Pleasant View had gone up there. She ask the sisters could you please give Sister Marge extra room to sit here by me? I need not know, what extra room meant. I felt it.

So so many good memories we shared. We laughed, we cried, we prayed together. How many times we bowed our hearts in prayer. Oh! I so often heard her mention her children's names. "Lord give the unsaved ones a little more time." Those words came from a Mother, Dear Saint. Who more than anything wanted her children to desire Heaven.

Like me and like you, she was not perfect. Her mind and her heart longed for things of Heaven. She wasn't interested in earthly things she wanted to please God. Her faith was amazing. Serving God and taking care of her family was the most important things to her. She loved her little church. As we would kneel to pray I could hear her prayers as she whispered softly asking His grace and strength to help her walk more closely with Him. She had a zeal for God's Glory. During her last hospital stay God blessed her to call all of the family around her bed. Oh my! What a great testimony she told them. Also, she talked to each one, as she called them by name. The children thought "her time had arrived." No. No. God gave her a strong voice for a while, telling them to get ready for Heaven. No one is as precious to their children as a Christian Mother.

Our last long conversation, she asked that I get a chair by her bed. Brother Harold did just that. She told me I would soon be following her. God had showed her in a dream that she and I would be in Heaven together. What more could I ask?



Bessie Merritt Fortner

I miss her so much. Our long phone calls sometimes lasted over an hour. I miss her at church. As she grew weary and tired she longed for that long sought rest from above. How Beautiful Heaven must be.

Every soul, old or young is some Mother's son and daughter. An old saying, "Love me, Love my children." Yes, I Love all the Fortner Family. God is Love. Love one another. I feel so honored to be included in this obituary.

Her Loving Daughter, Sheila Fortner Damron
and Sister Marjorie Slone Gibson

ELDER DANNY CHARLES HAMILTON

It is with shattered hearts that we come together to write the obituary of our husband and father, Danny Charles Hamilton. He was born February 17, 1954, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the late Garfield and Edna (Tackett) Hamilton and left his home here on earth to be with our Lord and Savior on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

Danny met the love of his life nearly 50 years ago. He married Roxie Wallen on June 12, 1971, and started a journey of a lifetime. To this union was born five daughters: Becky (Kevin) Drotleff of Ashland, Ohio; Diana (Rod) Feller of Wooster, Ohio; Sandy (Rob) Cline of Nova, Ohio; Danail Hamilton of Ashland, Ohio; and Elisabeth (Mark) Pritt of Nova, Ohio.

They were blessed with 13 grandchildren: Melany, (who was raised by Danny and Roxie), Allie (Donnie), Cassie (Nate), Kaila, Danny, Allison, Autumn, Michael, Kenny, Jimmy, Taylor, Roxie, Nick and five great-grandchildren: Kaydence, Madison, Mason, Harleigh.

In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by one brother, Ernest (Pricilla) Hamilton of Piketon, Ohio; sister-in-law, Sue Hamilton of Indiana; two sisters: Goldie Hunter of Wellington, Ohio; Genive (Jim) Shipley of Wellington, Ohio; and a host of nieces and nephews that he loved so very much.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Thomas Hamilton; an infant sister, Polly Hamilton; and his great-granddaughter, Kylie Dawson.

He worked for Ford Motor Company in Lorain and retired from there after 32 years.

He gave his hand to become a member of the Little Pilgrims Home Church of Old Regular Baptist in Ruggles, Ohio where he has been a faithful servant since January 1979. He served as the Clerk and Treasurer for many years and also served as the Assistant Moderator and Moderator until his passing. He believed in the Bible and the Good Old Fashioned Way and not wavering for anyone. Everyone that knew him, knew that he loved this little church and being with his brothers and sisters in Christ. He affectionately called you "his people" and he loved you all. He especially enjoyed traveling to other churches to be with his church family. We want to say a special thank you to Brother Bill and Sister Marie Hall who have been such good and wonderful friends. They enjoyed so many wonderful trips together and we all love you so much.

There is simply no easy way to end this - the only way is a message from our dear Mother, his faithful companion and best friend, Rest on Danny, until we meet again. We love and miss you so much.

He would always give the best advice to his children and anyone who asked him. One of Diana's memories of him:

As you all know that about six and a half years ago, he suffered a massive heart attack that changed his life. Something that never wavered and never changed was his love for this Church and his faith and belief in God's Word and his commands. I remember taking him to church shortly after he was released from the hospital and his condition was not good. I also remember being very upset with the church elders for calling him to take the stand. I sat in my seat in the back of the church figuring out what was the fastest way for me to get to him if he went down. He thundered away up there preaching God's word and asking all to come to Him. When Dad took his seat, I rushed to him and I said, "Dad why??? Weren't you scared of what this could do to you?" His response was simple - he said, "Honey, when the Lord calls you to do something, you don't say no, you just do it."



**Elder Danny Charles
Hamilton**

We watched our Dad live for God and by HIS word all our lives, and I don't think until that very moment that I really understood. He wasn't just our Dad, or an Old Regular Baptist Preacher, he was a servant of the Almighty and he was being held in the hands of his Savior and THIS HE KNEW and he wanted everyone to have that same knowledge. He wanted everyone of you to know this too.

Loving Memories,
The Family

JUNE (MOORE) HOBSON

June (Moore) Hobson was born June 1, 1925, and God chose to call her home January 8, 2017.

June loved the Lord. Her entire life she was a Christian and never once considered being anything else. She loved her own church family, along with her daughter's church family. She also loved her family dearly. She enjoyed her grandchildren and especially those great-grandbabies.

June was born into a family of eleven brother and sisters. At the age of 91, she was the last of her siblings to pass away. She was a hard worker and did so until her body said it was time to slow down and rest. The last month of her life, she suffered and was very uncomfortable. However, when the day came for her to be with the Lord, there was no doubt in any of our minds that she was going to Heaven to be with the Lord, her husband, baby, friends and family.

She will be greatly missed here on earth, but it was her wish that all her family and friends would love the Lord as she did so that she can see them in Heaven someday. Sister June was a member of the Little Children's Home Church.

Written by her heartbroken daughter,
Patricia Emerick



June (Moore) Hobson

FRANKLIN HOLT

Franklin Holt, of Ontario, Ohio, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Friday, October 21, 2016, at Primrose Retirement Community, at the age of 83.

Frank was born February 16, 1933, to Pearin and Bertha (Akers) Holt in Ligon, Kentucky. He was a graduate of MacDowell High School. He married the love of his life, Jessileana (Keene), on March 3, 1956.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents and wife; as well as brothers: Elmer Holt and Delmer Holt; sisters: Queenie Pearl (Holt) Thornsberry, Oma (Tackett) Hall, and Clara Mae Holt; son, Randall Dean Holt; and granddaughter, Brittany Nicole Holt.

He is survived by sons: David (Kathi) Holt of Waldo, Ohio; Jeffrey (Sarah) Holt of Greenville, South Carolina; Gary (Karen) Holt of Hilliard, Ohio; daughter-in-law, Angela Holt of Lewis Center, Ohio; sister, Peggy (Holt) Barker of Maryland; brother, Lowell Holt of Arizona; sister-in-law, Shirley (Keene) and Bob Coldwell of Bucyrus, Ohio; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was "Poppie" to his grandchildren: Jennifer (Scott) Holt-Hill, Michael Holt, Brandon (Kristin) Holt, Kristen Holt, Jessie Holt, Katelyn Holt, Sarah Holt, Alexander Holt, Erin Holt, Lauren Holt, and Haidee Bumpus; great-grandchildren: Mollie and twins, Jenna and Kathryn Hill, Alex and Spencer Bumpus.

Frank was a veteran of the US Air Force serving for 23 years. He proudly served overseas in Vietnam and Thailand and many bases throughout the US and Canada. Upon retirement, he and his family settled in Plymouth, Ohio. Frank was then employed by Motor Panels (formerly, Sheller Globe) for 20 years. Upon retirement from there, he and Jessie moved to Mansfield, Ohio and then Ontario, Ohio.



Franklin Holt

Frank was a devoted husband, loving father, and the best Poppie! He enjoyed gardening and sharing the produce with family and friends. Until last winter, he worked out at the MedCentral gym five times a week. Brother Frank was an active and longtime member of the Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth, Ohio, serving as their Clerk for many years. He showed the love of God to those around him by the way he lived his life.

It was very much a blessing to us as a family that Dad (Poppie) and Mom, together gave us a wonderful, loving home. With that love, we were also instilled with a sense of dignity, self-reliance, respect, and responsibility. As just one illustration, Poppie flew the American Flag every day while living in Mansfield and we all admired that, feeling the pride and patriotism for all the good things in our country. And by his example, he motivated his son, Jeff, to have a full career in the Air Force, and for his granddaughter, Kristen, to follow his lead as a new officer and pilot in the Air Force.

We love Dad and Mom very much. We miss them on this earth, but they are with us every day, still guiding, encouraging, supporting, and loving ... we remain blessed!

Written by Frank's Loving Family

ELDER JOHN JUDE

John (Junior) Jude, age 89, of Grove City, Ohio, formerly of Martin County, Kentucky, passed away April 15, 2017. He was born November 22, 1927, in Logan County, West Virginia.

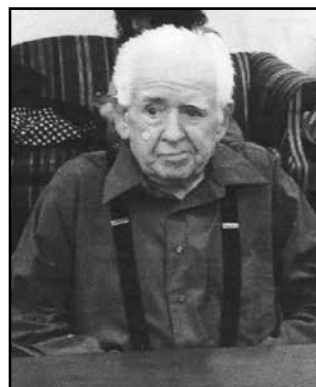
"Stand up and hook up" was often the greeting I received from Brother John along with a strong handshake and a smile. He had served in the Army Airborne and knowing I had served with the 101st Airborne he felt that a good way to start our talk. He was always wanting to know how I was doing.

Brother John was a long standing member at Little Angel Church and was loved by all. His interest was in others and their well being. He was well read and had traveled many times to Israel and the city of Jerusalem. He was a good tour guide and enjoyed each trip he traveled there.

Brother John quietly slipped away from us as he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. We miss him at Little Angel and I miss our greetings. I feel Brother John to have been a soldier not only in the US Army but one for the Lord. He stood for our practice and the long standing doctrine that we love so well.

We feel he is in a better land, he has gone on a trip to a new Jerusalem, one that is peace and joy, one where lights are hanging high. Sleep on Brother John, you've earned a sweet rest. Until we meet again, I'll try to stand up and stay hooked up to what is right.

Written by
Elder Danny Carty



Elder John Jude

GLENDA (ELLIOTT-NOBLE) LAWSON

1946 - 2017

With much love and sadness, and the help of our Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my dear sister-in-law, Glenda Lawson.

Born April 25, 1946, to the late Hurshel and Delpha Elliott of McDowell, Kentucky. Glenda was 71 years old when, as her daughter so tearfully and lovingly said, "Mom went home to be with her Maker. No more pain, no more struggling to breathe, or being so weak from dialysis. She is now singing and praising our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

On September 29, 1965, Glenda married the love of her life, Ance Noble. To this union, two children were born: Ance Edward (Kim) Noble of Southgate, Michigan; and Renea (John) Johnson of Lincoln Park, Michigan. Dearest grandmother of Travis and Drake Noble, Heather Bailey, Peyton and Katelyn Johnson. She was also the great-grandmother



Glenda (Elliott-Noble)
Lawson

of Cayden and Lily Noble, Rayne Long, and Addison Mullins. Also left to mourn are two brothers: Kenneth (Karen) Elliott of Wyandotte, Michigan; and Homer Randall (Robin) Elliott of Taylor, Michigan; and three sisters: Glema (Ralph) Manuel of Garden City, Michigan; Shirl Elliott and Venda Carlson of Taylor, Michigan. There are also many other uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will miss Glenda dearly.

On May 7, 1978, she was baptized into the Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church, where she served the Lord and her church for the next thirty-nine years. That was when her journey to Heaven began. She attended as long as she was able. Each Sunday, we would either call or stop by. She wanted to know who was there, what ministers were used. She never failed to give her Lord honor and glory for all the good things in her life. She was a very humble and devoted Christian. Her light shined so bright.

On September 27, 1981, Glenda's husband passed away. Ance went to be with our Lord after suffering from a heart attack and a stroke. She also lost a baby boy, at birth, on May 5, 1974. For the next fourteen years, Glenda and her children lived alone. She raised them in a Christian home and was blessed to do it very well. On August 11, 1995, Glenda married Brother Clovis Lawson. They were blessed to be together for thirteen years, until the Lord took Clovis home in February of 2008.

Glenda was a very strong person, some have even called her stubborn, but I would rather call it determined, but one thing is for sure, she loved her children and her family very much. Multiple health issues left her weak and tired, She suffered far more than any of us knew. On July 17, 2017, about the hour of 11:00 P.M. the Lord, in whom she served, gently called her home. She now sings amongst the angels, "I've Been Redeemed."

I know many of our prayers may or may not have answered the night she was called home, but Glenda's was. She has received her reward and is now resting around the altar of the Almighty God, her journey now complete.

Love and prayers to all,
Sister Karen Elliott

DOROTHY ANN LITTLE

Enduring loss is one of the hardest things anyone could ever go through. It brings about pain, suffering, and the loss of a loved one; a best friend. That is what Dorothy "Dot" Ann Little was to everyone who knew her, a loved one and a best friend.

Dot was born on February 21, 1945, in Melvin, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Forrest and Bernice (Hall) Tackett Newsome. On February 10, 1968, she married Donlin Little, and he was truly her soul mate. The Lord created the both of them for each other, and their love was created at the grace of Him. Don preceded her in death on April 16th, 2011, and he took a piece of Dot when he left this world.

Dot passed away on May 19, 2017, in the home of her youngest daughter, Amy Little-Cameron. She was surrounded by her children when God's angels came to take her home again. I cannot put into words how hard it was to lose my mother, my best friend. While her last eight months on this Earth were not the happiest times in her life, she did live a life full of love and family.

Dot loved to travel. She loved to take vacations with her children and grandchildren. Her favorite trips to take were those she called "girl trips." It was during these trips that she gathered me and my sister and her grandchildren, and took us away for a few days. We would shop, try new delicious food, and just enjoy being with the girls. On the day of the funeral, my sister, my eldest daughter, and myself got the privilege of driving her in her hearse to her gravesite next to my father. On our way there, we said that we got to take mom on her last girl trip. It was a serene and peaceful moment for all of us.



Dorothy Ann Little

Dot loved her family and did whatever she could to make them happy. She was there to listen to them, give them support, give them a warm hug, and a place to spend the night whenever needed. She loved everyone. She was a best friend. She was my best friend.

Dot was a child of God, and a member of the Morning Star Old Regular Baptist Church in Belleville, Michigan. She looked to God for everything in her life, and she lived her life serving Him. When able, she enjoyed visiting other churches.

Dot was survived by her children: Tim Little, Renee (Earl) Kedziorek, and Amy (Bill) Cameron; her grandchildren: Rebecca, Samantha, Elissa, Emily, Brittney, and Shelby; her siblings: Ray (Joyce) Newsome, Steve Newsome, and Glenna (Wayne) Johnson. She was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, Charles Newsome; and her twin brother, Forrest Tackett Jr.

We were truly blessed when the Lord gave us you as our Mother. Thank you for everything you have done to make us who we are. Thank you for loving our children like your own, and thank you for giving your life to make sure we had a great one. You will always be loved and greatly missed. It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone. We hope to see you again soon, Mom.

With love forevermore,
her loving children and grandchildren

HOWARD AND SHIRLEY M. (MARCUM) PARSLEY

It is with heavy heart and many prayers that I'll try to write the obituary of my Mother and Daddy.

Daddy (Howard) was born July 8, 1939, in West Virginia. He is the eldest son of Bessie White and Raymond Parsley. Mother (Shirley) was born July 24, 1941, in West Virginia. She is the youngest child of Sammy and Julia Marcum. Daddy Passed away on August 2, 2016 and Mother passed just two and a half days later on August 5, 2016.



Howard and Shirley M. (Marcum) Parsley

Mother and Daddy were married on August 26, 1961. To this union, they had 5 children: Jeffery, Dennis, Kevin, Angel, and Brigett. They have five grandkids: Candace, Jason, Shyanne, Tabitha and Keala. They also have four great-grandkids: Ava, Graham, Cash, and Draven.

Mother and Daddy were long time members of the Old Regular Baptist faith and order. They were members of the Little Angel Church of the Northern New Salem Association. They loved going to church and hearing the gospel. They loved to sit around after church and enjoy eating and talking with their brothers and sisters. Daddy was a deacon and loved to visit with the other members of the church. We had many bread bakings at our house when I was little and I remember hearing Daddy singing those old-time songs and listening to the brothers preach and the sisters shout. Mother taught many of the sisters how to bake the bread for communion the next day.

Mother and Daddy lived and loved together for almost 55 years. They truly loved one another and were together until the very end. Mother said, when we told her Daddy was gone, that she wanted to go too if he wasn't here. I guess the Lord wanted to keep them together then as well.

We want Mother and Daddy to know that we love them and miss them very much and we hope to one day be reunited.

In loving memory of Howard and Shirley Parsley,
your daughter,
Brigett Dye

OLLIE (SLONE) TERRY

Ollie (Slone) Terry, 89, a long-time resident of LaGrange, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, in Willard, Ohio. Born on February 4, 1928, in Raven, Kentucky, Ollie cherished her special bond with her twin sister, Allie.

Ollie married Howard Terry and they had three children: Betty, Charles and Dorothy. Ollie and Howard moved to LaGrange, where Ollie made a home not only for her own family, but also for relatives and friends moving to Ohio from Kentucky.

One of Ollie's great passions was her faith and church. Ollie was a member of the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church and would not compromise her beliefs. She was baptized on October 5, 1980.

Ollie's life was full and she devoted it to her family. She experienced great joy visiting her twin sister, Allie, and she loved to laugh and make others laugh in her family. Throughout her life Ollie enjoyed sewing. She loved fried chicken and lemon pie and looked forward to going shopping and out to eat with her two daughters. Ollie took great pleasure in hosting Christmas celebrations for her family in LaGrange. She made a lasting difference in the lives of others.

She is survived by her siblings: Edna Mae Gibson and Ruie Sturgill; her children: Betty (Phillip) Keysor and Charles (Pat) Terry; her grandchildren: Wendy (Jeremy) Landes, Jessica (Tim) Kuczynski, Angela (Brian Miller) Keysor, Deanna Keysor, Laura (Brad) Berding and Teresa Trinosky; she also leaves behind 11 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, David Fair Slone and Carrie Draughn Slone; husband, Howard; daughter, Dorothy (Clyde) Wolff; 10 siblings; and a great-grandchild, Lucus Kuczynski. Burial was at the River Road Cemetery, LaGrange.

Written by her family with all their love and precious memories.

You will always be a part of us and in our hearts forever.

In honor of Ollie's special time of year, Christmas

My First Christmas in Heaven

*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
With tiny lights, like heavens's stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular! Please wipe away that tear,
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
But the sound of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.
I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart,
Even though I am so far away, we really aren't apart.
So be happy for me loved ones, you know I hold you dear,
Be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above,
I send you each a memory of my undying love.
After all "Love" is the gift more precious than gold,
It was always more important in the stories Jesus told.*

*Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do,
I can't count the blessings or the love He has for you.
So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear,
Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*



Ollie (Slone) Terry

ELDER FARIS TUTTLE

With so many precious memories, we say goodbye to our Dad, our Papaw, our Brother, and our friend.

Dad was born June 7, 1928, in Mullins Branch, Kite, Kentucky, to Abel and Rosie (Thornsberry) Tuttle. He was the oldest of eight children: Arthur, Gladys, Talt, Chester, Dennie, Olby, and Willard. Dad and his brother, Arthur, worked side by side to help his mom and dad provide for the family. They have always been a close and loving family and have always been there for each other through the good times and the bad.

When the family moved to Tater Branch, Dad met the love of his life, Verniece Caudill. Dad and Mom were married April 3rd, 1948, in a double ceremony with his sister, Gladys and Mom's cousin, Brownie Hall. They would share many, many anniversary parties together over the years. Dad and Mom were happily married for 63 years. Together they had two girls: Veronda Kay, Elois; and one son, Doyle Keith. Mom and Dad loved to travel and after Dad retired, they divided their time between Ohio and Florida. They loved to go down a different road everyday just to see where it would come out, no wonder he had a built in GPS. Their vacations were spent between the beach and the Smoky Mountains. Dad lost the love of his life on January 31, 2011. He grieved the loss of her for the remainder of his days. Dad really wanted to go home with Mom when she passed and he always questioned why he was left behind. To occupy his time, Glenn made a promise to Dad. He promised to take Dad to any church that he wanted to visit. Together they traveled many miles and Dad was able to attend several churches over the years. I think Dad got his answer on August 4th, 2013, when he baptized his son-in-law, Glenn.

Dad had a wonderful sense of humor and he loved to make people laugh. He was famous for his stories, that he loved to tell over and over and over. You could try to stop him, but he would just smile and continue on anyway. He wasn't your typical old person, he loved to stay up late, sleep in and post on Facebook. He made friends everywhere he went, especially the Virginia Highway Patrol. Dad viewed speed limits more as suggestions.

Dad truly loved each and every one and had a special place in his heart for the little children. Dad loved his seven grandchildren with all his heart. He made them all feel special. He was blessed with six grandsons: Jack Bolen, Tony Bolen, Scott Slone, Chris Slone, Aaron Tuttle, and Nathan Tuttle; and one special granddaughter that he always introduced as "My Favorite Granddaughter," Crystal Slone Sexton. Dad was blessed with 13 great-grandchildren. His face would light up and his smile was beautiful when they would run to meet him yelling "Papaw, Papaw's here." He always called them all Papaw's Babies.

On July 17th, 1955, Dad joined the Little Rebecca Church where he was a faithful member for 62 years. He was very well thought of and loved by everyone. He attended church somewhere every Saturday and Sunday as long as his body was able. Dad loved attending as many associations as possible each year and he was respected everywhere he went.

When we learned Dad had cancer, our worlds fell apart. He just looked at us and said, "Don't cry, I'm tired and ready to go home, I made preparations for this journey back in 1953. Dad was preceded in death by his parents, Abel and Rosie; two brothers: Talt and Olby Tuttle; his loving wife, Verniece; and one brother-in-law, Brownie Hall.

Papaw was the best Papaw ever and he will be greatly missed by everyone. As we gather together to weep and mourn, let's celebrate his life and death. We believe they both have a cause. Let's remember to be happy for him, his pain and suffering are gone. He's at rest now. He has gone home to be with Jesus in a happy, eternal home.



Elder Faris Tuttle

Written by his brokenhearted children

NANCY WOOD

It is with precious memories that I try to write a few words in honor of a loving and devoted Sister in Christ, to wit Sister Nancy Wood. She was born March 25, 1916, in Pike County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Hannah Damron and Bob Blackburn. She was carried by the angels to her heavenly home on September 25, 2016. While here on God's good Earth, she was a bright and shining light to her church and an inspiration to those she met here on life's pathway. She was very meek and humble, soft spoken, always bearing the fruit of Christian. Yes, she stood tall in God's flower garden. She was easy to love as we all came to know.



Nancy Wood

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; her parents; her sister, Alma Miller; and her brothers: Ralph, Jim and Bobbie. She is survived by three sisters: Louise Addington, Ruby Mcquark, and Ruth Lawson. For her final sixteen years, she made her home with Sister Louise Addington and her husband, Elder Karrel Addington in Louisville, Kentucky. Often have I visited her and found it a joy to hear her tell of how good the Lord has been to her.

God Blessed Sister Nancy to live here on Earth for 100 years, and she was ever so thankful for her many blessings. She saw so many changes, inventions, and discoveries in her 100 years. She often said one of the greatest changes in her life is when she discovered the goodness of the Lord. After a travel and repentance of her sins she was made a new creature in Christ, it was then that she was baptized into full love and fellowship at the Antioch Church by the hands of Elders Hillard Newsome and Steve Slone on December 4, 2005. It was here that she gleaned in the field like little Ruth, gathering food for her hungry soul. Sister Nancy loved her church. She was always a pet of the Antioch Church, everyone loved her. When we would dine at church, she would share her beloved meatloaf, truly a crowd favorite. For many years, she would stand and pass out soft drinks while others gathered to dine in our little dining hall.

Here on Earth, Sister Nancy always dressed so nicely and modestly, but I feel confident that she now is dressed in her white robe over in Glory Land. By that hope she left with us and with the love, meekness, and humble life she displayed, I truly believe that Heaven Sweet Heaven is her home. Sister Nancy, we loved you yesterday, today we miss you, and tomorrow we hope to meet you in a land of everlasting peace and joy. There in that city with no measure of time, in the presence of our Savior we shall continually sing praises to our Heavenly Father.

With Precious Memories,
Brother Hillard Newsome

OBITUARIES

FRIENDS OF THE N.N.S.A.

LACY MARIE BLANTON

Lacy Marie Blanton was born on January 13, 1999, at OSU Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio, and went to be with Jesus, April 25, 2017, at the same OSU Medical Center, making her stay on earth 18 years, 3 months and 12 days. She was born 15 weeks early with many medical problems and has been in and out of different hospitals all her life! Last Tuesday morning, for the very first time, Lacy received a clean bill of health... no more suffering, no more hospitals, no more medicine, no more pain... just peace and joy forever more!



Lacy Marie Blanton

Lacy leaves to mourn her loss, her mom, Angela Blanton of Shelby, Ohio; two grandmothers: Judy F. Thornsberry of Shelby, Ohio; and Chris (Phil) Orcena of Marion, Ohio; one half-sister, Jerica (Wes) Carpenter of Mansfield, Ohio; three aunts: Sandy Blanton of Mansfield, Ohio; Brooke Helton of Deshler, Ohio; Alyson (Damian) Young of Deshler, Ohio; numerous great-aunts and uncles, cousins and friends. Lacy was preceded in death by her dad, Vernon J. Blanton II; her maternal grandpa, Lowell Thornsberry; and paternal grandparents: Vernon and Hazel Blanton; and one uncle, Kenny Blanton of Mansfield, Ohio.

Lacy started life with multiple limitations. The doctors told us she would never walk or talk. God saw fit to strengthen her and with the help of braces and a walker she could go from room to room all by herself! She even learned to communicate with sign language. As the years went by, she was able to lay down the braces and walker and developed verbal language skills.

At age four, Lacy played on Shelby YMCA soccer team. She would say, "Only one rule in soccer - No Hands!" She completed swimming lessons at Shelby YMCA. She enjoyed swimming but did not like diving off the diving board or holding her breath under water! Once she started school, she enjoyed playing with other kids and coming home and telling us what she had learned that day. I remember her coming home from school and telling me that she knew her phone number and saying it correctly. I was so overjoyed that I thought my heart would bust!! She also learned how to ride a bike. The training wheels just got in her way!!

Lacy enjoyed the holidays so much!! Christmas was her very favorite! She loved getting money and always wanted one dollar bills! She looked forward each year to finding a bundle of 50 one dollar bills in her stocking!! Her last three Christmases were spent in the hospital. We took gifts down and enjoyed being with her. This past year, Santa and Mrs. Claus visited Akron Children's Hospital on a day we were there. She was so excited and said, "Nana, can you believe that I got to meet the REAL SANTA CLAUS!!" (With his white hair and long beard, I almost thought he was the real Santa Claus!)

She was a very special gift from God to all of us! We enjoyed her Oh! so much and are so thankful for these 18 years we have been able to keep her!! Lacy and her grandpa, Lowell, enjoyed each other so very much!!

Lacy attended Plymouth-Shiloh Elementary School until 8th grade. Due to her health issues she started online schooling at Goal Digital Academy in Ontario, Ohio. She was a senior and was looking forward to graduation! Due to her being hospitalized, Lacy had been unable to enjoy being in the classroom with her teachers and classmates. We want to thank the School Board of Goal Digital Academy for letting her graduate with her class this year. They presented Lacy's diploma and cap to her mom at the graduation ceremony.

Lacy and her mom truly enjoyed watching scary movies while eating popcorn. Lacy also liked listening to music, playing games on her phone and internet computer games. She was very close to her mom who was always by her side! She never left her in the hospital. "Oh, the love of a mother," Angela, you certainly did prove your love!!

Lacy attended church with her family. She had an amazing amount of faith. She asked for the elders of the Church to lay hands on her several times. Once she told her cousin at the opening of church, "Let's go and have them lay hands on us! It has helped me and it will help you too!!" While she was in Akron Children's Hospital, she called her Uncle Honeybun to come and pray for her and lay hands on her! Once I told her I was on my way to church and was going to put her name on the prayer list! She said, "Nana, ask them to pray for Jesus to come get me! I have suffered enough and have been in enough pain! I just want to go live with Paps!" All her pain is gone now and she will suffer no more!! Just before she died, she told the doctors not to put any tubes in her to keep her alive! Lacy wiped the tears from her Mom's eyes and said, "Don't cry Mom, it will be alright!" "I have seen Heaven and Oh! it is so beautiful!!! I was at Heaven's Gates and Paps and Dad were there and told me I was coming soon! I want to go, please don't try to keep me alive!"

Lacy was very special to all her family! Heaven just gained a very special angel and we have lost a very special friend and family member! We will miss you very much but with God's love and mercy we will see you again. Just go rest now and enjoy being with Paps and Dad until we are all together again!!

Written by Lacy's Nana, Judy Thornsberry and Cousin, Jeannie Gaardsmoe

VIRGIL EMORY FIELDS

April 8, 1942 - November 11, 2016

With a sad and lonely heart I will attempt to write of my dear brother.

'He ain't heavy, he's my brother.' Virgil Emory Fields was born April 11, 1942, to Coleman and Nora (Caudill) Fields in the Base Hospital at Fort Knox, Kentucky. There was no doubt in their minds that he was the greatest and most beautiful baby in the whole world. They named him 'Virgil Emory' after two of their older brothers. Dad finished his tour of service in the Army and moved the family back to Letcher County, Kentucky, to setup residence. Life and times were hard. In two years Emory gained a sister, Millie Colene, two years later another sister, Naomi Faye, was born. Emory took his job as big brother very seriously and loved us and tried to look out for us. We were happy. Mother gained redemption during this time and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Doty Creek. When my brother was about six years old and starting school, tragedy struck, he



Virgil Emory Fields

could not see and was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Dad stayed with us girls and mother took him to a children's hospital in Louisville. There was a doctor (President Eisenhower's physician) who performed a relatively new surgery removing the tumor and then doing radiation therapy-prognosis 50/50. Mother and Dad were told he probably would not live beyond twelve years. They were thankful and hopeful. Meanwhile we had gained another sister, Constance Ann. Times were getting worse, no jobs to be found. In hopes of a better future, the family moved to southwestern Ohio, Dayton area. Tragedy strikes again, another tumor, this time on the other side of his head. Again another separation of the family. He had the same doctor again in Louisville, Kentucky. This time Mom and Dad were told that if he reached adulthood he would never father children due to the radiation. We settled in Franklin, Ohio. Went to school together and enjoyed life. Emory was always our "Big Brother" and was taught to look out for us and take care of his sisters. That was his duty. He liked school, loved to read, to do math and he especially liked history. He was social, liked to play with other children especially our cousins. Mom and Dad were always extremely cautious with him. They had been told the slightest bump on the head could cause a tumor. He grew up to be a kind, loving, and gentle person. Very few times have I ever seen him angry. He gained a brother and was so proud to have a little brother named Coleman Isaac Fields.

He graduated high school, worked in a drug store until he got a job with Delco Moraine, General Motors, from which he retired. Emory met and married his first wife, Bertha Mullins. To this union was born three sons: Paul, who died at birth, George, and Joseph. He adored his sons and considered them to be his greatest achievement in life. He tried to give them a good life and to teach

them the way to go. As they were getting grown, the marriage fell apart. Emory ended up moving back in with Mom and Dad. They vacationed together, went to church and enjoyed each others company, but Emory was still lonely. Then he met the love of his life, Debra, his wife. She gave him a special gift, another son, Michael Maxwell. Mike was young, but accepted Virgil as the best dad ever. Debra made Emory happy. She always took exceptional care of him. He loved her deeply. After he retired and moved to Mansfield, Ohio, he began searching for redemption in earnest. Emory had been raised in the Little Family Church. He had helped to build the Family Church House along with other family members. Mom and Dad took us every weekend to church somewhere near or far. Emory loved to sing the old songs. As mother became an invalid he would come on the weekend and they would sing together all day long. After he moved to Mansfield when he retired, he would call me two or three times a week. Always he would talk of how he was seeking the Lord. He spoke of dreams, of talking with those who had gone before and how they told him to keep praying. He started attending the Little Rebecca Church. Towards the end while he could still talk he would talk of Heaven and I knew he was still praying. Next to the last time I saw him he couldn't talk but he motioned me to his bedside. I hugged him and he smiled his sweet smile and shook his head up and down and I knew that he was telling me that he was alright with God. The sweetest peace flooded my soul. Virgil left his family a special legacy-his loving ways I believe he gained his redemption that he prayed for so long and that he has a better home awaiting.

Written by his loving sister,
Millie Colene (Fields) Stewart

DALLAS JARVIS

In fondest memories but with a sad and broken heart and help from the Good Lord to write the obituary of the most precious, loving, and caring husband, Dallas Jarvis.

Born October 2, 1930, in Clay County, West Virginia, and died April 28, 2015, at Summa Hospital after a long illness. Dallas struggled mightily for the last few years of his life. Never complaining about his situation, he always found a way to be funny. He has found eternal life in Heaven and now the pain is gone. Left behind are the years of the greatest memories anyone could have. He proudly served in the US Army for four years during the Korean Conflict and retired from Akron Standard after 34 years. Dallas really enjoyed being with family and friends. He loved fishing and all the sports. No one will forget his sense of humor.



Dallas Jarvis

He was preceded in death by his Mother, Corinne Hicks; brothers: Charles and Eugene Hicks; sisters: Gladys, Janice Forshy and Glennie Blulens; sisters-in-law: Katheryn and Juanita Robinson; brothers-in-law: Ereille, Carthurst Robinson and Paul Scott; and a special nephew, Jeff Scott. He is survived by his lovely wife of 53 years, Wilma, to whom he had a great and enjoyable life together; son, Greg; daughter, Sandy of Michigan; beautiful grandchildren: Allen and Bobby Jarvis of Akron; Erick, Megan and Katie Jarvis of Michigan; two sisters: Dorothy (Tom) Duncan, Ann (John) Davis. He will be especially missed by his most famous dog, Molly.

We miss you so much and hope and pray to see you in the future place other than this loving Memorial.

My Love, His Loving Wife,
Wilma

Dallas, as you wait for we your loved ones to meet you in that lovely city of eternal rest, we will miss you and trust in God's love to join your company in a land of everlasting peace and joy.

In God's Love,
Brother H. Newsome

MYRTLE MCGLOTHLIN

December 6th, 1931 - June 22nd, 2017

Myrtle McGlothlin (Deel), 85, of Vermilion, Ohio, died Thursday, June 22nd, 2017, at Elmcroft of Lorain, after a lengthy illness.

She was born December 6th, 1931, in Grundy, Virginia, and had been a Vermilion resident for the past 56 years.

Myrtle had worked as a manager for Lawson Milk Co. for 8 years.

She had attended Little Edna Baptist Church, Lorain, and had bowled on the Vermilion Women's Bowling League in her younger years. She enjoyed quilting, gardening, and flowers. She loved cooking, especially for Sunday dinners with family. She also enjoyed spending time with her family and had a special place in her heart for her grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons: Ronnie E. (Jean) McGlothlin of Vermilion; and Tommy C. McGlothlin of Vermilion; grandchildren: Jeffery (Shireen) McGlothlin of San Marcos, California; Daniel (Danielle) McGlothlin of Vermilion; and Alison Young (Greg Holzahauer) of Lorain; great-grandchildren: Sydney Young and Danielle, Azura, Bradley, Andrew, Joshua and Ryan McGlothlin; and her brothers: Clyde Deel of Vermilion; and Gilbert Deel of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed McGlothlin in 2015; parents, Charlie H. and Gracie J. (Dale) Deel; brothers: Benton, Finis and Harrison; and sisters: Orphie, Lottie, Gladys and Lexie.

Her funeral was Saturday, July 1st, 2017, at 2:00 pm at the Riddle Funeral Home in Vermilion with Elder Larry Newsome officiating. Graveside services followed at Maple Grove Cemetery.

May God bless and comfort all of Myrtle's family and friends. She was a pleasure to sit and have a good conversation with. Myrtle loved the Lord, she treasured and loved her family as well.

This tribute was prepared by,
Family and Elder Larry and Patsy Newsome



Myrtle McGlothlin

JAMES NEWSOME

October 7th, 1941 - January 14th, 2017

It is with a sad and broken heart that we must write this obituary of our beloved husband, father and papaw.

James Newsome, age 75, of Elyria, passed away at his home January 14th, 2017, due to a short illness. He was a retiree of the Lorain Assembly Plant, Ford Motor Company, since 2001. He was a loving husband, father, papaw and friend to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Pauline (Reynolds) Newsome; two daughters: Sondra (Mike) Bruce and Lolita (Dave) Watring; son, Greg (Monica) Newsome; seven grandchildren: Amber, Shaun, Craig, Trevor, Alexia, Xander and Logan; siblings: Marlene (Newsome) Howell of Craynor, Kentucky, and Curt Newsome of Greenwich, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

James was preceded in death by his father, Dewey Newsome; mother, Haley (Jones) Newsome; five brothers: Eugene Newsome of Clyde, Ohio, Grady Newsome of Clyde, Ohio, Burnis Newsome of Craynor, Kentucky, Paul Newsome of Teaberry, Kentucky, and Gary Newsome of Craynor, Kentucky; and one sister, Phillis Jean Tackett of Boldman, Kentucky.

With the help of the Lord, we will move forward each day with our lives and be prepared by turning our hearts towards God and making sure we don't reject Jesus. It's a busy, dangerous world; so distracting, that most don't seem to have time to notice the Lord. It's such a comfort for our family to have witnessed James turning and seeking God. He prayed day and night until the Lord relieved him of his burdens. James was not able to speak much the day the Lord called him home.



James Newsome

As he was passing and we were crying, he raised his hand and proclaimed, "I'm good!" We believe he wanted us to be happy, not upset, about his going to be with the Lord.

Yes, our hearts are grieving, but we are comforted in the fact that he is now resting in paradise with Jesus. He loved and treasured us all and we treasured and loved him the same. We are thankful to have so many precious memories. May God bless our family and our good friends who have helped us through our trying times in so many ways.

With much love,
Pauline, Sondra, Lolita, Gregory, and their families

BILLY JACK SCALF

Billy Jack Scalf of Columbus, Ohio, passed away August 15, 2016, at his residents. He was born August 15, 1937. Bill served from 1955-1962 in the United States Army. He married Virgie Rose (Boyd) Scalf on February 20, 1960. They moved from Kentucky to Columbus, Ohio, in 1962 in order for Bill to find work. He worked at Wynder's Chevrolet and Hugh White Chevrolet for five years. Bill then started his own body shop (Scalf's Body Shop). Working out of his home garage, he built his shop into a business that thrived for over 50 years at which time he retired. Bill was well known for his body shop work and friendly attitude toward all who came to their home. Bill loved feeding squirrels, ducks, and his birds that returned to his home year after year. He would sit in his yard for hours watching them eat and play. Bill loved working alongside Virgie in their garden and would can and freeze their vegetables and fruit to have throughout the next year. Bill's fruit trees were so bountiful, he had to brace the limbs to hold them up.



Billy Jack Scalf

A favorite memory was Bill and Virgie's 50th Anniversary party that their children gave them. The event was held at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant, John Glen Airport. Many family and friends attended from all over and it was a wonderful party.

Everyone who entered their home was treated with hospitality. Everyone knew, you never left hungry or without a soda.

Bill was survived by his wife, Virgie Rose Scalf, and children: Steven Scalf of Pickerington; Patricia (Bob) Smith of Johnstown; Thomas (Renee) Webb of Centerburg; grandchildren: Matthew Rohr, Megan (Jon) Yoder, Jeremy (Nicole) Scalf, Courtney Smith, Kaley Webb, Samantha Webb and Mackenzie Webb; great-grandchildren: Brooke, Branden, Brighton, Jaxon, Ezra, Zane and Wesley; two sisters: Margret Wright, and Juanita Collins; and one brother, Dean Scalf all of Stanville, Kentucky.

In addition to his parents, Violet Runyon Scalf and Ervin Scalf, he was preceded in death by three sisters: Jan, Josephine, and Rosie; four brothers: Joe Robert, John, Rollins, and Doc; his father-in-law, Elder Liney Boyd; and mother-in-law, Junie Boyd. He was also preceded in death by their darling grandson, Cody Smith. Cody was Pap Paw's buddy. While they loved watching any sport together, Cody and Bill's favorite was their Kentucky Wildcats. They would sit all day and watch and talk about sports and anything else they had on their minds.

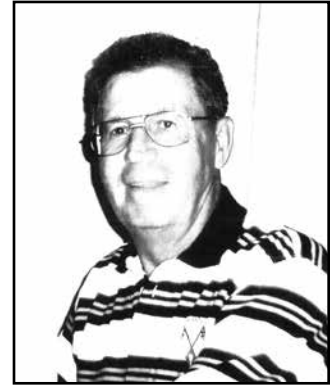
Bill is greatly missed at his home by his family as they always had their special holiday gatherings and birthday parties at their home. The most favorite meal was breakfast gravy and Pap Paw's favorite biscuit bread Kentucky Style.

By his loving wife who misses him greatly,
Virgie Scalf

ALVIN THORNSBERRY

Alvin Thornsberry passed away at the Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Newnan, Georgia, on July 18, 2017, at the age of 75. He was born on June 2, 1942, to the late Joe and Patsy Thornsberry of Knott County, Kentucky.

Alvin was the loving husband of 57 years to Sue (Elliott) Thornsberry and the cherished father of three daughters and two sons: Patty Sentz along with her husband Howard of Luzene, Michigan; Sharon Mizzi of Livonia, Michigan; and Marcus Thornsberry of Bend, Oregon. Alvin was preceded in death by a daughter, Robin Lynn Thornsberry, and a son, Joey Dwayne Thornsberry. Alvin is survived by two brothers and two sisters: Mavis Tackett along with her husband Sol of Newnan, Georgia; Howard Thornsberry along with his wife Mary of Seymour, Tennessee; Mander Lee Thornsberry along with his wife Sandy of Willard, Ohio; and Mable Shepherd of Shelby, Ohio. Alvin was preceded in death by his brother, Dan Thornsberry of Plymouth, Ohio. He also has six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.



Alvin Thornsberry

Alvin retired, after thirty years of dedicated service, from Ford Motor Company. He knew the importance of working hard and instilled that strong work ethic in his children. He was a loving family man that tried his best to live life to the fullest. He was able to travel all across America but most often his travels were to visit family. The best times of his life were spent with his family.

Alvin was an avid sports fan as well as a great athlete. Some of his favorite moments were spent with his brothers and friends playing basketball, softball, horseshoes, and in particular golf. He loved the game of golf.

Alvin was a kind and thoughtful man, often putting others before himself. People that knew him remember him as a great storyteller, one that was quick with a joke. Even during his short illness, lying in that bed and knowing that his time on this Earth was coming to an end, he did his best to comfort those around him with loving words, a quick story, cherished memories, and of course the ever present joke.

We are so grateful and blessed to have heard Alvin say before he passed away that he had made his peace with the Lord, that he wasn't afraid to die, and that he was ready to go "Home." It was the greatest gift he could have given us.

Written by his loving family

ANNA LOU THORNSBERRY

November 18, 1958 - May 20, 2017 (age 58)

When Anna was born in 1958, the doctor told Dad there was a home for kids like Anna. My dad said, "Don't you ever say anything like that again, as long as I'm alive, she has a home." When Anna developed Alzheimer's, people said to me, "There is a home for people like Anna" and I said, "As long as I'm alive, she has a home."

I always admired my parents for putting Anna out there in public, because in the 50's and 60's that just wasn't done.

Mom was in the hospital 10 days when Anna was born because she had a C section. She wasn't told there was anything wrong with Anna until the doctor told her to give Anna some medicine upon discharge. Mom asked what was wrong with her. The doctor said she had Mongolism, she would never talk, never walk, or even be able to sit up... she would be like a dishrag.

Children didn't go to the doctor back then unless they were sick. So years later when mom took us to the doctor, he was examining me, and asked who was that child running all over his office, getting into everything. Mom said, "That's my dishrag, Anna." See, Anna was never told she couldn't run!!



Anna Lou Thornsberry

She ran a lot; she loved to be ornery when she was little. She liked to get people excited. She was nearly impossible to keep up with. One time, my Grandma Mattie was supposed to help me watch Anna as we sat in the car on a hot day with the windows down (that was before air conditioning). It took two people who didn't blink at the same time or she was gone. We blinked. She went out the window; but I saw just a blur of her going into a building in Plymouth. I was probably around seven. I ran up to the building and saw a tall stairway, but no Anna. I was pretty sure that's where she went. As I got to the top of the stairs, there was a door wide open, so I couldn't knock. I peaked inside and saw what I knew to be migrant workers watching TV with those old TV dinners on TV trays. I asked if they saw my sister, but they just looked at me as scared as I felt. They spoke to me in a foreign language and pointed excitedly to another room. Thank goodness they didn't have a back door because there she stood, looking trapped. She liked to run in stores, too. It was always my job to watch her. She liked to hide in the racks. So, I figured out to find her legs under the racks and then just keep yelling for her in the same vicinity so at least she would stay in one place.

She liked to let other things run too and thought it was great fun to let our giant hogs out. Not funny on a state highway and not easy to get back in the pen.

All that running would make her tired, so she would sit in the floor, right there, wherever she was, like a mule. People would have to walk around her. If she was on the run, she'd find a place to sit. You would usually find her in the TV section sitting in their best chair, relaxed and enjoying herself. Or, like the time I took her to a big home improvement store in Cleveland; where there was no furniture, I thought okay... what could she sit on? Oh no! Sure enough I found her sitting on a toilet. I said, "Anna!" She said, "I'm not using it!" She was never one to concern herself with appearances.

Because Anna was always running off, Mom would always say, "Someone is going to kidnap Anna." I would say, "Believe me, they will bring her back in a hurry and we can charge them to take her back."

Speaking of taking back, we often had to go back to stores to return things Anna had stolen. Mom and Dad would get us most anything we wanted. She just enjoyed being sneaky. She returned to this habit when she got Alzheimer's. She would steal doctor's office magazines. I would return them and they would say she could just keep them. I was always afraid she would steal something when we were shopping and they would think I was in on the heist. When she was little, she liked the sound of glass crashing. We tried to only have plastic in our house, but Pepsi only came in bottles back then. Mom would try to hide it, but Anna would always find it. Anna fell on the concrete where she crashed the glasses when she was five. She chipped her two front teeth. They took her to a dentist who, without asking, pulled Anna's front teeth because he expected she wouldn't cooperate to get them capped. They didn't get consent in the 1960's, so that's what set off Anna's dental problems as teeth shifted and she wouldn't wear partials.

She wouldn't wear glasses either, which is why her crossed eyes lead to blindness in one eye as the brain cancelled messages it received.

I was often called upon to be Anna's interpreter as I was the one who could almost always understand what she said.

Another big joy of Anna's life was catching someone asleep and whopping them over the head with something. Cledy can tell you about that. He can tell you about the cats we rescued. She was always putting them in the dryer. She tried to wash them first, but the controls were more complicated. She would rub her hands together and giggle with delight as the cat rolled to visibility in the window.

She liked to throw her shoes out the bus window. Many nights after school, we would have to drive the country roads, following her directions, as she would lead us to exactly where the shoes would be.

She set the house on fire once. She was afraid of the toaster so she used a paper towel to get the toast out and caught the whole roll on fire. I smelled smoke and Dad and I put it out. Anna was found locked in the truck in the attached garage looking terrified. She threw open the door and said, "Get in quick Charlene, the house is on fire!" I said, "No, it isn't." She said, "OH YES IT IS!" See, Mom always put us in a vehicle with rubber tires when there was a storm, drug us out of bed and into a vehicle and locked the doors (in case there was someone lurking in the night who wasn't afraid of lightening).

There were some advantages to having Anna as your sister. Parents would just assume Anna broke everything. So, since Anna didn't get in trouble anyway, I let her take the blame for a few of my transgressions. I figured, hey, she owes me!

I was never told Anna had any sort of condition. She was just Anna! When I was about six, a little girl came to the house with her dad to dig up our septic system. We had a lot of trouble with it because Anna was always flushing all sorts of things down the toilet. The little girl said her dad told her there was something wrong with Anna and asked me what it was. I said, "I don't know, I'll ask my mom." I was worried that she was sick. I ran down the stairs and asked Mom. That's when she told me. I was shocked; I just thought she didn't speak clearly and was stubborn! I ran up the stairs to tell the girl and she asked if there was something wrong with me, too. I said, "I don't know," and ran back downstairs to ask. I still don't think there was anything WRONG with Anna.

One of my favorite stories is about Santa. Our cousin, Lowell, got a snowmobile and a Santa suit. He wanted to give Anna her Christmas presents when she was about 16. I told him there was no way he could fool her. He had a very distinct voice and a southern drawl, not North Pole at all. People didn't get TVs for their own room back then but I begged because Anna sat right in front of the TV and cut the middle out of every show. Anna kept saying, "Oh, Santa, can you put it in my room and Santa, can you hook up my TV and Santa this and Santa that."

After Santa left, I went in her room to watch TV with her. She was chuckling so hard you could see it. I said, "What's so funny?" She said, "Lowell sure looked funny in that suit!" I said, "You knew?!" and she said, "Of course, Santa don't drive no snowmobile!"

I always said her birthday parties were bigger than Christmas. She would open up a card and if it didn't have money in it, she would cast it over her shoulder and say, "It's a dud." But if she liked the present, she'd scream with joy and say, "Somebody up there loves me!" You are all here today because you loved Anna. She loved you all right back and she would want you to know that now, you too can say, **SOMEBODY UP THERE LOVES ME.**

Written by her sister

She is survived by her mother, Thelma Thornsberry of Shelby; a sister and brother-in-law, Charlene and Dr. Vince Trago of Lexington; three nephews: Bredan, Patrick, and Killian Trago; and one niece, Bridget Trago. She was preceded in death by her father, Crawford Thornsberry.

ALLEN WILLIAMS

Allen Williams, age 84, resident of Shelby, Ohio, passed away on Monday, May 22, 2017, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on October 27, 1932, in Floyd County, Kentucky, to the late Silas and Cassie (Moore) Williams. Mr. Williams was a retired employee from the former General Motor Company in Ontario, Ohio. He had attended the Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church in Plymouth, Ohio, and enjoyed fishing, playing ball, and watching the University of Kentucky Wildcats Basketball and the Cleveland Indians. He enjoyed most of all spending time with his family.



Allen Williams

He is survived by his son, Mike (Vonda) Williams of Shelby; four grandchildren: Ryan and Chris Williams, and Sammy and Christy Sides; three great-grandchildren: Ezra, Aleigha and Zoey; three brothers: Delmer Williams of Allen, Kentucky; Amos Williams of Newark, Ohio; and

Howard (Irene) Williams of New London, Ohio; two sisters: Juanita Deppen of New London, Ohio; and Venedith Ratlif of Allen, Kentucky; three sisters-in-law: Mae Williams of New London; Sally Williams of Shelby; and Eva Jean Coburn of Shelby; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his wife, Orena (Ousley) Williams on January 13, 2013; and five brothers: Dennis, Rufford, Ballard, Stallard, and Dingus "Shorty" Williams.

The family

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