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



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**In Session Assembled with  
Rose of Sharon Church  
August 1 through August 3, 2025**

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**Introductory Sermon for 2026: Elder Danny Carty**

**Alternate: Elder Glen Slone**

**Circular Letter: Elder Greg Sowards**

Note: Obituaries are to be typed and double spaced. The cost for including pictures is \$20.00. 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 Wayne Sartin

# REPRINTED ITEMS

Items from 1964, 1965, 1970, 1980, 1982, and 2003 Minutes of the Northern New Salem

- I. 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.
- II. 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.
- III. 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.
- IV. 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.)
- V. Year 1982-Item 13: Moved and second to grant the requests from Antioch, Family of Love, Little Ruth, and Little Rebecca Churches. Concerning omitting item number 13, page 10, year 1967 of the Northern New Salem Association minutes, and adopt item number 17, page 4 of the 1970 minutes of our mother the New Salem Association, which reads as follows: Not to use any man with two living women, (or whose wife has two living men) to preach in the bounds of the Northern New Salem Association and the Moderators to adhere to this advice. An objection was made to this move. A vote was taken, 42 voted in favor of the motion, 21 against, motion carried, request granted.
- VI. 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  
67<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SESSION  
of the  
NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION  
of OLD REGULAR BAPTIST  
CHURCH of JESUS CHRIST  
AUGUST 1-3, 2025

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**Friday, August 1, 2025**

It was a warm and welcoming morning as the brothers and sisters began to gather at the Rose of Sharon Church. After several moments of handshakes, hugs, and heartfelt embraces, the brethren called for a song. **Elder Nathaniel Caudill** of the *Philadelphia* Association began to line “*Brethren, We Have Met Again*”. As the voices of the congregation joined together in this song of Zion, a deep sense of joy filled the house. After a few more songs were sung, our beloved moderator, **Elder Ray Hamilton** came to the stand to offer a heartfelt welcome to all who had assembled for the 67<sup>th</sup> session of our Association.

The alternate **Elder Ishmael Hall** was then called upon to introduce the services. He came to the stand in a humble spirit, saying, “I love the Lord, for He gave me life. I want to please the Lord” (Psalm 116:1; Acts 17:25). He was soon blessed to preach, reminding the congregation that those who come hungering and thirsting after righteousness shall be filled (*Matthew 5:6*). He spoke of longing for a place he had never been (*Hebrews 11:10*), and of the peace that comes from heeding that low, still voice (*1 Kings 19:12*)<sup>1</sup>. “He will tell you what you must do,” he said, “if you are to see a home in heaven” (*Acts 9:6; John 14:2*).

Having been chosen by the delegates at our 2024 session to deliver the Introductory Sermon, **Elder Stephen Slone** then approached the stand, expressing how blessed we are to gather once more in this sacred setting. He reminded us that it takes the Lord to bless all that we do (*Psalm 127:1*), and testified of a God who is ever present—a God who walks with His people (*Deuteronomy 31:6*).

**Elder Slone** was blessed to preach of that faithful God who never forsakes His children. “It is all about Him,” he proclaimed. “It never was about us. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (*Romans 3:23*). “Nothing unclean or impure will enter heaven; therefore, something must be done to us. We must repent and be born again. There is only one way into the kingdom, and that is Jesus” (*Revelation 21:27; John 3:3; Acts 2:38; John 14:6*).

He exhorted us that now is the time to be about our Father's business (*Luke 2:49*). In his closing words, **Elder Slone** urged that all we do should bring honor and glory to God—for He alone is worthy of all things (*1 Corinthians 10:31; Revelation 4:11*).

Those who were not delegates were asked, (by the moderator), to go to the pavilion where the preaching would be conducted. The delegates were advised to assemble in the sanctuary of the Rose of Sharon Church where the business of the Association would begin. The following Elders were chosen to preach in the pavilion:

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<sup>1</sup> Italicized scripture references indicate passages reasonably inferred from the sermon content in this segment of the Northern New Salem Association proceedings, where the specific citation was not explicitly stated by the minister.

Elders:

- (1) James Stacy: *Old Friendship Association*
- (2) Gary Blevins: *Philadelphia Association*.
- (3) Tommy Dials: *Sardis Association*.
- (4) Jimmy Stacy: *Union Association*.
- (5) Deffort Thornsberry: *New Salem Association*.

After gathering in the house and singing one of Zion's songs, **Elder Hobart Hamilton**, *Sardis Association*, was called on to make remarks and **Elder Stoney Blackburn**, *Sardis Association*, led in prayer.

Our beloved Moderator, **Elder Ray Hamilton**, announced that the 67th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now ready to begin the work of the Association.

- a) The Assistant Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed to the Clerk. The letter from the Rose of Sharon Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by **Elder Phillip Beverly** second by **Brother Raymond Henderson** to receive the letters, seat the delegates, and refer all queries and requests to the Committee on Arrangements
- b) The Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist faith organized by electing the following officers to serve the next year. The following Brothers were appointed to take the vote: **Brother Alvin Thornbury** *Sardis Association*, **Elder Charles Blevins** *Union Association*, and **Elder Chuck Hall**, *New Salem Association*

#### Northern New Salem Officers Elected (2025):

Moderator:	<b>Elder Ray Hamilton</b>
Assistant Moderator	<b>Elder Scott Hamilton</b>
Clerk:	<b>Elder Wayne Sartin</b>
Assistant Clerk:	<b>Elder Scott Little</b>

- i. 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 Nathaniel Caudill** – *Philadelphia Association*, **Elder Stoney Blackburn**- *Sardis Association*, and **Elder Estill Hamilton**- *Union Association*. **Elder Joe Gibson** made a motion, second by **Elder Larry Newsome** to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharge them of their duties.
- c) By a motion made by **Elder Glen Slone** second by **Elder Ishmael Hall, Jr.** that the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments, for the remainder of the year.
- d) The Moderator called on the clerks to read the Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and the Articles of Faith. (In compliance with Item 10, Saturday's work 2022 NNSA)
- e) Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union, and one responded.

- a. House of Prayer Church Letter referred to the committee on arrangement and their delegates were given a seat with us. This move was made by **Elder Danny Carty**, and seconded by **Elder Phillip Beverly**
- f) Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence, and the following responded by letter and delegate:
  - i. New Salem-- Represented by the following delegates: *Chuck Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, and Carlos Akers*. The letter was in the hands of Brother Carlos Akers. A motion was made by **Elder Larry Newsome** and second by **Brother Raymond Henderson** to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
  - ii. Union--Represented by the following delegates: *Gerald Akers, Bobby Johnson, Jimmy Stacy, Ray Coleman, Danny Adams, Jeff Dillon, Charles Blevins, Carvil Addington, Estil Hamilton, Lonnie Staton, Estil Nichols, Paul Hall, and Jack Fraley*. The letter in the hand of Brother Bobby Johnson. A motion was made by **Brother Rodney Slone** and second by **Elder William B. Holbrook** to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
  - iii. Philadelphia--Represented by the following delegates: *Dallas Bledsoe Jr., Gary Adkins, Gary Adkins Jr., Clyde P. Lewis, Preston Lewis, Nathaniel Caudill, Darrell Kidd, Scott Adkins, Wayne Caudill, Lee Blevins Jr., Gary Blevins, Lowell Adkins, Matthew Isom, and Timothy Cremeans*. The letter was in the hands of: Elder Nathaniel Caudill A motion was made by **Elder Ishmael Hall Jr.** and second by **Elder Adam Moore** to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
  - iv. Sardis--Represented by the following delegates: *Tommy Dials, Todd Dials, Richard Staton, Stony Blackburn, Hobart Hamilton, Alvin Thornbury, Butler Fletcher, Richie Hale, and Ron Hamilton*. Letter in the hand of Elder Stoney Blackburn. A motion was made by **Brother Jack Dials** and second by **Brother Rodney Slone** to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
  - v. Old Friendship—Represented by the following delegates: *Gary Estep, Edgar Baker Jr., Larry Mullins, Roger Baker, Tarzan Justus, Austin Mullins, Andrew Ford, and James Stacy*. Letter in the hand of Elder Andrew Ford. A motion was made by **Elder Andy Fields** and second by **Elder William B. Holbrook** to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
  - vi. Old Indian Bottom-- Represented by the following delegates: *Travis Lewis and Robbie Cordel*. Letter in the hand of Brother Robbie Cordle. A motion was made by **Elder Sean Hicks** and second by **Elder Danny Carty** to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.



The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of the delegates from the Rose of Sharon Church together with one delegate from each of the other churches, to arrange the ministers for Friday evening and Saturday morning, who reported as follows:

**Friday evening:** Moderator to choose from the elders who were present.

**Saturday morning:** *Elder Todd Dials (Sardis), Elder Matthew Isom (Philadelphia), Elder Tarzan Justus (Old Friendship), Elder Estill Hamilton (Union), and Elder Danny Adams (Union)*

- g) Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and **Elder Ralph Caudill** responded
- h) A motion was made by **Elder Steven Miller**, second by **Brother Doc Johnson** 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.
- i) 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 at the house at 1:30 p.m. Friday.
- j) **Brother Jesse Hicks** made a motion, second by **Elder Nick Hansen** that we, the Northern New Salem Association, adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, August 2, 2025.

### **Saturday, August 2, 2025**

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

As the sanctuary of the Rose of Sharon Church began to fill, you could feel the love and witness the fellowship of those pilgrims who had waited another year to come together at this glorious, old association. Truly you could bear witness to the Savior's love as his spirit flowed among his children.

Services for the morning were introduced by **Elder Tommy Dials** of the Sardis Association. A song was called for and then a humble prayer was offered by the same elder.

In accordance with the standard order of parliamentary procedure, the Northern New Salem Association assembled themselves and began their 2025 working session.

**ITEM 1.** Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.

**ITEM 2.** The Clerk read the Bill of Arrangements. A motion was made by **Brother Rodney Slone** and seconded by **Brother James Wagner** to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.

**ITEM 3.** The Circular Letter written by **Elder Jason Hagerman** for our 2025 session was read. A motion was made by **Elder Scott Little** and seconded by **Brother James Wagner** to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2025 minutes. Objections were called for, and none responded. (Circular Letter on [page 12](#))



**ITEM 4.** The report was presented by the Finance Committee appointed Friday under Item 2(a), consisting of *Elder Nathanel Caudill* of the *Philadelphia Association*, *Elder Stoney Blackburn* of the *Sardis Association*, and *Elder Estill Hamilton* of the *Union Association*. The Clerk of the *Northern New Salem Association* proceeded to read the treasury report:

2025 Church contributions	\$4,125.00
2025 money for pictures	\$200.00
Other contributions	\$0.00
Website Contribution	\$170.40
<b>Total money received for 2025</b>	<b>\$4,495.40</b>

**ITEM 5.** The Moderator called for Treasurer **Elder Wayne Sartin** to give his report as follows:

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>		
<b>A</b>	Balance as of August 1, 2024	\$11,889.50
	2024 Church contributions	\$3,925.00
	2024 Picture money	\$120.00
	Other contributions	\$100.00
	Website Contributions	\$170.40
	<b>Total money on hand as of August 7, 2024</b>	<b>\$16,204.90</b>
<b>Expenses for 2024</b>		
<b>B</b>	Printer's Fee	\$3,769.00
	Secretary's fee	\$0.00
	Postage, UPS Freight	\$645.20
	Supplies	\$0.00
	Website Contributions	\$170.40
	<b>Total Expenses for 2024</b>	<b>\$4,584.60</b>
<b>Summary for 2024</b>		
<b>C</b>	Total of A	\$16,204.90
	Less Total of B	(\$4,584.60)
	<b>Balance as of August 1, 2024</b>	<b>\$11,620.30</b>
<b>Summary for 2025</b>		
<b>D</b>	Total of C	\$11,620.30
	Interest Earned	\$0.20
	Money Received for 2025	\$4,495.40
	<b>Total money on hand as of August 3, 2025</b>	<b>\$16,115.90</b>

Note: Money sent by Sister Churches of the Northern New Salem Association to the Rose of Sharon in helping host the 2025 session: \$8,125.00  
**Brother Raymond Henderson** made a motion, seconded by **Brother Phillip Beverly** to receive the Treasurer's Report.

**ITEM 6.** **Brother Ralph Manual** made a motion, and **Elder Ishmael Hall Jr.** seconded the motion that Elder Wayne Sartin be appointed recording secretary. He is to have 1,325 copies of the 2025 minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$0.00 for his services. The printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.

**ITEM 7.** The brothers were appointed to take the vote for who is to preach the Introductory Sermon: **Elder James Stacy** (*Old Friendship Association*); **Brother Bobby Johnson** (*Union Association*); **Elder Richard Staton** (*Sardis Association*); and who is to write the Circular Letter: **Elder Tommy Dials** (*Sardis Association*); **Elder Andrew Ford** (*Old Friendship Association*); **Brother Alvin Thornbury** (*Sardis Association*) for 2026.

1. By the majority vote of the delegates, **Elder Danny Carty** was chosen to preach the *Introductory Sermon*, **Elder Glen Slone** to be his alternate, and **Elder Greg Sowards** to write the *Circular Letter* for our 68th Annual Session.

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

- Saturday evening: At the discretion of the Moderator depending on who attends.
- Sunday Morning: The officers of the Northern New Salem Association

**ITEM 8.** In compliance with *Item 7 of Friday's work*, we the Northern New Salem Association, agreed to correspond by letter and delegate with the following associations:

- i. **New Salem:** When convened with the host churches at the Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 2025 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: *Scott Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Ishmael Hall Jr., Scott Little, Danny Carty, Wayne Sartin, Eugene Couch, and Larry Newsome.* Elder Scott Little is to carry the letter.
- ii. **Union:** When convened with the host churches and cohost churches at the Association Building, Ashcamp, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 2025 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: *Scott Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Scott Little, Eric Nichols, and Wayne Sartin.* Elder Scott Little is to carry the letter.
- iii. **Philadelphia:** When convened with the host church at the Association Building, at 522 5th Ave., Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2025 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: *Jimmy King, Ray Hamilton, Matthew Jones, Wayne Sartin, Danny Carty, Eugene Couch, Adam Moore, and Harold Hicks.* Elder Danny Carty is to carry the letter.
- iv. **Sardis:** When convened with the host church and cohosting churches at the permanent association building, Varney, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 2025 and the two following days. Delegates to attend: *Scott Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Matthew Jones, Wayne Sartin, Danny Carty, Scott Little, Glen Slone, and Larry Newsome.* Elder Scott Hamilton is to carry the letter.

- v. **Old Friendship:** When convened with the host church and co-host churches at the Panther Creek Church beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2025 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: *Scott Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Wayne Sartin, and Scott Little*. Elder Wayne Sartin is to carry the letter.
- vi. **Old Indian Bottom:** When convened with the host church Terrells Creek Church at the Association Building at the Indian Bottom Church, Cornettsville, KY beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 2025 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: *Ray Hamilton, Danny Carty, and Glen Slone*. Elder Danny Carty is to carry the letter.

**ITEM 9.** Note the request from The Lilly of the Valley Church to remove Brother Sam Hamilton from the list of ordained ministers. A motion was made by **Elder Danny Carty** and a second by **Brother Kenneth Slone**.

**ITEM 10.** Note the reading of the request from the Rose of Sharon Church. The request from the Rose of Sharon Church was read before the body. The content of the request was that the Association engage in an open discussion and, if the Lord is willing, find solutions that may aid in providing more long-term stability for the sustainability of our churches and of the Association as a whole.

After an extended discussion, the moderator asked for a motion and a second to *reject* the request, citing difficulty among the brethren in fully understanding its intent. **Elder Steven Miller** made the motion, and **Brother Doc Johnson** offered the second.

**Elder William B. Holbrook** then objected to the motion and second. A vote was taken, with 16 voting in favor of rejecting the request and 29 voting in favor of accepting it. At this point, **Elder Sean Hicks** expressed concern that there was confusion, noting that both brethren who had moved to reject the request had voted to accept it. **Elder Steven Miller** then rose and clarified that he had done so at the request of the moderator to continue the parliamentary process, and not as an expression of personal conviction. **Elder Sean Hicks** again rose, stating that such actions could create a perception of inconsistency, and that as a family, we ought to deal openly and honestly with one another.

In light of this concern, **Elder Danny Carty** inquired whether the original motion and second might be withdrawn. **Elder Steven Miller** and **Brother Doc Johnson** agreed.

**Elder Danny Carty** then offered a new motion to accept the request from the Rose of Sharon Church, and **Elder Andy Fields** seconded the motion. **Elder Sean Hicks** objected to the motion and second. A second vote was taken, with 29 voting in favor and 15 opposed. *The motion carried.*

This exchange served as a clear reminder of the need not only for structured and prayerful dialogue but also for a spirit of mutual trust and openness when confronting difficult matters. The Association recognized that this moment was more than procedural—it was a call to humility, honesty, and listening one to another in love.

Following the vote, **Elder Ray Hamilton** requested volunteers for this committee to continue throughout the year and have at least one meeting per quarter until the subsequent association meeting. The meeting will be decided by the **Elders Scott Little, Elder Wayne Sartin, and Elder Scott Hamilton**.

The following elders volunteered to serve on the committee:

***Phillip Beverly, Danny Carty, Patrick Deel, Mike Fortner, Joe Gilliam, Jason Hagerman, Justin Hagerman, Scott Hamilton, Scott Little, Steven Miller, and Wayne Sartin***

This committee is to convene at least quarterly and is entrusted to carry forward the spirit of this discussion—prayerfully, thoughtfully, and in the fear of God—with a written report to be presented at the 68th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association<sup>2</sup>.

*We humbly pray that God, the All-Wise and Merciful Father, would grant these elders the wisdom to walk faithfully in this labor. May the same inspiration once given to the Ancient Church be now poured out through the Holy Spirit. May His divine thoughts fill these brethren with holy insight and purpose—those same gifts granted to the elders of old—that this work may contribute to the strengthening and sustaining of our churches, not only within the Northern New Salem Association but throughout the entire Old Regular Baptist family.*

*May all be done for the upbuilding and increase of the visible portion of His Kingdom.*

*For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

- ITEM 11.** Note the request from the House of Prayer letter to turn their letter into the Northern New Salem Association and become a member church in full standing. After a brief discussion concerning the nature of Church Letter from Sister Associations the motion was made by **Brother Rodney Slone** and seconded by **Brother Jaime Tickle**. *The motion carried.*
- ITEM 12.** The request to host the 2026 association from the Little Rebecca Church was read. A motion was made by **Elder Ishmael Hall Jr.** seconded by **Brother Ralph Manuel** to grant the request of the **Little Rebecca Church** and give them the honor. *The motion carried.*
- ITEM 13.** A motion was made by **Brother Kenneth Slone** seconded by **Brother Joe Gilliam** to adjourn to the place and time (8:30 AM, July 31, 2026) mentioned in Item 12 of Saturday's work in the current minutes. *The motion carried.*

The 67th Session was closed out by **Elder Danny Adams** of the Union Association. He closed out the association in an humble prayer.

### **Sunday, August 3, 2025**

As the brothers, sisters, and friends of the Northern New Salem association gathered into the Rose of Sharon Church for this the final day of the association, you could feel the love and witness the smiling faces. Those who had labored hard to host this **Grand Old Association** were gathered for one more day, praying that God would shower down a blessing.

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<sup>2</sup> This report of minutes and proceedings shall be read as the first order of business (Item 10) on Saturday morning, preceding the hearing of any new requests submitted by the churches that year. It shall be entered upon the Bill of Arrangements accordingly.


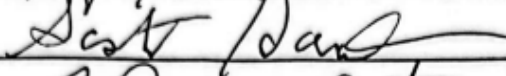
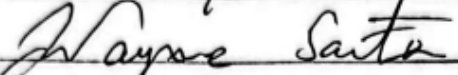
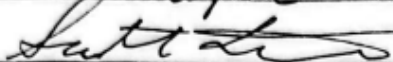
The arrangements were as follows:

1. Elder William B. Holbrook introduced
2. Elder Ishmael Hall held prayer
3. Elder Andy Fields followed
4. Elder Wayne Sartin followed
5. Elder Scott Hamilton followed
6. Elder Ray Hamilton came and closed
7. Elder Patrick Deel dismissed with the laying on of hands  
(Elder Scott Little was unable to attend)

Throughout the services you could feel the sweet spirit flowing among the brethren. As cool water to thirsty soul it brought peace and joy to the close of our association.

*For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring. Isaiah 44:3*

*Done and Signed by the Order of the Association:*

	Elder Ray Hamilton, Moderator
	Elder Scott Hamilton, Assistant Moderator
	Elder Wayne Sartin, Clerk
	Elder Scott Little, Assistant Clerk

# CIRCULAR LETTER 2025

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*Elder Jason Hagerman (Mt. Olive Church)*

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Dearest brethren of the Northern New Salem Association, our beloved correspondence, and to all those that thirst for righteousness. At our last convening of this Grand Old Association, I was chosen to write the Circular Letter for our 67th annual session, for your consideration. The year has truly passed by at such a staggering rate.

Which finds me sitting here amazed how time can get away from us. I understand that our God knows all things and has a purpose for all situations, I place my trust in Him to help me fill the lines of these pages for his glory and for the glory of my savior, Christ Jesus. Much prayer and patience has filled these past months of my life. Along with so many blessings I could never count them all. I've watched seasons come and go. Buildings planned and built. The last of our children married, to begin the next chapter of their lives and the joyful beginning of a new life growing inside another. And now, here I stand before you all, as thankful as a humble servant can be.

I have skimmed over a few of the past brother's letters hoping to gain some inspiration or possibly some motivation as to the depth of where God may lead my thoughts. But at last, those letters however inspiring and however spirit filled, those blessings were what God granted unto them. So now, I sit here with two words ringing ever so steady in my soul. YES LORD. As a regenerated servant, by the blood of our Savior, these two little words resonate so powerful throughout me. YES LORD, I yield to you. YES LORD, I trust you. YES LORD, your will be done. Being able to lay everything in the mighty hands of our God can naturally be a fearful thing. Apostle Paul spoke words of comfort, assurance and strength to Timothy in his epistle to this effect.

*"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless, I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against the day. Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 1:12-13*

When we say, YES LORD, we must believe that he is able to meet us at the very point of our needs. Faithfully, waiting upon him to deliver the blessing as only he can. It might feel like a lifetime that we stand at the precipice overlooking the unknown. Although, to our Savior, who knows what lies beyond the next second, beyond the next minute, hour and day, this is just a twinkle in His eye.

*"But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his spirit: for the spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." 1 Corinthians 2:9-10*

Saying, YES LORD, I know I don't deserve the grace, the blessings, the mercy but I know you are able, sounds so simple when I read these words aloud. Placing them into action is where I have all my problems. YES, God is able, but we are many times lacking in faith, are disobedient in heart and doubters of his ability to deliver. I often think of how Moses must have felt overlooking the waters of the Red Sea as Pharaoh's chariots were within striking distance on the other side of the pillar of the cloud.

*“And Moses said unto the people, fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.” Exodus 14: 13-14*

YES LORD, I will wait upon you. We live in a time where almost everything seems so obtainable and most definitely accessible. Everything is right at our fingertips. Yet, most professionals tell us that men and women are more alone and disconnected now than ever before. In an ever-shrinking world, how can we be so isolated from everything around us? Answer: we are a created vessel made to contain one thing perfectly, Jesus Christ. Saying Yes to the Lord Jesus completes us in every way. Not to just say, “I have a savior”, but to make Him Lord of our lives. Thomas confessed this when he saw Jesus after his resurrection.

*“And Thomas answered and said unto him, my Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed’.*  
John 20:28-29

Saying, yes to my Lord Jesus has been the single most important life changing decision I have ever made. He drew me near to him by His tender love and kindness. He comforted me in my times of pain and suffering. When all others could not, He did. When the season had come full circle and he had helped me lay down all things: pride, possession, family, and lastly my own life, at his feet. He picked me up broken and willing to let Him, the potter, put the pieces of my life back together. Submitting, through a broken heart to his will in my life. Being born again of that uncorruptible seed. Sealed with that precious blood of promise. As we go forth, from this Grand Old Association this year, let us always remember and try to say YES LORD. Letting him guide our footsteps, our speech, our minds, and every aspect of our lives so, that the world would see our lives and come say, YES LORD, to Jesus in theirs. I love each one of you, my brethren. May the peace of our God and Lord Jesus be upon you.

Your unworthy and humble servant Elder  
Jason Hagerman



# 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 8:6, 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:7*

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1: 21, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 2:9, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:23*

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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. We also 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*

## CONSTITUTION of the NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION 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 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 I.** 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 II.** In the letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by Letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

**ARTICLE III.** 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 IV.** The Association when convened shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLE X.** 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 XI.** 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 compensation for his services.

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

**ARTICLE XIV.** 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 XV.** The Association shall have the power for the general union of the Churches.

- 1) To preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches.
- 2) To give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.
- 3) To inquire into the cause of the Churches failing to represent them at any time in the Association.
- 4) To appropriate money contributed by the Churches for the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper.
- 5) To appoint any members, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary.
- 6) They (*the Association*) 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.
- 7) To admit any orderly Minister of our order to a seat with us.
- 8) The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches.

## RULES of DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
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.
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.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.
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.
6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.
8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term of appellation than that of "Brother".
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.
11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Moderator requires.
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.
13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the decorum shall be reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.

## 2025 DELEGATES to the NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Church	Delegates
Little Rebecca	Shane Beverly, Phillip Beverly, and Nick Hansen
Maggie's Home	Danny Prater, Joe Gilliam, and Mike Newsome
Little Flock	Mike Fortner, Greg Sowards, and Henry Davis
Little Ruth	Alfred Deel and Jimmy King
Little Edna	Eric Nichols, Kenneth Slone, and Steve Conley
Little Ida	Doc Johnson, Steven Miller, and Adam Moore
Little Flossie	Sean Hicks, Larry Dixon, and Matthew Jones
Little Pilgrim's Home	Eddie Wallen and Ike Spears
Mt. Olive	Jason Hagerman, Justin Hagerman, and Jesse Hicks
Pleasant View	Rodney Slone, Frank Fortner, and Larry Newsome
Little Family	Earnie Tuttle, Gary Sanders, and Danny Carty
Little Angel	Scott Little, Jaime Tickle, and Jack Dials
Antioch	Wayne Sartin and Eugene Couch
Rose of Sharon	William B. Holbrook, Ishmael Hall, and Ralph Manuel
Lilly of the Valley	Scott Hamilton Jr., Jeff Fish, and Roc Newsome
Little Children's Home	Harvey Tuttle and James Wagner
Family of Love	Patrick Deel, Bobby Cordle, and Larry Williams
Little Melrose	Andy Fields
Eternal Rose	Joe Gibson, Raymond Henderson and Glenn Slone
Little Ellen	Rudy Djordjevich and Jimmy Sowards
House of Prayer	Bill Smith and John Cremeans

# UNION and MEMORIAL MEETINGS

CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026

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*Listed by the Month of the Union Meeting*

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## NOVEMBER 2025

LITTLE MELROSE -- First in November (2025). Glen Slone, Richard Staton, Terry Fuller, James Barney, and Richard Lowe.

Memorial- First in March. Paul D. Moore, Gary Adkins, Scott Hamilton, Richard Lowe, James Barney, and Terry Fuller.

### March

MT. OLIVE -- Fourth in March. Joe Havlik, Wayne Sartin, Dennis Elkins, Lowell Mullins, Nick Hansen, and Joe Gilliam.

Memorial- Fourth in **October**. Ray Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Larry Newsome, Jerry Hall , Estill Hamilton, Glen Slone, Phillip Beverly, and Deffort Thornsberry.

House of Prayer -- First April. Greg Sowards, Johnny Thornsberry, Scott Little, and Nate Caudill.

Memorial First in October. Daniel Newsome, Danny Prater, Matthew Jude, and Danny Carty.

## APRIL

ANTIOCH -- First in April. Jeff Lewis, Preston Lewis, John Lewis, Todd Dials, Johnny Thornsberry, and Matthew Jude

Memorial- First in June. Ben Little, Scott Little, Teddy Honaker, Kerry Ratliff, and Jason Hagerman.

PLEASANT VIEW -- First in April. Roger Hicks, Jeff Dillon, Glen Slone, Joe Gibson, and Ishmael Hall.

Memorial- First in June. Scott Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Stoney Blackburn, Danny Adams, Moderator, and Assistant Moderator.

ETERNAL ROSE -- Second in April. Daniel Newsome, Danny Prater, Joe Gilliam, Phillip Beverly, Steve Slone, and Nick Hanson.

Memorial- Second in June. Glen Slone, Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome, and Home brothers.

ROSE OF SHARON -- Second in April. Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Ralph Slone Jr., Mike Fortner, Adam Moore, Charles Blevins, Bill Blevins, and Stoney Blackburn.

Memorial- Second in October 2025. Ray Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Larry Newsome, Estill Hamilton, Nate Caudill, Danny Carty, and Danny Adams.

**LITTLE EDNA --** Fourth in April. Eddie Wallen, Wayne Sartin, Hargis Tuttle, Evan Hamilton, and Scott Little.

**Memorial-** Fourth in June. Dennis Elkins, Scott Hamilton, Joe Gibson, Glen Slone, Nick Hansen, Moderator, and Assistant Moderator.

## MAY

**LITTLE FLOSSIE --** First in May. Jeff Lewis, John Lewis, Ralph Cloud, Kerry Ratliff, Nate Caudill, and Kevin Blevins.

**Memorial-** First in October 2025. Clyde Lewis, Preston Lewis, Gary Adkins, Darrell Kidd, Gary Blevins, and Scott Adkins.

**LITTLE IDA --** First in May. Ishmael Hall, Patrick Deel, Nick Hanson, Danny Carty, and Nate Caudill.

**Memorial-** First in April. Charles Blevins, Zach Collins, Estill Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Danny Adams, Moderator, and Assistant Moderator.

**MAGGIE'S HOME --** First in May. Joe Gibson, Hargis Tuttle, Phillip Beverly, Glen Slone, and Justin Hagerman.

**Memorial-** First in June. Gary Young, Greg Sowards, Hank Forgey, Mike Fortner, and Jerry Runyon.

**LITTLE RUTH -** Second in May. Sean Hicks, Matthew Isom, Clyde Lewis, Gary Blevins, and Leonard Napier.

**Memorial-** Second in July. Zach Collins, Jeff Lewis, Kerry Ratliff, and Larry Dixon.

**LILY OF THE VALLEY --** Third in May. Wayne Sartin, Danny Adams, Charles Hagerman, and Joe Gibson.

**Memorial-** Third in July. Joe Akers, Joe Havlik, Squire Hamilton, Larry Newsome, and Steve Slone.

**LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME --** Third in May. Clyde Lewis, John Lewis, Buster Hall, and Johnny Thornsberry.

**Memorial-** Third in September 2025. Gary Adkins, Bobby Baker, Zach Collins, Kevin Blevins, and Scott Adkins.

**LITTLE ELLEN -** Third in May. Larry Newsome, Jesse Hicks, Justin Hagerman, Ray Hamilton, Moderator, and Assistant Moderator.

**Memorial-** Third in October 2025. Joe Akers, Joe Havlik, Paul Hall, and Ray Coleman.



## JUNE

**LITTLE FAMILY** -- Second in June. Gary Blevins, Jimmy Stewart, Paul Boggs, Kevin Blevins, Harvey Tuttle, and Larry Dixon.

**Memorial-** Second in October 2025. Jimmy Dale Sanders, Robbie Osborne, Wayne Sartin, Bobby Baker, and Bob Whitaker.

**LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME** - Second in June. Larry Dixon, Billy Miller, Phillip Beverly, Nick Hanson, and Larry Newsome.

**Memorial-** Second in August. Sean Hicks, Steve Slone, Danny Carty, Zachariah Collins, and Steve Miller.

**LITTLE REBECCA** -- Third in June. Nate Caudill, Zach Stewart, Zach Collins, Steve Slone, and Theodore Slone.

**Memorial-** Third in August. Ray Hamilton, Joe Gibson, Deffort Thornsberry, Paul D. Moore, and Home Brothers.

**FAMILY OF LOVE** -- Fourth in June. John Lewis, Billy Miller, Daniel Newsome, Matthew Isom, and Phillip Beverly.

**Memorial-** Fourth in October 2025. Darrell Kidd, Paul Boggs, Gary Blevins, and Sean Hicks.

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## JULY

**LITTLE FLOCK** -- Third in July. Nate Caudill, Scott Little, Ralph Slone Jr., Wayne Sartin, and Richard Staton.

**Memorial-** Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Hobart Hamilton, Gary Blevins, Joe Gibson, Hank Forgey, and Chuck Hall.

**LITTLE ANGEL** -- Fourth in July. Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Stephen Miller, Phillip Beverly, and Wayne Sartin.

**Memorial-** Fourth in March. Larry Newsome, Danny Adams, Robbie Osborne, Greg Sowards, and Nate Caudill.

### 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, KY on Saturday, May 30, 2026. Singing will start at 9:30 am with preaching at 10:00 AM. Any and all are welcome to attend. We especially look forward to the presence of Old Regular Baptist Ministers.

**Chaffins Memorial-** May 24, 2026, 10:00 AM Chaffins Cemetery Four Mile, KY. The family would like everyone to know that the memorial is for all families and their loved ones. All are welcome. Elders Called:

Elders Ralph Cloud, Clyde Lewis, John Lewis, and Preston Lewis. Directions to the cemetery: From Garrett, KY take route 550 towards Mousie. Once you reach the coal trussell at Four Mile take the left up to the cemetery.

**Hicks Memorial-** The Hicks Memorial will take place on the second Saturday of July 2026 at 1141 Gene Street, Grundy, VA. The meeting will be held at 5:00 PM. We want all to feel welcome and invited. No specific Old Regular Baptist ministers called but all are welcome.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

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### LITTLE REBECCA

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Elder Lon Beverly	1122 Sandusky St. Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-1144
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 Glen Slone	4030 State Rt. 598 Crestline, OH 44825	419-564-3582
Elder Nick Hansen	1430 County Road 1475 Ashland, OH 44805	502-500-4587

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### MAGGIE'S HOME

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Elder Donald Mullins	6157 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946
Elder Daniel Newsome	35010 Buckrun Rd., Langsville, OH 45741	740-988-7512
Elder Danny Prater	61147 Locker Plant Rd. McArthur, OH 45651	740-596-2058
Elder Joe Gilliam	19323 State 160 Vinton, OH 45686	740-612-9302

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### LITTLE FLOCK

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Elder Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd., Thurman, OH 45685	740-710-6167
Elder Mike Fortner	2476 Centerpoint Rd., Oak Hill, OH 45656	614-296-6658
Elder Greg Sowards	12942 St. Rt. 220, Waverly, OH 45690	740-289-4771

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### LITTLE RUTH

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Elder Don Lawson	204 <u>2nd</u> St., Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	740-468-6100
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### LITTLE EDNA

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Elder Stephen Slone	1311 Jobey Tr. Geneva, OH 44041	440-574-1740
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## **LITTLE IDA**

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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 St., Brownstown, MI 48174	734-771-8662
Elder Adam Moore	5375 Barbara Ave., Trenton, MI 48183	502-612-3410

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## **LITTLE FLOSSIE**

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Elder Zachariah Collins	5313 E 850 N Kendallville, IN 46755	419-439-2610
Elder Larry Dixon	1342 Knoll Creek Dr. Kendallville, IN 47655	260-347-8082
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 Morris Wicker	5510 E. 1150 N., Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-318-2998

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## **LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME**

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

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Elder Jason Hagerman	19950 CR. 146, New Paris, IN 46553	260-894-1885
Elder Justin Hagerman	1907 Lincolnway South, Ligonier IN 46767	260-215-2272

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## **PLEASANT VIEW**

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Elder Larry Newsome	2216 Brownhelm Station Rd., Vermilion, OH 44089	440-574-9390
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## **LITTLE FAMILY**

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None

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## **LITTLE ANGEL**

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Elder Scott Little	13409 Appleton Terrace, Pickerington, OH 43147	740-804-6615
Elder Bill Smith	11937 St. Rt. 736, Marysville, OH 43040	937-642-4106

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## **ANTIOCH**

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Elder Hillard Newsome	10708 Marceitta Ct. Louisville, KY 40291	502-424-0411
Elder Wayne Sartin	1613 South 4 <sup>th</sup> St., Louisville, KY 40208	502-645-2690
Elder Terry Hall	120 High Street Apt. A Wilmore, KY 40390	859-552-5155

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## **ROSE OF SHARON**

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Elder Ray Hamilton	5040 Carlton-S. Rockwood Rd., S. Rockwood, MI 48179	734-250-1416
Elder William B. Holbrook, Jr.	13388 Parkway Blvd, Carleton, MI 48117	734-654-6883
Elder Andy Fields	414 SE 72 <sup>nd</sup> Street Starke, FL 32091	517-215-0097
Elder Ishmael Hall	1327 Heritage Ct. Grass Lake, MI 49240	606-548-0254

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## **LILY OF THE VALLEY**

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Elder Evan Hamilton	5801 Washington Blvd, Ashtabula, OH 44048	440-992-9359
Elder Scott Hamilton	4760 N. Ridge E., Geneva, OH 44041	440-466-7053

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## **LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME**

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None

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## **FAMILY OF LOVE**

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Elder Patrick Deel	1202 Old Pond Dr. Marion, OH 43302	937-209-1865
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## **LITTLE MELROSE**

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Elder Doug McCarty	6803 Fern Creek Way, Key Stone Hts., FL 32656	352-473-3424
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## **ETERNAL ROSE**

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Elder Joseph Gibson	1838 Lyons Rd., Willard, OH 44890	419-706-2321
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Elder Hargis Tuttle	4494 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-839-5113
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## **LITTLE ELLEN**

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Elder Charles Hagerman	830 Cedar Street, Waterloo, IN 46793	260-318-1362
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Elder Lowell Mullins	1165 Oak Ridge Dr., Manteno, IL 60950	815-468-1532
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## **HOUSE OF PRAYER**

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None

## CLERKS and THEIR ADDRESSES

Church	Clerk	Address	City, State Zip	Phone Number
Little Rebecca	Nick Hansen	1430 County Rd 1475	Ashland, OH 44805	(502) 500-4587
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	Steve Conley	11110 Humm Rd	Berlin Hts., OH 44814	(734) 771-8662
Little Ida	Steven Miller	19363 Buck Ave.	Brownstown Twp. MI 48174	(734) 246-0769
Little Flossie	Matthew Jones	W 500 S	Wabash, IN 46992	(260) 563-5596
Little Pilgrim's Home	Ike Spears	2E 2 <sup>nd</sup> St	North Fairfield, OH 44855	(567) 805-4161
Mt. Olive	Jeremy Hagerman	4302 N 750 W.	Ligonier, IN 46767	(260) 348-8697
Pleasant View	Steve Conley	11110 Humm Rd.	Berlin Hts., OH 44814	(419) 370-1220
Little Family	Gary Sanders	4411 Dana Dr	Franklin, OH 45005	(937) 550-9402
Little Angel	Jack Dials	451 Pineland Ct	Columbus, OH 43223	(614) 595-3388
Antioch	Melvin Adams, Jr.	301 Arrow Head Lane	Shepherdsville, KY 40165	(502) 777-2171



Rose of Sharon	William B Holbrook	13388 Parkway Blvd	Carleton, MI 48177	(734) 654-6883
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
Family of Love	Jimmy King	2186 TWP Rd 165	Cardington, OH 43315	740) 833-5273
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
House of Prayer	John Cremeans	3579 Kelly Marie Way	Franlin, OH 45005	(719)306-7930

## CHURCH MODERATORS AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

Church	Moderator	Assistant Moderator
Little Rebecca	Danny Carty	Phillip Beverly
Maggie's Home	Donald Mullins	Daniel Newsome
Little Flock	Hank Forgey	Mike Fortner
Little Ruth	Don Lawson	Patrick Deel
Little Edna	Stephen Slone	Larry Newsome
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill	Billy Miller
Little Flossie	Sean Hicks	Zach Collins
Little Pilgrim's Home	Eddie Wallen	Phillip Beverly
Mt. Olive	Jason Hagerman	Justin Hagerman
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome	Dennis Elkins
Little Family	Danny Carty	Bill Smith
Little Angel	Danny Carty	Bill Smith
Antioch	Hillard Newsome	Wayne Sartin
Rose of Sharon	Ray Hamilton	William B. Holbrook, Jr.
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton	Evan Hamilton
Little Children's Home	Harvey Tuttle	(None)
Family of Love	Patrick Deel	(None)
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty	John M. Elkins
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle	Joseph Gibson
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins	Jason Hagerman
House of Prayer	Bill Smith	(None)

## CHURCH ADDRESSES

### (911 Addresses for Churches)

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 Rd. Rte 1	Ray, Ohio 45672
Little Ruth	3521 County Rd.	Marengo, Ohio 43334
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain, Ohio 44055
Little Ida	4060 Drennan Street	Ecorse, Michigan 48229
Little Flossie	159 W. Greenwood. Dr	Kendallville, Indiana 46755
Little Pilgrim's Home	1487 U.S. Rt. 224 East, Ph. 419-524-8514	Greenwich, Ohio 44837
Mt. Olive	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 Rd. Ph. 313-379-4870	South Rockwood, Michigan 48179
Lily of the Valley	Route 534—600 Kiwanis Pk. Dr	Geneva Ohio 44041
Little Children's Home	18125 Stone Church Rd.	Laurel, Indiana 47024
Family of Love	18061 S.R. 231 (Wyandotte)	Nevada, Ohio 44849
Little Melrose	201 Pearl St.	Melrose, Florida 32666
Eternal Rose	14061 Township Rd. 215	Lakeville, Ohio 44638
Little Ellen	IL 50, W. 115 <sup>th</sup> , Rt. On Lawler, Left 11200 S. Avon	Alsip , Illinois 60803
House of Prayer	1220 Wallaby Drive	Beavercreek, Ohio 45432

## 2025 STATISTICAL TABLE

2025	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time		Communion Time	Contributions
Little Rebecca	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	23	(-)	3-MO	July	\$ 325
Maggie's Home	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	18	(-)	1-M	July	75
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	11	(-)	3-MO	Aug	250
Little Ruth	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	(-)	2-M	June	25
Little Edna	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	(-)	4-M	May	100
Little Ida	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	23	(-)	1-M	June	200
Little Flossie	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	4:00 P.M..	1-EO	June	250
Little Pilgrim's Home	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	(-)	2-M	July	50
Mt. Olive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	4:00 P.M.	4-E	April	450
Pleasant View	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	22	(-)	1-M	May	250
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2:00 P.M.	2-EO	July	300
Little Angel	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	14	(-)	4-MO	Aug	100
Antioch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	(-)	1-M	Oct	425
Rose Of Sharon	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	20	(-)	2-MO	May	400
Lily of the Valley	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	18	(-)	3-M	June	200
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2:00 P.M.	3-E	July	200
Family of Love	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	2:00 P.M.	4-E	July	50
Little Melrose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	(-)	1-M	Jan	200
Eternal Rose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4:00 P.M.	2-E	Aug	75
Little Ellen	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	4:00 P.M.	3-E	June	100
House of Prayer	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	(-)	1-M	June	100
Grand Total	7	1	0	2	2	5	16	259				
									2025 Church Contributions		\$ 4,125	
									2025 Money for Pictures		200	
									Other Contributions			
									Grand Total for Contributions		\$ 4,325	
	M--Saturday morning services											
	E--Saturday evening services											
	O--Odd Sunday											

# OBITUARIES

## MEMBERS

### Sister Dianne Thuemling Anderson

**April 19,1952- December 2, 2024**



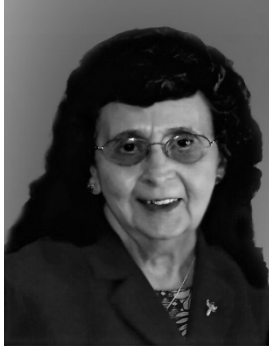
Dianne Thuemling Anderson age 72, passed away after a brief illness on December 2nd, 2024 at the Cleveland Clinic. She was born April 19, 1952, in Lakewood, Ohio. She was an active member of Little Edna Old Regular Baptist Church in Sheffield Township and a graduate of North Olmstead High School in 1970. She lived most of her life in Lorain and spent her childhood in Cleveland & North Olmstead. Dianne made every occasion special for her friends and family. She loved to cook and was very talented with crafts and making everything beautiful. She had such an amazing and giving heart. She was especially good friends with everyone at George's restaurant where she spent a lot of her time. She had various jobs and talents throughout her life before retirement.

Left to mourn her death are her daughters Kimberly Anderson (Marshall Stull) of Lorain and Angie Anderson (Al Greiner) of Lorain, and her son Kenneth Anderson of Elyria. She had four grandchildren: Zachary (Abbey) Anderson of Elyria, Savannah Anderson of Fort Wayne, IN, Brittney Groselj of Sheffield Township and Kenneth Joseph Ty Groselj of Sheffield Township. She had one great grandson, Arsie Thompson III, better known as "Junebug." Also mourning is her loving sister Shirley (Alvin) Turner of Elyria, nieces Michelle (Daniel) Treers and Anita Turner, nephews Eddie (Dawn) Turner, Tony (Jeanette) Turner, George (Lisa) Turner, Alvin Jr. (Katie) Turner and Michael (Andrea) Turner.

She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth Anderson whom which loved and adored. Still mourning his passing, her heart was broken. She was also preceded in death by her first husband Stephen Thuemling, parents Edward J. Smith & Helen L. (Renick) Smith, sister Janice Smith and step-mother Milada Smith.

# Sister Dona Mageline Adkins

December 21, 1928- May 2, 2025



In the head of a “holler” in the backhills of Pike County, Kentucky, a beautiful baby girl was born to Sherman Edgar Ray and his wife, Iloma Rilda Justice Ray. They named their firstborn Dona Mageline Ray. Dona was the first, and three more children followed; Gene Edward, Opal Irene and Billy Ballard. Mom was born December 21, 1928. She was delivered by her grandma, Nancy Ray, who was a mid-wife. Mom left this world on May 2, 2025 at the age of 96 years old, right into the arms of Jesus. Isn't God good! What a generous life and then an eternity with Him to boot!

Dona caught the eye of her beloved, Noah Bert Adkins, in Pikeville, Kentucky in 1943 and they wrote letters to each other and courted until they decided to marry two years after they met. They were married July 23, 1945 and lived together 68 years. Their union was blessed with two children, Ronnie Lee Adkins and Valerie Ann Adkins. Ronnie met the love of his life, Dolores Lorene Hamilton and they were married and had a family of their own, which was blessed with three children, Ronnie Lee Adkins, Jr. (Mary Hernandez), Melissa Sue (Mark Kochanoski) and Jennifer Marie (James DelVero II). Valerie married her childhood sweetheart, Kevin Mitchell, and they have one child, Jessica Rose Mitchell.

Mom was able to cherish 11 great-grandkids and 4 great-great-grandkids! Seeing the kids was the highlight of her life, other than going to church. She was able to enjoy going to God's house almost to the very end. Her determination to get there and the power she put into it puts us to shame because we take it so lightly that we get to go to God's house.

Mom was a master homemaker who was a hard worker. She didn't stop from daylight until the mosquitoes came out at dusk. She cleaned and sewed and gardened and canned. It was a rare occasion when you could get her to actually sit for a second and watch T.V. with the family. She'd say she was watching, but it was from the kitchen sink, where she was finishing up the supper dishes.

Dona said that she truly believed that she was saved in her early teens, but she didn't join a church until she was 30 years old and living in Michigan. She joined the Little Ida Church in Ecorse, Michigan on March 27, 1959. Dad said he remembered the snow and ice in the Huron River as Sid and Roy Hudson baptized mom. Later, she moved her letter to Rose of Sharon Old Regular Baptist Church when it was established near her home in Carleton. It may sound strange to some that mom talked about “being saved”. It's not so strange at all. If you open a Bible and read St. John chapter 3, you'll have the story about being born again or otherwise called, being saved.

*Romans 10:9 “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”*

Since mom left such a clear testimony of her salvation, I don't have to worry or wonder where she is. I'm thankful. See you soon, Mom.

Written by her thankful daughter: Valerie (Adkins) Mitchell

# Brother Gary Gene Beverly

July 17, 1959-November 9, 2024



Gary Gene Beverly, age 65, of Willard, Ohio passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at Willard Mercy Hospital. He was born on July 17, 1959, in Willard, Ohio to the late Landis and Anneta (Vanderpool) Beverly. Gary was an active member of the Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and being out in the nature.

He is survived by his wife, Lake Louise (Smith) Beverly; 5 children, Ashley (Bobby) Johnson of Willard, Jessica Bays of Greenwich, Tyler (Megan) Bisignano of Willard, Emma Beverly of Sandusky and Cody Beverly of Willard; 20 grandchildren, Austin, Jayden, Jasmine, Eve, Keegan, Parker, Clayton, Nhaya, Zithyn, Maxdan, Lexus, Mercedes, Abree, Aleah, Layla, Dominic, Maddison, Jace, Bentley and Kameron; 3 great grandchildren, Oliver, Brayden and Brooklyn; 4 siblings, Bob Beverly of Willard, Darlene (Steve) Kerby of Willard, Debbie Vanderpool of Willard and Tammy (Dan) Papai of Wellington; along with several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Amber Beverly and great grandson, Colson Hanson.

Gary grew up in North Fairfield and graduated South Central High in 1978. He was married to the love of his life, Lake, sharing 38 years together raising and loving children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. They will all miss him greatly. He was employed at Lakepark Industries for over 30 years where he made many friends. Gary was a member of the Little Rebecca Church for 22 years but a member of the Old Regular Baptists for even longer than that. Gary was a people person and great conversationalist. He enjoyed talking to people and often times wonderfully blessed to speak about life and the goodness of the Lord. He had a contagious smile, a hearty laugh and was constantly joking and having fun with those he loved. He always had a story to tell or a memory to share. You knew when you were around him that you were loved because you could feel it radiating from him. He had nicknames for a lot of people in the family which is how he often greeted you. He was a man of strength but also gifted in connecting with you when you needed guidance and tender loving care. He loved his wife and family very dearly, speaking of them often and would have done anything in the world for them.

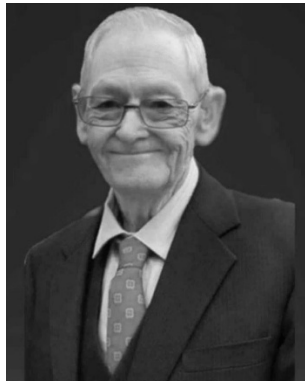
Gary loved his God and wanted others to experience the salvation that he discovered many years ago. He would often describe that God fulfilled a void in his life and he wanted everyone to go to Heaven because God born him of a love for humanity. He wanted to peacefully live his life in a way that those around him could see the good things and miracles that God has done for him. In Matthew 5:16 it states *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven"*. Although it may appear that his light has burned out know that his light will forever burn in your hearts with the love and memories you shared with Gary. He is at peace resting from his labors of his life. He fell into the loving arms of his personal savior Jesus Christ to live forever in his eternal heavenly home. For Jesus said in John 11:25-26 *"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."*

It was an honor and great privilege to share the time we spent together. You were a lot of things to a lot of people but to me you were a wonderful uncle, a brother in Christ and my beloved friend

Written by Nick Hansen your Brother in Christ, nephew and friend

## Brother Billy Noel Brickey

July 15, 1946-December 2, 2024



Billy Noel Brickey, age 78, of Xenia, Ohio went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday December 2, 2024. He was born on July 15, 1946 near Sandy Hook, Kentucky.

Bill survived by his wife of 15 years, Mary, of Xenia, Ohio. One Sister: Ruby Walton (Dave) of Xenia, Ohio. One brother: Tim Brickey (Debbie) of Xenia, Ohio. Two sons: Randy Brickey (Donna) of Belle Fourche, South Dakota; and Rodney Brickey (Lisa) of Dayton, Ohio. One daughter: Jennifer Brickey of Xenia, Ohio. Two stepdaughters: Joetta Garberich (Mike) of Springfield, Ohio; and Holly Henderson (Rick) of Xenia, Ohio. Fifteen grandchildren: Greg Brickey (Sharayah), Larisa Brickey-Harris (Tyler), Lauren Brickey-Greer, Austin Skeeters, Brooklyn Brickey, Bentley Brickey, Aaron Hall Jr., Lauryn Nichols (Deric), Mikayla Garberich-Johnson (Brett), Alyssa Garberich (Zach), Mikynna Garberich, Sterling Henderson, Shelbie Azbill, Hailey Petkewitz, Joseph Petkewitz. Thirteen great grandchildren: Emma, Anika, John, Connor, Avya, Tate, Saylor, Linkon, Mabel, Marci, Roman, Amani, Journi and by many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents William Brickey and Lenora Brickey Wilson Garman; his brother Lowell Brickey; and his first wife of 43 years, Flora Brickey.

Bill enjoyed spending time with his family and loved his many animals. He enjoyed working in his garden and garage, spending time outdoors, loving his grandchildren, and going to church. He retired from General Motors Truck and Bus plant as a millwright welder.



# Sister Ellaree Vanderpool Collins

August 20, 1932-November 14, 2024



It is with much sadness and broken hearts that we will try to write the obituary of our beloved Mother, Ellaree Collins. Ellaree age 92, passed away Thursday evening November 14, 2024 while in hospice care at Marion General Hospital, Marion Ohio. A few days before her passing she told her Doctor, she was ready to go home, the Doctor replied her surgery went well and she should be able to be released to go home soon. She was quick to explain, "that wasn't the home she was talking about". She was born August 20th 1932, to Newton and Ethel (Lawson) Vanderpool. She was married to Eurmlee Collins in 1950 and they were blessed to share 67 years together. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church April 1961, Mom dearly loved the church and in the 64 years as a member never wavered in her faith and belief in God.

She is survived by her two sons and their wives, Randy and Susie of Scottsdale AZ, Rick and Rhonda of Marion Ohio. Two Granddaughters, Kelli Collins and Ashley Volk and her husband Bryce. Two brothers, Roy and his wife Diana of Willard, OH and Larry Vanderpool of VA. Two sisters, Susie Vanderpool of Willard and Joanne and her husband Charles Nickles of Plymouth OH, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Eurmlee, her parents, Newton and Ethel Vanderpool, 5 brothers, Bobby Jay, Bill, Jim, Don, Raymond, and her Granddaughter Joy Lynn Collins.

Ellaree retired after 35 year from the Pioneer Balloon Company in Willard Ohio. After retirement, Mom and Dad spent many winters at their Florida home until their age prevented them from making the drive.

We have been blessed to travel all over the country with Mom and Dad, starting when we were young boys and continuing that tradition even after we were grown with families. For the past 7 years after dad's passing, we would talk with mom every day and most days multiple times, no matter if we were home or in a different state, and many times from a different country, just talking about the days events but mostly the conversations were very simply: "Just checking in, is everything ok, I love you

A special thanks to all who visited her at her assisted living home in Marion Ohio, Brother Patrick Deel you were so good to visit her, she thought the world of you. A very special thank you to Roy and DI for the many trips you made to visit Mom even as you were dealing with your own health issues. Mom was so excited to see you and would tell us all about the fresh goodies you baked for her. To Rhonda and her sister Vickie Martin, your dedication visiting every week to help mom with personal needs, chauffeuring her to appointments, and just being there for her meant the world to her, as it did her sons.

We knew she was in good hands. We also want to thank the special friends at Wyndmoor assisted living, you looked after mom daily, often going above and beyond just to show how you cared so much for her.

Ashley (Missy), you share your grandmothers love for cooking. She so enjoyed sharing her recipes with you and often commenting how you are the next family baker, taking over and replacing her cake baking for the family birthdays. She loved your brownies, and so loved spending time with you. When the nurse asked her if there was anything she could get her, she replied she wanted Ashley's brownies.

Mom, you were always available for truth, guidance, and advise, and even though we will so deeply miss hearing that voice every day, there is comfort knowing you are in a better place and no longer in pain

Your loving Sons  
Rick & Randy Collins

### **Made with Love**

"Food is love made visible", and oh did we ever live by this. I know I still do and I hope I always will. Have you ever really looked at an old recipe card and wondered why it looks so tattered? I believe they look that way because they are more than just a collection of ideas. They are treasures of memories and love. The worn edges, stains, faded words and worn spots tell the stories of moments spent together in the kitchen. I know I have many fond memories of Grammy and I, baking together. Being with her in the kitchen wasn't just about creating something delicious; it was about sharing secrets, having heart to heart talks, reminiscing, and usually uncontrollable fits of giggles. What I wouldn't give for one more of those flour-dusted moments. Flour always seemed to have a mind of it's own when we were together. My heart aches that those times are now just memories, but even in my sorrow, I feel a sense of gratitude and thankfulness for her timeless wisdom and unconditional love. I have also realized that in those memories, held within those tattered pages, Grammy has given me a place I can always visit when I need to. I imagine I'll be there a lot, rolling up my sleeves, ready to work. I can still hear her voice, promising that our bond will live on in the recipes, stories, and flour-covered memories we made together.

Your loving granddaughter,

Missy

# Sister Vonda Lou (Keene) Collins

November 1, 1946-June 9, 2025



Vonda Lou (Keene) Collins, age 78, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 9, 2025, after her journey with Alzheimer's disease. Even as her memory faded, her smile remained, gentle, warm, and full of the love she always carried for those around her. Her kindness, compassion, and nurturing spirit stayed with her until the very end. Born in Floyd County, Kentucky, on November 1, 1946, to the late Viril and Inias (Hamilton) Keene, Vonda was a true example of Christian grace and strength. On January 8, 1964, she married the love of her life, Amos Collins. She was a faithful member of the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church in Litchfield, OH.

Vonda was a devoted wife, mother, Mamaw, sister, aunt, and friend. As a housewife, she made it her life's work to take care of her family not just in the daily routines, but in the way she loved deeply and gave endlessly. She loved God with all her heart, and her faith was a quiet, steady presence in her life. She lived her values every day in how she treated people, listened, and showed up, time and time again, for those she loved. She showed her love most clearly through cooking. Her kitchen was the heart of the home, and she made everyone feel welcome at her table. Her food always came with love, whether it was her biscuits and gravy, a perfectly golden grilled cheese, or deviled eggs.

Her loving children survive Vonda: Angie Isaac of Bucyrus, Rodney Collins of Seville, Ohio, Missy (Carlos) Gutierrez of Willard, Ohio, and her niece, whom she raised as her own daughter, Christie (Chad) Stevens of Willard, Ohio. She also leaves behind two sisters, Christine (Carrel) Beverly of Plymouth and Debbie (Phillip) Terry of Willard, and two brothers, Kent (Bobbie) Keene of New Haven and Shannon (Melody) Keene of Shelby. Her legacy lives on in her 13 grandchildren: Taylor, Katie (Solomon), Seth, David, Jonathan, Rebekah, Trevor, Olyvia, Darius, Gavin, Raylynn, Zarian, and Xavier and in her three great-grandchildren, Delilah, Milena, and Jasper, who will grow up hearing stories about the gentle soul who loved them so deeply. Page

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Amos Collins, her daughter-in-law, Carman Collins, and her brothers, Eddie and Duane Keene. Vonda's life was one of quiet strength, unwavering love, and gentle faith. She made the world better simply by being in it, and her absence will be felt deeply by all who knew her.

# Sister Jewel (Hamilton) Franks

February 13, 1935-June 9, 2025



It is with a sad and broken heart that we write the obituary of our mother, Jewel (Hamilton) Franks. Mom went peacefully to her heavenly home on Saturday, April 26, with family by her side. Jewel was born on February 13, 1935, in Pike County, Kentucky to Anthony and Lovel Hamilton. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 55 years, Sammy Lee, one infant son, Elbert Ray, her parents, sister, Rubel, and brothers, Roy, Robert, and Russell. Jewel leaves behind two sons, Dennis (Gail) and Michael (Lori) and their children: Jason (Chris), Stacy (Levi), Lee, Zachary (Brittany), Nathan, Edna Nicole (Austin). StepGrandchildren; Grant (Alex), Matt, Jeremy, Zachary (Madison). Great grandchildren; Ashton, Addy, Alice, Lillie, Lorelai, and Reagan. Step Great-grandchildren; Ellen (Garrett), Gracie (Davis), and Jackson. One brother, Ray (Carlene), and one sister Dallie (Hank) as well as many nieces and nephews. Mom's faith and loving personality had the unique ability to have a profoundly positive effect on everyone she met. Neighbors, former co-workers, and friends from places she has lived, Trenton, Vinton, Grove City, and Circleville will cherish her memory. She was a devoted member of the Old Regular Baptist faith for over 65 years and member of Little Flock in Ray, Ohio. She and her husband, Elder Sam Franks, often attended Little Pearl, Rose of Sharon, Little Angel, Little Tavie, Maggie's Home, Little Ettie, Little Ida, and South Fork. Outside the home she was employed as a school secretary at Buckeye Hills Career Center, and the Gibraltar school district. She was an avid reader, a wonderful cook, and a skilled cake decorator. Mom was such a bright light to everyone she was around. She possessed a servant's heart and felt joy when serving others. She cherished our family, and her love was the glue that held us all together. As we reflect on mom, we realize that it was her boundless love and selflessness that was so apparent to all who came to know her. She was quick to forgive and always looked for the best in others. She, alone, could not have been an example that she was to others. Her life was guided by the Holy Spirit, and our Lord was her constant companion. Jewel was known as Grammy, Aunt Jewel, Sister Jewel, or just Mom. Regardless of the name, she was loved dearly and will be missed greatly by all.

Written by her sons,

Dennis & Michael Franks

## Brother Charles E. Hamilton

**September 28, 1935 – December 3, 2024**



Charles E. Hamilton, age 89, of Lorain, died Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at his residence following a short illness.

He was born to the late German and Sarah Hamilton on September 28, 1935, in Teaberry, Kentucky.

Charles's journey to Lorain began in 1958, when he joined the Lorain Ford Assembly Plant. His dedication and hard work led to a transfer to the Avon Lake assembly plant, where he continued to contribute until his retirement in 1990, marking 30 years of service.

He was a 60-year member and Deacon of Little Edna Old Regular Baptist Church in Sheffield Township, and a United Auto Workers Union Local 2000 member.

Charles had a passion for collecting antique watches and jewelry, a hobby that brought him joy and satisfaction.

Surviving are his sons, Leslie K. Hamilton of Lorain and Wendel Hamilton of Huntington, WV; a daughter, Sheila Lowe of Lorain; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Jonas Hamilton of South Amherst; and sisters, Marybel Bradley of Lorain and Mindy Faye Hamilton of Dorton, KY.

Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, Darlene Hamilton, in 1994; grandson, Ryan Hamilton; and siblings, Lumie Hamilton, Betsy Howell, Myrtle Bentley, Sie B. Hamilton, and Ermel Hamilton.

## Sister Dana Marie Homister

**July 16, 1940 - December 14, 2024**



Our sweet sister in the Lord passed away with her loving children by her side, with many coming to visit her in her last months and days she had on Earth. She's gone to join her loved ones in the Heavenly home she longed so much to go to. Dana moved to Rome City, Indiana in 1952 as a young girl and lived in that area while starting her life with all her family. She was a homemaker, a babysitter to many of her grandchildren, and a prayer warrior. She gave her life to Christ in August 1976, living the Christian life for 49 years. She loved her family very much. Her children took care of her in her later years, taking turns to help her daughter, Homeretta (Homie), and husband, Brett, when they needed some help. Dana lived with Homie most of the time, and she loved going every now and then to live with her son Glen and Carolyn Ard in Kendallville, Indiana. She is survived by her children and many loving family members, including Audrey Coomer of Elwood, Brenda (Joe Pagley) VanHalst of Churubusco, Homeretta (Brett) Faulkner of Winamac, Tim (Jamie) Fugate of Wawaka, Jackie (Jose) Rodriguez of Elkhart.

Glen (Carolyn Gibson) Ard of Kendallville, and Teresa Wade of Kendallville. Also surviving are 21 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Larry (Sue) Dixon of Kendallville and Ryan Dixon of Florida; 3 step-children, and 5 step-grandchildren

Sis Dana Joins her parents Boyd and Sister Edna Dixon, a daughter, Crystal Homister, and so many more of her family have one before her. Brothers, Steven Dixon, Lee Dixon, Glen Dixon, an infant brother, and baby brother, Bryan Dixon.

## Elder Willis Devon Little

**August 8, 1939– November 13, 2024**



Willis Devon Little – a loving husband, father, Papaw, great grandpa, and friend – passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, from natural causes. He was surrounded by his beloved family in his final days.

Willis was born in Stewart, Kentucky on August 8, 1939, to Henry and Wyoming "Oma" (Tackett) Little. He was the second of eight children. He proudly served six years in the United States Army, of which his service spanned into the Vietnam War. He married his sweetheart, Virginia Little, on August 18, 1964. Willis and Virginia had two daughters: Deborah (Robert) Hinze and Veronica (David) Martzloff. Their family would grow to include three grandsons, Jacob (Kaylynn) Hinze, Jeremy (Noel) Martzloff and Lucas Hinze, and one granddaughter, Marissa (Matthew) Powers. They recently welcomed their first great grandchild, Wyatt Hinze. Willis adored his family, as they were everything to him.

Willis joined the Morning Star Church of the Northern New Salem Association after his service in the Army and later became a member of Rose of Sharon Northern New Salem Association. He was a devoted church member for 50 years, serving as a preacher and Elder during his time of membership. He loved the church family and relationships he grew over the years, and delighted in seeing his grandchildren grow up visiting the church for Easter, Santa Claus, and other special occasions. Above all, he had deep love, faith, and trust in his Heavenly Father.

Willis was known for his love of singing and his impressive singing voice. His girls loved to hear him sing on their many road trips to Kentucky and anywhere else they went. You always knew Willis was happy when he would suddenly begin singing, especially when he was enjoying the company of his family. He loved fishing with his brothers and fishing buddies, and later with his girls and grandchildren. He had an amazing smile that was contagious, loved to joke, and had a generous heart to help anyone in need. Willis was someone who radiated genuine joy and love, and made a positive impact on anyone he met.

Willis is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Ernestine Little and Georgia (Ralph) Nixon, brothers Henry (Helen) Little, Lloyd (Patricia) Little, and Donlin (Dorothy) Little, and son-in-law Robert Hinze. He is survived by his wife, daughters, son-in-law, grandchildren, great grandson, sisters Barbara (Clayton) Nixon and Carolyn (Wendell) Hamilton, and numerous nieces and

nephews. Willis will be greatly missed, but his family and friends take great comfort in knowing he is in perfect peace with Jesus, praising Him with his beautiful new voice and seeing His face with new eyes.

## Brother Wilburn Nichols

June 10, 1942 – April 15, 2025

*Christian, Son, Husband, Dad, and Friend*



Brother Wilburn Nichols was the youngest of five children born to Johnny and Trixie Nichols in Floyd County, Kentucky. He is survived by his beloved wife Brenda, his daughter Lisa, and his son-in-law Jess. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews, along with a devoted church family, co-workers, friends, and neighbors, whom will deeply miss his humble spirit and loving heart.

The best way to tell Brother Wilburn's story is to recognize the foundation upon which he lived his life: faith, hope, and love, as expressed in 1 Corinthians 13:13 – **"And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."** Wilburn's purpose was simple and

profound: to let God's love shine through him to everyone he met.

He was a faithful member of Little Angel Church, joining on September 26, 1993, and later being ordained as a deacon on September 24, 1996. Throughout his life, he served as a mentor, a leader, and an inspiration to all who had the blessing to work with him. There was no job too small or task too great for him to tackle with joy and willingness.

Brother Wilburn was an ambassador for Christ, traveling far and wide as long as his health allowed, always showing love among churches, associations, and at funerals. His legacy is one of steadfast faith, a warm handshake, a sincere hug, and a life lived in quiet service.

He will be remembered with deep affection and admiration by all who knew him.

**FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE**

*With love and remembrance,*

*The Nichols/Jones Family and Bro. Scott Little*

# Sister Joan Reynolds

**May 6, 1933 – October 24, 2024**



Sister Joan Reynolds, age 91 of Dayton, passed away Thursday, October 24, 2024 at Spring Hills Singing Woods Nursing Home. She was born May 6, 1933 in Pine Top, Kentucky the daughter of Farris and Mary Slone.

Joan was a devout member of House of Prayer Church of Old Regular Baptist for 56 years. She was a homemaker who gardened, baked and cared for her family with pride. She was a gifted quilter who sewed everything by hand. She will be remembered for her giving spirit; always willing to help others in need.

She is preceded in death by her father, Farris Slone, mother, Mary Elizabeth Slone; husband of 56 years, Paul Reynolds; siblings, Lola, Golda, Dallas, Verlin, Ollis, Ivan, Berta Inez, Johnie Keith, Carnell, Opal Elizabeth, Mildred Jean, Velma, Dalna and Stanford; daughter-in-law, Frances and great granddaughter, Norah Grace.

Joan is survived by her two sons, Gary W. Reynolds, Jeffrey R. (Sandra) Reynolds; two daughters, Debra K. Reynolds, Marlene F. (Randy) King; grandchildren, Dennis (Laney), Rachel (Chad), Jessica (Connor) and Mackenzie; great grandchildren, Meghan, Gwendolyn, Alivia, Ellowyn, Maislyn, Savannah and Knox and sisters-in-law, Betty Miller, Judy Reynolds and Sadie Reynolds.



# Elder Harrison Runyon

June 22, 1939 – August 9, 2024



Elder Harrison Runyon was born June 22, 1939, to Nickolas and Della Runyon of Wayne, WV. He passed away August 9, 2024. He was 85 years of age. He was a logger and sawmill operator. He is survived by his wife Barbara, son James Runyon and daughter Stephanie Chaffin. The grandchildren are Elizabeth Carpenter, Kaya Leppert, Nicholas and Adam Runyon. Hanna and Jacob Chaffin. The great-grandchildren are Maxx and Cole Leppert, Owen Runyon, Lucas and Cole Carpenter. He leaves behind 3 brothers: David Runyon, Jerry Runyon and Donald Runyon. Deceased are Brothers Albert and Dan Runyon, and Sisters Ida Louise Garner, Juanita Runyon, and Garnet Colvin.

Home Church In May of 1967. He was the clerk there for several years after Bro. John Mullins. Bro. Harrison joined The Maggies Home Church. He moved his letter for a time with Bro. Joshua Hicks to help The Little Flock Church and was ordained there in 1974 by Bro. Harim Atkins and Bro. Ray Hamilton. He was Moderator of Macedonia Church in Grahn, KY for 28 years. Bro. Harrison loved his church and brothers and sisters. He loved to preach and sing the songs. I believe with all my heart that he is resting in the arms of Jesus and is waiting his second coming.

Written by his wife Barbara

# Sister Faye Stewart (Lewis)

July 10, 1947 – February 5, 2025



Faye Stewart (Lewis), a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, was born on July 10, 1947, in Virgie, Kentucky, to her beloved parents, Christopher and Pearlie Lewis. She passed peacefully at home on February 5, 2025, surrounded by those she loved most.

Faye was a loving and joyful presence whose life revolved around faith and family. She beamed with pride for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. A faithful member of **Little Angel Baptist Church**, she had a steadfast love for the Lord and remained active in her church community until her passing.

She was baptized on **October 26, 2009**, a moment that marked her deep and enduring commitment to her faith. Faye cherished attending church services and especially loved when others would say, *"There is Bro. Danny Carty and the girls from Little Angel."* She found great joy in the fellowship and traditions of the church.

Each year, she looked forward to the Association. Just last year, she and several friends rented a camper to be together during the meeting—treasuring the time spent in worship, song, and laughter.

Faye is survived by two loving sisters, **Fanny Lewis** and **Mona Thomas**, and by her children:

- **Chris (Lisa) Porter**
- **Jeff Porter**
- **Theresa (Roger) Gillispie**
- **Tina (Jeff) Lane**

She also leaves behind twelve grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, each of whom will miss her dearly. Faye's legacy lives on in the countless memories, stories, and values she passed down.

She was preceded in death by her parents, **Christopher and Pearlie Lewis**; four brothers, **Dale, Joe, Carl Douglas, and Charles**; and three sisters, **Rita, Jewel, and Dorothy**. Though they never met her on this side of life, we are comforted in knowing that she is now embracing her great-granddaughter **Ruth** in heaven.

Faye will be remembered for her kind heart, her devotion to the Lord, and the laughter and love she so freely gave to others. She found joy in the simple things—her church, her family, and the sweet fellowship of friends. Her stories, her smile, and her unwavering faith remain with us always.

Written by Her Family and Sis. Virgie

## Elder Aaron Whitaker, Jr.

May 15, 1952–September 9, 2024



Aaron Whitaker, Jr., 72, of New Carlisle, passed away on Monday, September 9, 2024. He was born May 15, 1952, in Jeremiah, KY, the son of the late Aaron, Sr. and Delphia Whitaker. Aaron was an ordained minister of Doty Creek Church, Jeremiah, KY. Early in life he worked for Dayton Tire and Rubber and later retired after 32 years with Pepsi. Aaron is survived by his wife of 52 years, Vivian; children Charlotte (Timothy) Ingram and Matthew (Mandy) Whitaker; brother Harvey Whitaker; sisters Janet Caudill and Maxine Blair; grandsons Hunter, Brody, and Carson; great-grandchildren Addyson, Remmie, Dani Rae, and Lyla; numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; sisters Elizabeth and Maisie; and brothers Haston and Hansford.

## FRIENDS

### Rheba “Joy” Carlson

May 15, 1952-May 17, 2025



Rheba “Joy” Carlson, a lifelong resident of Connersville, Indiana, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her loving family, on May 17, 2025. Even as she bravely faced her battle with Alzheimer's, Joy remained the devoted wife, mother, and sister. She was a soft-spoken angel with the heart of a lion.

Beyond her family, Joy found immense joy in gardening, quilting, and various other arts and crafts. Her heart was also deeply connected to her beloved church, Little Children's Home Church of the Old Regular Baptist.

Indeed, Joy lived up to her name, bringing pure joy to everyone fortunate enough to know and love her.

Born at Fayette Memorial Hospital in Connersville on March 17th, 1951, Joy leaves behind her broken-hearted husband of 47 years, Frank Carlson; her son, Steve Carlson; her brother, Tom Blair (Shirley Blair), her sister-in-law, Patricia Becker (Robert Becker); and her cherished aunt and uncle, Anna and Hubert Hall, along with numerous other treasured family members. She was preceded in death by her parents, Steve and Locie (Davis) Blair.

For over 20 years, before her illness, Joy worked at Halls Appliance Repair, where she and Anna shared countless laughs alongside their work. Springtime always brought her special delight as she eagerly anticipated spending hours tending to her garden, ensuring every detail was perfect. Joy also had a passion for quilting, lovingly creating special quilts for her family and friends. She often said, "When I am gone, wrap yourself in my quilt, and it will be as if I am giving you a hug." While her preference leaned towards the garden rather than the kitchen, Joy was a wonderful cook, and sharing her food was her way of expressing love. Her homemade pies and biscuits and gravy were especially anticipated by many.

As we close this chapter out on this long goodbye, her family can find solace knowing she is at peace. We must now pass this sweet soul over to the graceful hands of God.

Until we meet again...

Written by her loving son, Steve

# Ricky L. Chaffins

June 17, 1963 – June 30, 2025



Ricky L. Chaffins, age 62, of Greenup, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, June 30, 2025 at OSU Wexner Center in Columbus, Ohio. He was born on June 17, 1963 in Willard, Ohio to Enon Chaffins and Hazel M. (Branham) Elkins.

Ricky was a 1982 graduate of Willard High School. He attended Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church and the Philadelphia Association of Churches in Kentucky. He is in the Willard High School Hall of Fame for Basketball. Ricky enjoyed arrowhead hunting and mushroom hunting. He loved all sports but especially the Kentucky Wildcats.

He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Chaffins; mother, Hazel Elkins; step father, John Elkins; sister-in-law, Deborah Chaffins; step brothers, Greg (Kim) Elkins of Winchester, Kentucky; Shane (Angie) of Greenup, Kentucky; and Mark (Angie) of Greenup, Kentucky. He is also survived by his special baby friends, Bennett and Parker and dog friends, Jenny and Chloe.

He is preceded in death by his father, Enon Chaffins; brother, Greg Chaffins; grandparents Bill & Dollie Branham and Poppy & Little Mommy Chaffins; and step brother, Morgan Elkins.

# Teresa Lynn Woodrum

February 13, 1970 – April 25, 2025



Beloved wife of Tony Woodrum. Loving mom of Jessica (Aaron) Howe and Heather (Maximilian) Sexauer. Dearest gram of Scarlett Lynn and Atlas Jon. Dear daughter of William B. Jr. and Verniece Holbrook. Cherished sister of Tim (Anita) Holbrook. Loving daughter-in-law of Linda and the late Jerry Woodrum. Sister-in-law of Michael (Jeanna) Woodrum. Aunt of Bradley, Brandon and Ryan. Also survived by many extended family members.

Teresa Lynn Woodrum was born in Trenton, Michigan to William B. Jr. and Verniece Holbrook. Graduated valedictorian of Airport High School in 1988. Went on to attend Eastern Michigan University, obtaining a Bachelors in Professional Chemistry in 1992. She then continued her studies at the University of Michigan, obtaining her Masters in Chemistry in 1994. Teresa has proudly been an analytical chemist with BASF for over 30 years.

Teresa's faith was strong. She was a long time member with Flat Rock Church of Christ and you would often find her reading her Bible.

She was an avid traveler, visiting many of the national parks, Hawaii, Alaska and Italy. Her hobbies included crocheting, sewing (often making homemade gifts for the family) and

swimming. When she was not reading the Bible, she enjoyed reading novels including Stephen King. Teresa was passionate about animals, especially her childhood horse Star Jupiter and the family dog Maggie.

Nothing compared to her family. On May 25, 1991, Teresa married the love of her life and high school sweetheart Tony Woodrum. Together they had Jessica and Heather. In return Teresa's daughters gave Teresa her greatest blessings, her grandchildren Scarlett Lynn and Atlas Jon.

Teresa is known for her sassy, silly, but especially kind, patient and gentle personality. She will be missed by all who knew her.

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