

Minutes
of the
**One Hundred Thirty-Seventh
Annual Session**
OF THE
**Original Mates Creek Regular
Primitive Baptist Association**

ORGANIZED IN 1849

Held with
**Raccoon
Primitive Baptist Church**
RACCOON, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
**September 1, 2, and 3rd
1989**

Next Session convenes with the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church located at Belfry, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1990.

DIRECTIONS: From Pikeville, Ky. take Rt. 119 North to Belfry, Kentucky (to the association). From Williamson, W. Va. take State Route 119 South 3½ miles to the Association.

OFFICERS

MODERATOR - Elder Terry R. Ball, H.C. 76, Box 500, McCarr, Ky. 41544

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**** Elder J. H. Blackburn is our Honorary Asst. Moderator

Proceedings

Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association Held with the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church

FRIDAY MORNING — September 1, 1989

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Randal Thornsby.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Robert Worrix. Text: The Principles of the Doctrine. Brother Robert was blessed to deliver a wonderful sermon.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from the Raccoon Church was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of messengers enrolled in the minutes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Association elected the following to serve for the coming year.

Elder Teddy Ball	Moderator
Elder Robert Worrix	Assistant Moderator
Deacon Stearl Hatfield	Clerk
Elder Randal Thornsby	Assistant Clerk

Newly constituted churches called for. None.

Moved and seconded that we have our Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum, and Constitution printed in the Minutes. Messengers appointed last year to visit Sister Associations reported, and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused.

Correspondence from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

SAND LICK: Elders Ostil Smith, Roger Fuller, Roger Rose, Bobby Arrington, Garnell Gilbert, Bro. Fayne Viers, Elder Franklin Viers.

BURNING SPRINGS: Elders Jerry Brown, Owen Blanton, Walton Jones, Emerson Montgomery, Brothers Walter Jones, Lonnie Howard, Leroy Gullett, Roby Gullett, Mut Mullins.

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Elders Billy Cook, Eddie Lyle, Deacon Ed Presnell, Blaine Owens.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Elder Vance Jones, David Edwards, Deacon Elmer Edwards, Coy Collins, Brother Rodney Marshall.

MT. ZION: Elder A. L. Neely.

UNION: Elder Trillis Adams, Deacon Tommy Adams.

The Sand Lick Association of Kentucky presented a letter to the Association asking for a seat. It was moved and seconded that the letter be referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

Visitors from Associations and various churches received and seated as follows:

SAND LICK: Elders Leonard Barton, Lawrence Jackson, Jerry Yates, Brother Bob Edwards, Harry Owens, Sisters Ada Childress, Pearl Rasnake, Bessie Keser.

BURNING SPRINGS: Sister Anna Lee Blanton.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Brother Floyd Baker, Sisters Hulda Jones, Lona Sasher, Naomi Jones, Myrtle Baker, Veronica Edwards, Tammy Edwards.

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Sisters Bonita Cook, Hanna Harmon.

UNION: Elder Dallas Adams, Sister Jean Adams.

MT. ZION: Sisters Gertrude Harvey, Lillian East, Brother M. B. Wells.

PILGRIM REST OF RAINSVILLE, ALABAMA: Michael N. Mitchell.

BETHEL CHURCH OF FLORIDA: Elder Albert Altman.

MT. ENON ASSOCIATION: Elders Cromer Crawford, George Hazen, Brothers Arthur Oaks, Howard Jordan, Roger Welch, Kenard Stone, Lewis Casey, Sisters Marg Oaks, Millie Jordan, Myrtle Welch, Faye Justus, Virginia Stone.

PILGRIM REST OF NORTH CAROLINA: Sister Nettie Presnell.

STONY CREEK CHURCH: Elder Elbert Hunter, Sister Louise Hunter.

CEDAR GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder Weldon Joyce.

VOLENTER CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA: Sister Addie Long.

WILSON CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA: Sister Ronda Smith, Elder Millard Shelton.

DAYTON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder Arnold Thompson.

BETHEL CHURCH OF NASHVILLE, TN: Elder Lonnie Mazingo Jr., Brother Steve Hunt.

Moved and seconded that we seat the correspondence and visitors.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

A messenger from each church together with all the messengers from the Raccoon Church was appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

A. Friday afternoon at the stand: Elder Billy Cook, Lonnie Mozingo, Eddie Lyle.

B. Friday night at Johns Creek: Ernest Blair, Paul Varney, Elmer Brown, Rufford Howell, John Jacobs.

C. Friday night at Grape Vine: Elmer Thacker, Elbert Church, Woodruff Dulin, Greg Moore, Opey Thacker, Noah Slone.

D. Friday night at Old Pond: Albert Altman, Lonnie Mozingo, George Hazen.

E. Saturday morning at stand: Albert Altman, Arnold Thompson, Garnell Gilbert, Teddy Ball.

F. Saturday afternoon at stand: George Hazen, Elbert Hunter, Jerry Brown.

G. Saturday night at Big Creek: Paris Blackburn, Arnold Thompson, Elbert Hunter, Millard Shelton, Ostil Smith.

H. Saturday night at Little Union: Crommer Crawford, Albert Altman, George Hazen, Paul Varney, Teddy Ball.

I. Saturday night at Calvary: Noah Slone, Monroe Justice, Mike Smith, Robert Worrix, Franklin Viers.

J. Saturday night at Myers Towers: Rufford Howell, Lundy Coleman, Richard Tucker, Glen Coleman, Lary Stanly.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Arlan Adkins, Don Hatfield, Delmar Williamson, Richard Tucker, Leo Coleman, Ron Moore, William Dotson, Noah Slone, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Lestle Varney, Estyl Van Dyke, Tom Robinson, Lundy Coleman, Harold Blackburn, Greg Moore.

Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Walter Sullivan, Eddie Harris, Dennis Dotson.

Messengers who agreed to visit Sister Associations as correspondence are as follows:

SAND LICK: Elders Noah Slone, Paul Smith, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, Monroe Justice, Elbert Church.

UNION: Brothers Joseph Slone, Noah Slone, Jess Tucker.

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Elders Monroe Justice, Teddy Ball, Elmer Thacker.

BURNING SPRINGS: Elders Don Hatfield, Robert Worrix, Herbert Ferguson.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Elders Teddy Ball, Harrison Smith.

MT. ZION: Elders Teddy Ball, Robert Worrix, Don Hatfield, Monroe Justice.

NEW LIBERTY: Elders Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Robert Worrix.

Moved and seconded that the association be adjourned until 10:00 A.M. Saturday Morning.

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SATURDAY MORNING — September 2, 1989

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder Ostil Smith.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee met at The Association Tent and was called to order by the Moderator.

- #1 We advise that the Sand Lick of Kentucky Association make peace with the Burning Springs Association, and that our correspondence with Burning Springs remains as before.
- #2 We recommend that Little Hope Church host the annual meeting for 1990.
- #3 We recommend that Old Pond Church host the Association for 1990.
- #4 Read the circular letter, accepted, moved and seconded that it be printed in the minutes.
- #5 We recommend that we carry on the work of the association in the usual manner.

Moved and seconded that the committee's work be accepted and that they be discharged.

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with Little Hope Church to begin Friday before the last Saturday in March, 1990.

Committee of Preaching reported the following for Sunday:

To open Elder Monroe Justice

- 1. Elder A. L. Neely
- 2. Elder Franklin Viers
- 3. Elder Weldon Joyce
- 4. Elder Teddy R. Ball

Finance Committee reported \$1,520.00 and was discharged.

Called on Union Meetings appointees to report. They reported, and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused.

Union meetings and their appointees are as follows:

LOUISA: Meets Friday night before the second Saturday in August, 1990. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Kit Ratliff, Woodruff Dulin,

Owen Blanton, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Paul D. Justice, David A. Thacker, David May.

OLD POND: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1990. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Robert Worrix, Glen Coleman, Randal Thornsby, Elbert Church, Elmer Thacker, Mike Smith, Kit Ratliff, Paris Blackburn, Michael Elswick, Walter Sullivan.

BIG CREEK: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1990. Elders to attend: Basil Hatfield, David Edwards, J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Terry Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Ostil Smith, David Jacobs, Paul Varney, Mike Smith, Robert Worrix, Johnny Jacobs, Wheeler Thacker, Woodruff Dulin, Ernest Blair, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers.

RACCOON: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1990. Elders to attend: Clifford Thacker, Wheeler Thacker, Rufford Howell, Robert Worrix, Earnest Blair, David Coleman Jr., David Thacker, Jimmy L. Smith, Paul Varney, Jeff Chapman, and all Mates Creek Ordained Ministers are invited.

PETER CREEK: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June 1990. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Michael Smith, Rufford Howell, Harrison Smith, Paul Varney, Kit Ratliff, Don Hatfield, Randal Thornsby, Robert Worrix, Walter Sullivan, Elmer Brown, Larry Thornsby, Michael Elswick, J. C. Hager, Eddie Harris.

SULPHUR SPRING: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1990. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Elmer Thacker, Paul Varney, Robert Worrix, Vance Jones, Larry Thornsby, Randal Thornsby, Kit Ratliff, Noah Slone, David Thacker, Harrison Smith, Lawrence Jackson, Don Stacy, Earnest Blair, David May.

LITTLE HOPE: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1990. Elders to attend: Walter Sullivan, Jimmy L. Smith, Basil Hatfield, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, David May, Randal Thornsby, Mike Elswick, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Teddy Ball. We invite all others that would like to attend.

GRAPEVINE: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1990. Elders to attend: Noah Slone, Paul Smith, Elmer Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Kit Ratliff, Lawrence Jackson, Elmer Brown, Robert Worrix, Elbert Church, Rufford Howell, David Coleman Jr., Teddy Ball, Paul Varney, Earnest Blair, Michael Smith, Harrison Smith, Monroe Justice, Clifford Thacker, Johnny Blackburn.

SAMARIA: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1990. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Paris Blackburn, Don Hatfield, Randal Thornsby, Bobby Blackburn, Earnest Blair, Elmer Thacker, Teddy Ball, Michael Smith, Walter Sullivan, Paul Varney, Eddie Harris.

LITTLE UNION: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1990. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Paul Varney, Mike Smith, Paul D. Justice, Harrison Smith, J. C. Hager, Jimmy L. Smith, Robert Worrix, Paris Blackburn, Randal Thornsby, Johnny Blackburn, Terry Thacker, Elmer Brown, David Thacker, John Jacobs, Rufford Howell, Monroe Justice, Michael Elswick, Lawrence Jackson.

JOHNS CREEK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1990. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Larry Thornsby, Teddy Ball, Jeff Chapman, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Earnest Blair, Mike Smith, David Jacobs, Johnny Jacobs, Jimmy L. Smith, J. C. Hager. We also invite Franklin Viers.

CALVARY: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1990. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Glen Vipperman, Jeff Chapman, Monroe Justice, Paul Varney, Paul D. Justice, Robert Worrix, Don Hatfield, Teddy Ball, Harrison Smith, Elmer Thacker, David Coleman Jr., Glen Coleman, Elbert Church.

DRY FORK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1990. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Harrison Smith, Ostil Smith, Michael Smith, Don Stacy, Franklin Viers, Paul Varney, Gerald Yates, Randal Thornsby, Garnell Gilbert, Jimmy L. Smith, Earnest Blair, Elmer Brown.

FRIENDSHIP: Meets the fourth Saturday of August, 1990. Elders to attend: Elmer Brown, Basil Hatfield, Michael Elswick, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Noah Slone, Jimmy L. Smith, R. T. Thacker, Lundy Coleman, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Don Hatfield, Terry Thacker, Walter Sullivan, David Coleman, Woodruff Dulin, and all Orderly Orthodox Primitive Baptist Ministers are invited.

COLUMBUS: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 1990. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Robert Worrix, Wheeler Thacker, David Thacker, Paul D. Justice, David Coleman Jr., Elmer Thacker, Johnny Jacobs, J. C. Hager, Randal Thornsby, Clifford Thacker, Arnold Tompson, Walter Coleman, David Jacobs, Noah Slone, Vance Jones, Robert Lawson, Mike Elswick, Michael Smith.

DEERFIELD: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1990. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Randal Thornsburry, Larry Thornsburry, David Thacker, Lundy Coleman, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Earnest Blair, Greg Moore, Woodruff Dulin, Junior Barton, David May, R. T. Thacker, Opa Thacker, Billy Cook, Estil Owens, Ostil Smith.

PLEASANT HILL: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1990. Elders to attend: J. C. Hager, David Jacobs, Bobby Arrington, Billy Cook, Millard Shelton, Jerry Brown, Leonard Barton, Estil Owens, Rufford Howell, Johnny Jacobs, and all other Orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes and that Elbert Church prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 2025 minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following:

SISTERS - Ocie McIntery, Victoria Coleman, Myrtle Dotson, Gusta Carter Justice, Alice Thacker, Jane Stiltner, Hazel Stump, Sarah Jane Thacker, Alice Mae Smith, Magaline McIntosh Little, Lola Bostic Varney, Pluma Grace Coleman, Martha Coleman Blackburn, Elizabeth Praiter, Yvonne Bevins Ball, Bertha Rodes Fuller, Anna Mae Dotson, Velma Mae Dotson Ratliff, Eileen Yates Lewis and Dixie Marie Thacker.

BRETHREN - Basil Blackburn, Arthur James Pendell, Jeffie May, Otis Thacker, Floyd Hatfield, Freeling R. Smith, Frank Smith, Evert T. Smith, Joe Slone Jr., Kedna Dwayne Charles, Ervel Reynolds, Albert Blackburn, Albert Thacker, Arthur Stiltner, Perry C. Lester, Emzy Hatfield and James Earl & Mary Coleman McIntosh.

Agreed that the Brother Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that all funds left after paying for the minutes and other expenses of the Association be left in his care until the next Association.

The Finances were disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year	\$4,367.39
Amount received from the Churches	1,520.00
Received for Obituaries and Pictures	<u>370.00</u>
Total Amount on hand	\$6,257.39

Cash paid out	
Paid for the Minutes for 1988 -----	\$1,639.50
Give the Moderator -----	50.00
Give Asst. Moderator -----	50.00
Give the Clerk -----	50.00
Give Asst. Clerk -----	50.00
Total Paid Out -----	<u>\$1,839.50</u>
Total Cash on hand -----	\$4,417.89

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Old Pond Church of Pike County, Ky., to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1990. Elder Randal Thornsby was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder David A. Thacker to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Paul D. Justice, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by: Teddy R. Ball, Moderator
Robert B. Worrix, Assistant Moderator
Stearl Hatfield, Clerk
Randal Thornsby, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING — September 3rd, 1989

INTRODUCTORY: Singing and Prayer by Elder Monroe Justice.

1. Elder A. L. Neely — no special text: Brother Neely was blessed to preach a very uplifting sermon.

2. Elder Franklin Viers — text: Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

3. Elder Weldon Joyce — text: Hebrews chapter 1, When he had by himself purged our sin.

4. Elder Teddy Ball — text: Job chapter 14, Man that is borned of woman is of few days and full of trouble.

We wish to thank our correspondence for their attendance. We tried to make you feel welcome, we hope we did.

We wish to give a special thanks to Paul Dean Justice and the members of the Raccoon Church and the Community around for the splendid way they took care of the Association.

The Officers and Delegates

CIRCULAR LETTER

By the request of the Old Regular Primitive Baptist Mates Creek Association, I will try in my weakness and by the direction of the Spirit of our God to write to you as I feel the good Lord has revealed to me by Revelation.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that who so ever believed in him should not perish, but have everlasting life, and it pleased God to choose out of his people a little flock and give them the Kingdom or the Church and there is a remnant according to the election of Grace that will never bow to any image.

These people have I formed for myself and they shall show forth my praise.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation that ye should show forth his praises, and I believe that the people are kept by the power of God in time, but that Christ died on Calvary and by his own blood redeemed every one that God the Father gave Him.

He saved them by his life all at one time, on the Cross of Calvary and obtained eternal redemption for all of his children, and they will all live with Him in Heaven some time in the future at the last day in the resurrection of the Bodies of all his and he will know them all. Paul said behold I show you a mystery, we shall not all sleep but we shall be changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet, for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible.

In Adam all die so in Christ shall all be made alive, every man in his own order, Christ the first fruit of them that slept afterward, they that are his at his coming.

So if our hope did not reach beyond the grave we would be a miserable people, but Paul said in hope of eternal life which God that cannot lie promised before the world began, so I believe that he knew every one of them and cannot fail.

So Brethren in Christ, let us be steadfast in the truth and love one another, looking over one another's faults and live in peace and love.

I know my time is not much longer here with you. I may not ever write another Circular Letter. But may the God of all Grace keep you all in the way of righteousness is my prayer.

Your unworthy brother in hope of eternal life beyond the grave, what Christ did for me and all his family on Calvary's Cross.

Elder Teddy R. Ball

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

LOUISA: Ireland Adkins, Thomas Dean Huffman, Green Matt Slone and Bud Keen Slone.

OLD POND: Don Hatfield, Mike Scott and Clifford Hunt.

BIG CREEK: R. T. Thacker, Elbert Church, Delmon Williamson and Gary Thacker.

RACCOON: Richard Tucker, Dave Newsom, Joe Slone and Rufous Goff.

PETER CREEK: Jimmie Lee Smith, Leo Coleman, Doris Kinder and Earl Casey.

SULPHUR SPRING: Ronald Moore, Paul Smith, Luther Blackburn and Arthur May.

LITTLE HOPE: Walet May, Luther Ball, J. B. Ball and William Dotson.

GRAPEVINE: Noah Slone, Donald Justice and Bradley Coleman.

SAMARIA: Walter Sullivan, Eddie Harris, Denis Dotson and Opa Hatfield.

LITTLE UNION: Earnest Blair, Paul Varney and Ricky Blair.

JOHNS CREEK: Harrison Smith, John Stiltner, Edd Hunt and Elcane Smith.

CALVARY: Kit Ratliff, Glen Vipperman, Jeff Chapman and Lester Varney.

DRY FORK: Carl Vandyke, Howell Arms, Lundy Childers and Estill Vandyke.

FRIENDSHIP: Elmer Thacker, David May, Tom Robinson and Luther Vanhooose.

COLUMBUS: Lonnie Warrix, Larry Stanley, Paris Blackburn and Lundy Coleman.

DEERFIELD: John Jacobs, Harold Blackburn, Charles Blackburn and Estill Hackney.

PLEASANT HILL: Brad Dulen, Junior Barton, Greg Moore and Herb Furgeson.

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Old Pond —	Teddy R. Ball & Don Hatfield	June 2nd Saturday
Big Creek —	Elmer Thacker	June 3rd Saturday
Raccoon —	J. H. Blackburn	July 4th Saturday
Sulphur Spring —	J. H. Blackburn	August 1st Saturday
Peter Creek —	Teddy R. Ball	June 4th Saturday
Little Hope —	Robert Blackburn	July 1st Saturday
Grapevine —	Kit Ratliff	July 3rd Saturday
Samaria —	Teddy R. Ball & Michael Smith	June 3rd Saturday
Johns Creek —	Teddy R. Ball & Paul Varney	July 2nd Saturday
Little Union —	Teddy R. Ball	May 1st Saturday
Calvary —	Kit Ratliff	June 1st Saturday
Dry Fork —	Teddy R. Ball & Elmer Brown	May 2nd Saturday
Friendship —	Elmer Thacker & David May	August 4th Saturday
Deerfield —	J. C. Hager & John Jacobs	June 4th Saturday
Columbus —	Lundy Coleman	April 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill —	Woodruff Dulin	April 3rd Saturday

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OBITUARIES

BASIL BLACKBURN

Basil Blackburn was born May 23, 1914, at Canada, Ky. He was a son of the late Jim and Alice (Varney) Blackburn. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Dorothy Webb, a sister, and four brothers.

A member of the Primitive Baptist Church, he was a disabled coal miner having worked for Case Coal Co. of Sidney.

Survivors include his wife, Alta Blackburn, sons, Wallace, Donald, Michael and Dennis Blackburn. He is also survived by brothers, Everett, Elmer and Claude Blackburn; sisters, Jane Blackburn and Flossie Runyon; 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Brother Basil passed away on May 17, 1989. He has been sadly missed by his brothers, sisters, children and all who knew his humble way. It is our hope that we will meet again in the glorious resurrection.

Written by his sister with love,
Jane Blackburn



JAMES EARL AND MARY COLEMAN McINTOSH

This is dedicated to our loving parents, "James and Mary McIntosh."

Daddy was born January 28, 1915 and passed away on December 12, 1988. He was a retired coal miner. He was the son of the late Henry Clay and Maggie Little McIntosh.

Our wonderful mother was born August 1, 1914 and God called her home on July 11, 1971. She was the



daughter of the late Hibbard and Flossum Honaker Coleman.

Mother and Daddy were united in marriage in 1936. To this lovely union were born twelve children. First was our loving sister, Magaline who died June 25, 1988, whom we miss and loved so very much. Hershell, Fonso, Bobby Lee, Nettie, Earl David, James Larry, and Halver Keith. Four other children preceded them in death. They were Imogene, Billy Ray, Lonzo, and Birdie Marie.

Mother and Daddy were members of the Primitive Baptist Church on John's Creek.

This world is so lonesome since we lost our loving parents.

We will always wander back and remember all the love, kindness, and laughter that we all shared. We loved them so very, very much. Words cannot express how much we miss them.

Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Missed by their children,
grandchildren and everyone
who knew them.

McIntosh Family

EMZY HATFIELD

In loving memory of Emzy Hatfield who passed away March 21, 1989 at the age of 76. He was the son of the late Emzy and Cora Hatfield of Blackberry, Ky.



He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. He was baptized June 19, 1949 by

Teddy Ball and Kitt Ratliff. He was a faithful member and attended as long as he was able.

He was married to Cleo Brackett on August 14, 1938, who survives. Other survivors include a son, James Emsy of Hardy, Ky. and daughter Betty Jo Pinson, also of Hardy; three grandchildren: Joseph Emsy Hatfield of Hardy, James Rockford Pinson of Aurora, Colorado, and Sherri Lynn (Pinson) Mounts of Hardy. Also, three brothers; four sisters survive. He was preceded in death by one infant daughter, one brother and four sisters.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of the United Mine Workers of America, Local No. 5737.

Funeral services were held at the Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, Ky., with Elders Don Hatfield, Teddy Ball and Walter Sullivan officiating. He was buried at the family cemetery at Hardy, Ky.

He was loved and will be sadly missed by all who knew him, especially his family.

I feel that our great loss is his eternal gain.

Sadly missed by wife and family

Written by wife, Cleo Hatfield

PERRY C. LESTER

It is in much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear brother, Perry C. Lester, born April 3, 1925. He was the son of the late Doesey and Polly Jane Lester who preceded him in death. Perry departed this life on January 22, 1989, making his stay here on earth 63 years, nine months and 19 days.

He is survived by two brothers, Donald Lester and Virgil Lester. One brother, Carson Lester, preceded him in death. And five sisters: Berchie Stiltner, Bertha Thomas, Jean Helton and Marie Matney and Ocie Lester. One sister, Lola Stiltner preceded him in death.



Perry was a member of the Sulphur Spring Church for a long time and he was a faithful member until he got so feeble he could not get to come to church at all till his death. He is sadly missed by several friends and relatives. I know that Brother is in a place much better than here on earth. We are all left in this world to mourn the loss of a good brother whom we loved dearly. We miss him so much. But we know he is much better off than we are. We feel our loss is his great gain. May we say, Sleep on till Jesus comes to take us home. Our greatest hope is to meet him in Heaven where there will be no parting. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his sister,
Ocie Lester and Family

ARTHUR STILTNER

The company was greatly saddened by the untimely death on December 18, 1988 of Arthur Stiltner of Race Fork Coal Company. A mine inspector at the time of his death, Arthur had served the company with loyalty and dedication for over thirteen years dating back to November 11, 1975.

A native of Big Rock, Virginia, Arthur is survived by his wife, Bessie; sons, Elsie Stiltner of Big Rock, Virginia; Ralph Ed Stiltner of McDowell, Kentucky; and Earl J. Lester of Conaway, Virginia; and seven grandchildren.

Arthur Stiltner, a pleasant and friendly man, was proud of his work ethic and always gave more than he ever expected in return. He will be missed by all of his co-workers, friends, and family.

We have all suffered the loss of a good person and a good friend. And our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his wife



ALBERT BLACKBURN



It is with a sad heart but precious memories, we the Blackburn family write this obituary of our dear son and brother, Albert Blackburn. He was born at Hurley, Va. April 19, 1920, the son of Elder J. H. Blackburn and the late Maroh Wolford Blackburn.

He was married to Dorthy King who after 43 years of marriage preceded him in death in August 1986. They were blessed with one lovely daughter who also preceded him in death in 1963. Albert was a disabled veteran of World War Two. He was a member of the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church in Michigan.

He is survived by his father of Red Jacket, W. Va., and five brothers,

Charles, Harold and Chester of Fenton, Mich., and Grover and Luther of Hurley, Va. He was a gentle and kind man, who always had a smile for everyone. In his last days he suffered much pain and met with many heartaches and disappointments, but he bore them with patience. Albert leaves his family and a host of friends to mourn his loss. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by
Charles and Stepmother Vicie Blackburn

EVIRT T. SMITH

Evirt T. Smith, 66, of Canada, Ky., died Monday morning, 9:00 o'clock, July 3, 1989 in the emergency room of the Cabell Huntington Hospital.

He was born June 18, 1923 in Pike County, Ky., the son of the late Tom and Gracie Stanley Smith. He was a retired coal miner with Island Creek Coal Corp. and a member of the U.M.W.A. He had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church since 1952.

Survivors include his wife, Verdia Thacker Smith of Canada, Ky., and one daughter, Martha Sue Pinson and son-in-law, Donnie Pinson Jr. of Canada, Ky.; four brothers, Willie Smith of Salt Lake, Ky.; Harold Smith of Huddy, Ky., and Raymond and Tom Smith Jr. of Canada, Ky.; one sister, Ethel McCune of Elyria, Ohio, and two grandsons, Timothy Don and Randall Everett Pinson, both of Canada, Ky.

He was also preceded in death by five brothers, Virgil, Cullen, Edgar, Verlin and Stirl Smith.



LOVING MEMORIES

Your gentle face and patient smile
With sadness we recall
You had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all.

The voice is mute and stilled the heart
That loved us well and true
Ah, bitter was the trial to part
From one so good as you.

You are not forgotten, loved one
Nor will you ever be
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes by we miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can fill your vacant place.

ERVEL REYNOLDS

I will try to write the obituary of my dear nephew, Ervel Reynolds, who passed away October 15th, 1988.

He was born February 21, 1914, making his stay on earth 74 years, seven months and 24 days.

He was the son of the Miles and Polly Ann Justice Reynolds who preceded him in death.

He left Velma Rowland Reynolds whom he married March 18, 1982, and three daughters by a former marriage, Linda Miller, Sandra Robinson and Karen Gassaway. Also seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was baptized and joined the Grace Baptist Church. We sadly miss him and know we will meet him again in our heavenly home, where parting shall be no more.



Written by his Aunt Ora Justice

ALBERT THACKER

It is with great sadness that I write the Obituary of my beloved brother, Albert Thacker. He was called from this world by Jesus, on January 5, 1988, following a long illness.

He was born January 21, 1917 at Canada, Kentucky, Pike County, making his stay here on earth 70 years, 11 months and 15 days. He was the son of the late Willie and Katherine Blackburn Thacker.

Albert was married to Goldena Blackburn Thacker on December 24, 1936. They were the parents of eight children. Irene Mounce, Robert

Thacker and Connie Bacon. Five children preceded him in death. He also has nine grandchildren, and the following brothers and sisters to mourn his loss: Ida Runyon, of Pinsonfork, Kentucky; Ruth Edmiston of Sullivan, Indiana; Eugene Thacker of San Diego, California; Marie Kirby of Chattanooga, Tennessee; Lester Thacker of Frazer, Michigan; Opa Thacker of Goshen, Ohio; John Thacker, of Inez, Kentucky, and Mary Banks of Goshen, Ohio.

Albert worked in the mines in Kentucky and retired from Ford Motor Co. at the Batavia Plant in 1981. He was well liked by all who knew him.

Albert was a faithful and devoted husband and father and will be sadly missed by all who loved him. I am made to think of the Scripture which says, Blessed are the dead that do die in the Lord, for they do rest from their labors and their works do follow after them. By the grace of God we live in hope that we will meet again in that Glory World, where all God's children will live and never to die again.

Written by Elder Opa Thacker

JOE SLONE JR.

It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband, Joe Slone Jr. He passed away at the Saint Joseph Hospital at 1:45 December 10, 1988. He was born June 22, 1915, to M. C. Slone and Gracy Thacker Slone, making his stay on earth 73 years, five months and 18 days. He was a minister of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church for 45 years.

He was a member of the United Mine Workers of America Dist. 30, Local 8588.

He leaves his wife, Eddust Slone and four children to mourn his loss. One daughter preceded him in death. Joe G. Slone, Mouthcard, Ky.; Ned Slone, Lexington, Ky.; Delphia Chaney, London, Ky.; Erchie May, Dearborn, Michigan; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter and many friends.



Darling, sleep on and take your rest. We had to stand by and see you suffer so much. We loved you with all our hearts. It hurt so much to give you up, but God's will is done, and we must be still and know that

he is God. We are living in hope that we'll meet you again where there is no sickness, pain or death. The children miss you, Daddy, but oh God, not like I do. The loss of you is so hard to bear.

Written by his wife Eddust Slone and
children Joe, Ned, Delphia and Erchie

FRANK SMITH

With God's help, we will try to write the obituary of our Dad and Grandfather, Frank Smith. Dad was born March 23, 1909, at Ransom, Pike County, Kentucky. Dad passed on to be with the Lord on Monday, April 25, 1988, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ballard and Alice (Keese) Smith; his wife, Ethel (Hatfield) Smith, five (5) brothers and a sister. Survivors include two (2) sons, Frank B. Smith of Matewan, West Virginia; Kermit J. Smith of Highland Park, Illinois; a daughter, Martha Chandler of Blakley, Georgia; two (2) sisters, Nora Lee Elswick of Celina, Ohio and Vina Scott of Piqua, Ohio; and a brother, Jimmie Smith of Ransom, Kentucky. Eight (8) grandchildren, Patricia, Myra, David, Daniel, Pam, Mike, Ricky and Terri. Fourteen (14) great-grandchildren, Laura, Nicholas, Christopher, Christina, Jonathan, Stephen, Andrew, Cydney, Heather, Krystal, Ricky, Christy, Brandon and Adam.



Dad was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Ransom, Kentucky, for many years. He was a former Pike County Deputy Sheriff and a coal miner.

The Scriptures say there remaineth a rest to the people of God. Just think how peaceful a rest from all labor, toils, sickness, and heartaches of this world, asleep in the arms of Jesus. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

His loving smile and kindness will be greatly missed by all.

Written by:

Daughter-in-law Joann Smith and
Granddaughter Patricia Smith Ferguson

FLOYD HATFIELD

1914 - 1989

Trying to write tribute or an obituary to Dad is almost impossible because of the type man he was. There aren't enough words to express the loving and caring person he was, not just to his family, but everyone he knew, but we will try to honor him the best we can.

Floyd Hatfield was born the son of the late James Landon and Annie McCoy Hatfield on March 9, 1914, at Ransom, Kentucky. He died August 23, 1989 and was laid to rest August 26, 1989 at the Floyd Hatfield Family Cemetery on Blackberry. He was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, baptized July 15, 1984, on a Sunday evening by the Elders Michael Smith and Eddie Harris. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the United Mine Workers of America.



He is survived by his wife of fifty-four years, Daryl McCoy Hatfield; eight sons, Mr. Ernie Hatfield of Danville, Kentucky; Mr. James Phillip Hatfield of Stratford, Connecticut; Mr. Floyd Hatfield Jr. of Sulligent, Alabama; Mr. Hank Hatfield of McCarr, Kentucky; Mr. Ance Hatfield and Mr. Lucas Hatfield, both of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky; Mr. Thomas G. Hatfield of McCarr, Kentucky, and Mr. Bill Acie Hatfield of Thacker, West Virginia; three daughters, Mrs. Glada McCoy Hatfield of Grove City, Ohio; Mrs. Edward (Anne Hatfield) Carter of Lexington, Kentucky, and Mrs. James B. (Rebecca Hatfield) O'Nan of Richmond, Kentucky. One daughter, Mrs. Robert J. (Agnes Hatfield) Reister, who preceded him in death September 24, 1988. He is also survived by seven daughters-in-law, three sons-in-law, twenty-eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, one brother, three sisters; preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

It wasn't an easy task raising twelve children, but our dad did the best he could do and gave us much more than money could ever buy. He and our mother gave us all the love we needed and taught us to love and respect others. They gave up so much for all of us and expected nothing in return except for us to do and be the best we could be. If there could ever be a perfect dad, he would have been that man. We know you loved us and you in turn knew we all loved and respected

you, not just as our dad, but as our teacher and most as our best friend. You will be greatly missed by all of your family and friends, but most of all by Mom. You were her companion, her friend, her reason for living, but, we will all take comfort in knowing you'll never have to gasp for your next breath of air, or be afraid to go to sleep, or sit and worry about everyone else. Now dad, you can rest a peaceful rest until Jesus comes to you home and we can then have a lasting reunion.

Sleep well — we love you and miss you dearly.

Your Wife and Children

FRELIAN R. SMITH



It is with much sadness that I will try to write the obituary of my step-grandfather, Frelian R. Smith.

The son of Scott Hiram and Lula Violet Smith, he was born June 28, 1908 at Hurley, Virginia, and left this life of grief and pain for a happier place on August 29, 1988, making his stay on earth 80 years, two months and one day.

He was united in marriage on April 6, 1929 to Pearl E. Savage, who preceded him in death on February 3, 1982. To this union was born seven children: three daughters - Mrs. Ruth Messner, Port Clinton, Ohio; Mrs. Carlos (Margaret) Justice, Norwalk, Ohio; Mrs.

Donald (Roberta) Harris, Monroeville, Ohio; four sons: Mr. Bernard and Charles Smith, both of Norwalk, Ohio; Mr. William Smith, Carrollton, Georgia; and Mr. Carlyle Smith, Port Clinton, Ohio.

He remarried in May 1982, to Dorothy Varney of Hardy, Kentucky, whom is still surviving.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for almost 43 years, joined on September 16, 1945.

He is sadly missed by his wife, children, 30 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, one step-daughter, one step-granddaughter, and two sisters, Mrs. Orpha Bowling and Mrs. Lula Huddle, both of Buskirk, Kentucky, and a host of friends.

Written by his grieving step-granddaughter,
Katrina Young

ARTHUR JAMES PENDELL

Arthur James Pendell, son of the late Arthur and Helen Small Pendall of Syracuse, New York, was born December 1, 1928 and passed away August 10, 1988. He worked for the Geological Survey in Washington, D.C. for 35 years before retirement. He also served in the Korean War.

Art left behind his wife Lucille Brown Pendell and many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

Darling, there is no way to describe the last 26 years of our life together — the love, the happiness, and the memories will outweigh the last year of pain you suffered. God knows we went the last step of the way together. Not being able to use your hands for the past five months did not stop the love you reached out to me and all our family and friends. How many times you said how merciful God had been. The night you said you walked by a beautiful stream with Kin in a green pasture and you could use your arms and were coming back to tell me.

God left you without a family when you were a little boy, when you grew up he gave you to me and my family and we all loved you. You have touched the lives of so many people. There is no way to thank each of the friends and neighbors for all the love and kindness they showed during your illness.

There was always a smile for everyone who entered our home. I know God will show his mercy on each one who did a kind deed for us.

God saw that you had suffered enough and called you home, as I was sitting by you as you were silently slipping away Wednesday night. What a wonderful God to let you fall asleep so peacefully. The many smiles were on your face that day and when you looked up and said you saw something beautiful, I will never forget that look of contentment on your face.

The beautiful gates you entered in I hope I can enter too.

There is a place in heaven reserved for you and I.

You left me with a broken heart but God will see me through.

Sleep on, darling, with God's help, I'll see you again someday.

Your loving wife - Lucille



OTIS THACKER

Otis Thacker was born on February 25, 1919 and died on August 31, 1989. He was a disabled coal miner. He was born in Pike County, Ky. and served in the Three C's. He was a UMW member.

His mother and father are Dulcenia (Coleman) Thacker and Greene Thacker. His wife is Minnie (Collins) Thacker.

He was the father of 11 children. Those deceased are Charles Thacker, Larry Thacker and Arvie Thacker.

Surviving are Roy Thacker, Bobby Thacker, Greenie Thacker, Otis Jr. Thacker, Shirley Haynie, Kathy Thacker, Alice Thacker, Patricia Bevins and Brenda Adkins.

He had 30 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

His brothers and sisters deceased are - John Dewey Thacker, Estill Thacker, Miles Harvey Thacker, Greenie Thacker, Howard Thacker, Ballard Thacker, Hibbard Thacker, Elisha Thacker, Martha Slone, Lou Bevins, Rina Thacker and Bertha Thacker. His surviving sisters are Bessie Thacker, Ocie Daniels and Josie Reynolds.



CURTIS HOOVER GOFF

In memory of Curtis Hoover Goff of Raccoon, Kentucky, who passed away on Monday, April 17, 1989 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky at the age of 60 years. He was a retired miner, born in Pike County, October 18, 1928, a son of the late Elison Goff and Rebecca Slone Goff.

He was preceded in death by his wife and three sisters. He is survived by one brother, Cecil Goff, and two sisters, Alta May and Oma Justice all of Raccoon, Kentucky. He is also survived by one son, Lannie Ralph Goff of Raccoon, Kentucky; two daughters, Deborah



Lynn Johnson of London, Ohio, and Barbara Ann Collins of Raccoon, Kentucky; six grandchildren.

Hoover is sadly missed by his family and friends. He was loved by all who knew him.

*"We often sit and think of him when we are all alone,
For memory is the only friend that grief can call its own.
Like ivy on the withered oak, when all other things decay,
Our love for him will still keep green and never fade away."*

Sadly Missed! Sleep on Hoover and take your rest till Jesus comes again. We hope to meet in the air when earthly things are done away and Jesus will call his own to rise.

Written by:
Elder Monroe Justice

KEDNA DWAYNE CHARLES

Kedna Dwayne Charles, 33, of Hollister, Florida, formerly of Phyllis, Pike Co., Ky., died at 10:54 P.M. Friday, Oct. 21, 1988 in St. Petersburg, Fla., the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born in Pike County November 1, 1954, the son of Kedna and Vada Thacker Charles of Phyllis.

He was a factory worker and U.S. Air Force veteran.

Besides his parents he is survived by one brother, Estil Charles of Hollister, Fla.; two sisters, Glenna Sue Hunt, Feds Creek, Ky., and Linda Bowman, Kimper, Ky., and his paternal grandmother, Annie Sutherland of Clinchco, Virginia.

Funeral services were held at 11 A.M. Thursday, October 27, 1988 in the Justice Funeral Home Chapel with Primitive Baptist ministers officiating and burial followed in the Annie E. Young Cemetery at East Shelbyana.

Dwayne is sadly missed by family and friends and we hope to meet in that celestial clime where there'll be no accidents, trouble or sorrow.

God is our refuge and strength and a present help in time of trouble.

Written by request of family
Elder Robert B. Worrix



ISHMAEL FLETCHER

It is with a sad and broken heart, but with many sweet memories I try to write the obituary of my dearly beloved husband.

Ishmael Fletcher was born on December 16, 1909, and departed this life July 2, 1988, making his stay on earth 78 years, six months and two days. He was the son of William (Bob) Robert Fletcher and Mary Vandyke Fletcher.

Ishmael and Pearl Clevinger were united in marriage October 20, 1928 and to this union were born three children. Also preceding him in death were his father and mother, five brothers, Roy, Frazier, Waldron, Cornleaus, and Orvil, and two sisters, Bulah Fletcher and Hager Thompson.



Left to mourn their loss are his wife, Pearl; two sons, Alvie Fletcher, Johnson City, Tenn.; Edward (Ed) Fletcher of Grundy, Va., and one daughter, Mrs. Dave (Jean) Kendrick of Beckley, W. Va.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. One living brother, Paul Fletcher of Grundy, Va., and one sister, Ruth Daniels also of Grundy.

Ishmael joined the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church September 14, 1980, and was baptized October 12, 1980.

He was a firm believer in the doctrine, the death and the resurrection. He believed we would all live again in the likeness of our Saviour. He loved to be with his brothers and sisters in the Church.

Sickness did keep him out of church alot but I think I can safely say he loved everybody. He tried to be a friend and a helper to anyone who needed his help. We have lost a dear loved one, who was so near to us but our loss is his gain. For God saw fit to take him out of this painful life. He had a better place prepared for him. His spirit has returned back to God who giveth. In God's due time, we will be with him again. Lord, our house is so vacant now.

The shining light has gone out now, but Lord we have such sweet memories that will live on forever in our hearts. He will be sadly missed

by everyone that knew him especially his family. Sleep on, our love, take your beautiful rest. We loved you here, but God loved you best.

Written by his wife,
Pearl Fletcher

JEFFIE MAY

Jeffie May was a man who could be classed as the typical "Good Samaritan." He never forgot the lessons he learned at his mother's knee.

Due to the harshness and demands of his childhood environment, he was taught the necessity as well as the joy of hard work early in his life.

Jeffie was an honest man who took pride in being a good provider for his family, in keeping himself clean, and also in keeping his home and its surroundings in repair and order.

Jeffie had mastered the art of storytelling and entertained many friends and guests with his personal adventure tales. His sense of humor was one of his greatest assets.

Jeffie was a dependable, punctual person who made himself available to family, friends, neighbors, or strangers who were in need. He expected no pay for these services as this was a lesson he had learned early.

Honesty was a virtue that he valued highly and practiced daily throughout his life. He was a frugal person, but he had learned to share and would rather give than receive. Jeffie was one of our pioneers who enjoyed, used, but yet protected nature.

He was a reverent person who acknowledged that God was in charge and that He was the source of all his blessings.

Yes, Jeffie was a "Good Samaritan." His death was a great loss to all who knew him, but he left his pioneer spirit as a legacy to those who knew him best. He is missed.



By Mary Lou Runyon

VICTORIA COLEMAN

It is with much sadness that we try to write the obituary of our mother Victoria Coleman of McArthur, Ohio. She died Monday, December 28, 1987, at the age of 75 in the Medical Hospital in Chillicothe after a long illness. She was born at Mossie Bottom, Ky. the daughter of the late James R. and Mary Worrix Coleman. She was a housewife and a faithful member of Columbus Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by husband, George Coleman, and six children, Utah Coleman, Troy Coleman, Landon Coleman, Dewight Coleman, Creda Anderson and Catherine Addington; twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She will be missed by all of us, the members of her church and a host of relatives and friends who by God's grace hope to meet her again.

Written by her family



OCIE McINTYRE

In loving memory of Ocie McIntyre of Circleville, Ohio. Ocie was born on June 14, 1922, the daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson (T.J.) and Martha May Thacker. Ocie died on February 20, 1989, after a long illness. This made her stay on earth 66 years, eight months and six days.

Ocie was preceded in death by her husband, George R. McIntyre on April 16, 1986. One sister, Josie West of Florida, and four brothers, Clinton, Ulius, Junice, and Everett Thacker of Shelbyana, Ky. also preceded her in death.

Ocie made her home with the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church of Rocky



Road on August 1, 1987. She was baptized on August 2, 1987 at Fishtrap Dam.

Ocie is sadly missed by her 13 grandchildren and five children — George Jr. and William McIntyre, Judy Woodworth, June Clopper, and Patricia Hogue.

Hoping to meet her again are her two brothers and three sisters she left behind, Clifford Thacker, Wheeler Thacker, Irene Castle and Avonell Ray of Pike County, Ky. and Goldie Patrick of Maryland.

Written by:

Irene Castle, Avonell Ray and
Marlene Slone

MYRTLE DOTSON

Myrtle Dotson, 86 years of age, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, departed this life June 13, 1989, in Columbus, Ohio. She was born April 10, 1903, in Pike County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Elias and Rosetta McCoy Dotson. Myrtle was a homemaker and a member of the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Dotson, who died in 1975, and sons, Morgan and Dave, and daughters, Rosa and Lillia.



Her survivors are: two sons - John J. Dotson of Covington, Kentucky; Dallas Dotson of Columbus, Ohio; six daughters - Josephine Dotson of Columbus, Ohio; Corrine Eggers of Columbus, Ohio; Julia Justice of Columbus, Ohio; Jeanette Downs of Columbus, Ohio; Mary Justice of Columbus, Ohio, and Linda Spradlin of Columbus, Ohio.

Many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends will sadly mourn the passing of: MYRTLE DOTSON.

WHEN GOD IS OUR COMPANION

*When God is our companion, as we walk the road of life,
There is help for every problem and grace for care and strife!
And we'll find that we've been happy all along the path we've trod,
When in faith we've made the journey hand-in-hand along with God!*

Sadly missed by the family

GUSTA CARTER JUSTICE

It is with great sadness that we write this obituary of our aunt, Gusta Carter Justice, who departed from this life at the age of 80 on March 30, 1989.

She was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don Justice.

Her survivors include one son, Ruey Justice; two grandsons, Jeffrey and Scott Justice; three brothers, Frank, Stanley and Hi Carter.

We have loving memories of Gusta and she is sadly missed by all who knew her.

Written by Creetie Justice
and Charles Goff



OLLIE THACKER



In memory of Ollie Thacker who passed away April 7, 1989, at the age of 87 years. She was born March 14, 1902, making her stay on earth 87 years and 24 days. She was the daughter of the late William (Bill) Worrix and Betty Worrix. She was united in marriage to Mat Thacker who preceded her in death August 28, 1974. Also two sons, Glen Thacker and Jonnah Thacker, and two daughters, Lou and Laura Thacker. She is survived by three sons, John D. Gemes and Lee Roger Thacker, all of Racoon, Ky., and four daughters, Victoria Slone of Racoon; Kelsie Kendrick of Pikeville, Ky.; Dixie Thacker of Phyllis, Ky., and Rebecca

Apshire of Lick Creek, Ky., and 49 grandchildren and 50 great-grandchildren, and one brother, Bradley Worrix of Burning Fork, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

She was a loving wife and mother and was loved by all who knew her. She proved by the life she lived that she felt she was a child of God and had a hope that she would live again someday where there would be no more pain and sorrow, but all would be peace and happiness.

She was a member of Louisa Primitive Baptist Church.

Children, I know you loved your mother but just thank God that her pain and suffering is over. Just live in hope that some sweet day you'll all be together again, where there will be no more pain and sorrow. For it will be so peaceful in the arms of our Lord. I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by Fannie Justice
for the family of Ollie Thacker

JANE STILTNER

With sweet and precious memories of my dear mother who went home to be with the Lord (II Cor. 5:8) September 4th, 1988. She was born in Pike County in 1910, the daughter of the late Anderson Coleman and Callie Dotson Coleman. She was a homemaker and a member of the Long Fork Primitive Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Lee B. Stiltner, one son Clay Harold Stiltner, and one daughter Jocie McAlister. She and her husband who was a Deacon in the church, served the Lord and the church faithfully until they were called home. After her husband went home to be with the Lord, she remained a faithful widow and continued faithful to the Lord and His church.



She left to mourn two sons, Eugene Stiltner of Phelps, Ky.; Bobby Stiltner of Phyllis, Ky.; one daughter, Verna Hall of Killeen, Texas; three adopted daughters, Wanda Ward of Vinton, Ohio; Debra Anderson of Kimper, Ky., and Letha Reed of Pikeville, Ky. Also one brother, one sister and fourteen grandchildren, twenty-six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

She has been and is being missed greatly but shall not be forgotten. We will always love you, Dear Mother. We have only given you up for a

short while. We will see you at a later time. Job 14:14-16, I Thes. 4:16-18.

Written by her daughter with
much love, Mrs. Verna Hall

ALICE MAE (MULLINS) SMITH

Written in loving memory of my mother, whom I will miss so much.

Alice Mae (Mullins) Smith of Canada, Kentucky, was born April 23, 1927. She died July 4, 1989 at her home after a brief illness.

She was the daughter of the late Joseph Preston Mullins and Alice Louisa (Morris) Mullins.

She is survived by her husband, LeRoy Smith, and three children who will mourn her loss. Two sons, Larry Thiel Smith and Harry Lee Smith, both of Canada, and one daughter, Colleen (Smith) Hatfield, also of Canada. She also leaves behind five grandchildren who will miss her dearly: Sonya Renee', Larry Michael, and Kimberly Nicole Smith and Mitchell Lee and Tanya Michelle Hatfield. One grandchild, Roy Thomas Smith, preceded her in death.



She is also survived by one brother, J. T. Mullins of Sidney, Ky., and one sister, Vada Lee Griffey of Shelbyville, Indiana. Six brothers and five sisters preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held July 7, 1989 at the Rogers Funeral Home with the Elders Mike Smith and Michael Elswick and Paris Blackburn officiating. Burial followed in the Elswick Cemetery at Canada.

In her own words she said, "I leave you all my love. I'm gone to be with Jesus. Follow in my footsteps."

Written by a daughter who
loved and misses her so much,
Colleen Hatfield

DIXIE MARIE MAYNARD THACKER

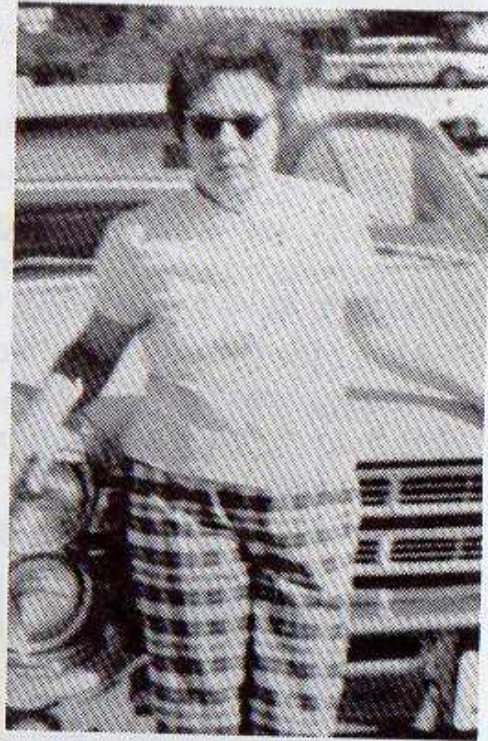
It is with much sadness but with the help of God I will write the obituary of my "Mommy," Dixie Marie Thacker. She was born March 23, 1914 to the late Martha Jane Summers and Sam Maynard. She left this old world December 4, 1988 making her stay 74 years, eight months and 11 days. She was married to J. B. Thacker who preceded her in death January 14, 1970.

She never borne any children but while being married to Ostel Smith, God blessed me with you as my Mommy. I was only about seven years old at that time. I thank God for you so many times. She was a mommy and an inspiration to me and many of her nieces, nephews and friends. She would laugh sometimes and say, "Whenever I leave this world I'm going to have a lot of children to miss me" and she does. She was more than a mommy, she was a sister in Christ and a dear friend. We were blessed to talk about the mercies of the Lord together.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard and Wendell Maynard and a sister, Elsie Yarbour. She is survived by a daughter, Wanda N. May Thacker; four grandchildren: Joey N. Thacker, Denita Marie Thacker, Carolyn W. Thacker, Mariruth B. Thacker, all of Huddy, Ky.; two brothers: Sammy Maynard and Louie Clyde Maynard, both of Canada, Ky.; a sister, Mable York of Chicago, Illinois. There are many nieces, nephews and friends that will mourn the loss of our precious mommy.

She joined the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church January 11, 1948. On this day she was baptized after breaking the ice. She united with the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church by a letter from the Tucson Church, while living in Michigan.

Mommy, I never got to say good-bye but it's not, it is only so long for a little while. The joy that helps me with the sadness in my heart is knowing you are asleep in Jesus. I know you had a hope of seeing your precious Saviour, Jesus Christ and in the Resurrection Day. You often spoke of how good the Lord was to you. You told me that you saw Him (Jesus) standing in a white robe by your bed one night. Whenever He



reached out to you and you started to touch Him, He disappeared. Only His robe was left there standing, but soon it vanished, too. Mommy, you couldn't touch Him then because it wasn't time yet. The other morning I believe He was there with you again, but this time He did take your spirit home to be with Him. You are not alone anymore. I have seen you praise the Lord's name before, you were happy in the Lord then and even more so now, for so beautifully you will be blessed to praise Him with perfection. Sleep on, Mommy, for a little while, such sweet peaceful sleep in the arms of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Mommy, I can't tell you I love you today,
But I will always thank God, He sent you my way.
How hard saying good-bye has been,
But you now have a sweet peace and joy that will never end.*

Written with the help of the Lord,
by your grateful child, living in hope,
With much Love,
Wanda N. Thacker

HAZEL STUMP

It is with much sadness and a broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of our dear mother.

Hazel departed this life to be with Jesus May 16, 1989. Hazel was blessed to live 76 years. She was a member of the Phelps Primitive Baptist Church.

Hazel was born February 14, 1913 at Phelps, Ky. She was the daughter of the late Elice and Sally Dotson. She was married to Floyd Stump and survived by four sons, James Stump of Kimper, Ky.; Russell Stump, Worthington, Ohio; Robert Stump of Phelps, Ky., and Clidis Stump of Hardy, Ky.; one sister, Myrtle Wagner of Phelps, Ky.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Hazel was always ready to help anyone who needed her. She loved everyone, especially her little church at Phelps. She loved for people to visit her and eat with her. Hazel is asleep in Jesus, just waiting for that



great homecoming day when we can give our precious Savior all the praise she so sweetly deserves.

Written by her children

VELMA MAE (DOTSON) RATLIFF

It is with deep sadness that I write the obituary of my dear wife and wonderful mother of my children. Velma Mae Ratliff, known to her friends as "Mae", was born February 1, 1907, and was called away on May 1, 1989, making her stay on earth eighty-two years and three months.

Preceding her in death were her parents, George Dotson and Margaret (Hatfield) Dotson; three brothers, Charlie Dotson, Lee Dotson and Bob Dotson; two sisters, Flora Ward and Mary Ratliff; one daughter, Bobbie Lee Ward; and three grandchildren.

We were united in marriage on August 29, 1929 at Ransom, Kentucky, and to this union were born two sons: George W. Ratliff and Will D. Ratliff; five daughters, Margaret Williams, Ida P. Coleman, Billie J. Mounts, Anna G. Hodge and Jacqueline Coleman; eighteen grandchildren; Melvina "Tootsie", Kaye, Roger, Deloris, Luna Mae, Rita, Teresa, Lisa, Judy, Lynette, Randy, Della, Ricky, Donna, Rhonda, Stacie, Jonathan and Cory; and fourteen great-grandchildren: Carolyn, Nicholas, Allen, Jason, Jessica, Sabrina Michael, Ronnie, Kevin, Chad, Jeremy, Beth, Joshua and Angel.

In 1945, she gave her life to Christ and became a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church. She was always faithful and looked to God to help her through life's hardships. She was a true believer in salvation by the grace of God. She proved her faithfulness and love for God when she left this world clapping her hands and shouting.

She worked hard all of her life and was always loving, giving and devoted to her children, grandchildren and many friends. She will be



sadly missed by all who loved her. Some day I hope to join her in our new home in Heaven.

Written by her loving husband,
Kit C. Ratliff

ANNA MAY DOTSON

It is with a deeply sad and aching heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dearly departed mother. A dear old sainted mother has been called from our midst. Sister Anna May Dotson was born in Pike County, Ky. She was the daughter of the late Lidge and Nancy Jane Smith. She was born March 16, 1911, and passed away May 18, 1989, making her stay here on earth 78 years and two months and one day. She was married to Joseph Harison May, and to this union was born two children. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Joseph Harrison May, and she later married Tom Dotson who also preceded her in death.



She leaves to mourn her loss two boys, Melvin May and Billy Joe May, both of Hurley, Va., and two step-sons, Robert May and Edward May of Hurley, Va., and three sisters, Mary Hackney of Freeburn, Ky., and Eddie Stump of Phelps, Ky., and Pearl McKinney of Louisa, Ky. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren and six step-grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers: James Harvey Smith and Frank Smith, and one sister, Rena Stump.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Sulphur Spring. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to go. She is sadly missed by all who knew her. Our loss I feel is Heaven's gain. Sister Anna is at rest now. So be of good cheer. She has just gone home. We desire to bow in humble submission to our God's Sovereign will by the grace of God when He calls our sleeping dust from the rock-bound tombs and takes us home to the Lord without the loss of one is my prayer. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by request of the family,
Elder Arthur May

YVONNE BEVINS BALL

Oh! Lord I pray you'll bless me as I write, with words to express the beauty I was blessed to see in this your precious child, Sister Yvonne Ball.

Yvonne (Bevins) Ball, 43, departed this old world leaving her suffering behind on Wednesday, April 26, 1989, while in the Markie Cancer Center at the University of Kentucky.

She was born February 10, 1946, the daughter of Imal Bevins and the late Orville Bevins. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Phyllis (Bevins) Webb.

She was survived by her mom, Imal (Bevins) Bevins of Turkey Creek; her husband, Kenneth Ball; her son, Michael Ball, both of home; sisters, Joyce Adkins, Stanton, Gaynell Maynard, Soody; brothers, Kenneth Bevins, Turkey Creek; Donnie Bevins, Gallipolis, Ohio.

She joined the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church on May 17, 1982. She came to Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, by letter, on June 20, 1987. She will be missed sadly by her brothers and sisters in the church. The Lord blessed her with faith and courage to fill her seat and call on Him in prayer. Her seat is empty now, but the impression this little sister made will be long remembered.

We all long for that Glorious Resurrection Day, when we'll meet King Jesus in the midway air and join in praise to Him forever more.

Her family and friends she's left behind can only rejoice in the knowledge her suffering has ceased and her spirit is basking in the light of the Lord. The emptiness and the aching heart can only be soothed by your cherished memories of the years the Lord blessed you to have together. Whether as your wife, your mom, your daughter, your sister, or as your friend, she touched each of your lives that can't be touched the same again. The lonely hours are so hard to bear, only the Lord can carry you through, but live on in hope as she did. She can't come to you again but you, by the Amazing Grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, can go where she is and be together with all God's children in that sweet home above.



*What mercy? What Love?
The wondrous ways of God above.
He is our all, in all.*

We love her here in this world, but the good Lord loves her more.
She's asleep in the arms of Jesus. Oh! Lord, How we want to be happy
in eternity.

Written with love and great
admiration for this, our dear sister
in Christ.

Living in Hope,
Wanda N. Thacker

GOD'S PRECIOUS CHILD

*God's dear precious child,
I was blessed to know.
One so meek and mild,
I felt the Lord in her soul.*

*Straight and narrow was her walk,
She called on Jesus in her talk.
She knew her help came from above,
And was blessed to feel His sweet love.*

*She was an inspiration to us all,
She was eagerly waiting for your call.
With love, patience and faith,
The Lord blessed her to patiently wait.*

*Yvonne, a precious child of Thine,
Hope and comfort in you she was blessed to find.
She has no more pain now,
You've given her sweet rest . . . and How!*

*Oh! Dear Lord sweet rest in you,
When we bid this world adieu.
This is what we're all longing for,
Blissful rest in thee for evermore.*

*By God's Grace,
Wanda N. Thacker*

BERTHA RHODES FULLER

In memory of Sister Bertha Rhodes Fuller of Steele, Kentucky, who passed away January 29, 1989 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She was born October 11, 1898 in Buchanan County, Virginia, daughter of the late Russ Rhodes and Nickie Tie Rhodes. She lived to be 90 years old. Bertha was a homemaker and a member of the Little Union Primitive Baptist Church at Steele, Kentucky. She was a faithful member and attended as long as she was able. Sister Bertha believed in a God that



was merciful, loving and forgiving, and that he saw the end from the beginning and spoke this earth into existence and made everything that was made, and without Him there would be nothing made. I had heard her say many times that if she thanked Him every minute of her life, that she couldn't thank Him enough for what He had done for her, that he sent His only begotten son into this world to pay a debt that she had nothing to pay with.

Sister Bertha was also a good neighbor and would open her doors to anyone who needed a home. The community lost a good neighbor and friend. Bertha was preceded in death by her husband, Theo Fuller, June 1, 1985, also one son, Ison Paul Fuller. Her survivors are three sons, Cecil Keene of Omaha, Texas; Jackie Fuller of Steele, Kentucky; Bennie Russ Fuller of Big Rock, Virginia; one daughter, Nickie Pugh of Feds Creek, Kentucky; two sisters, Mervel Allen of Steele, Kentucky; Dorothy Varney of Stone, Kentucky; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her death. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by Brother Ernest Blair
and Edith Blair

EILEEN YATES LEWIS



It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my mother Eileen Yates Lewis. She was born March 2, 1929. She was the daughter of Dick and Rosie Yates. She suffered so much in the last three years. She died on September 18, 1988, making her stay on earth 59 years, six months and 16 days.

She was married to Arlie Lewis who preceded her in death on March 29, 1983. And one son also preceded her in death, Elder Lewis of Baltimore, Md., on March 28, 1984.

To this union were born 10 children, Arlanda Lewis of Lenore, W. Va.; Elmer Lewis of Huntington, W. Va.; Earl Lewis and Jimmie Lewis of Williamson, W. Va., and Richard Kieth Lewis of Baltimore, Md.; four daughters, Alice Faye (Lewis) May of Canada, Ky.; Minnie Starr, Sheila Coleman, Joann Lewis, all of Williamson, W. Va.

Mom joined the Primitive Baptist Church on June 13, 1981 at Pontiac, Michigan, and was baptized by Elder Robert Mayhon and Elder David May. Her membership was at Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. I know she is resting now from all her pain and suffering. She loved to sing songs when she was in the hospital. She had some beautiful dreams about the Lord while in the hospital. Rest on, Mother, till Jesus comes in the clouds of His Glory to take all his children home.

Written by her daughter who loved her
Alice Faye (Lewis) May

SARAH T. BLACKBURN



With loving memories and a sadden heart, I will try and write the obituary of my loving wife. Sarah T. Blackburn passed away in Lexington, Saint Joseph Hospital, March 12. She was born May 13, 1918 to the late Nancy Jane Thacker and the late Hibbard Thacker of Hurricane Creek, Fishtrap, Ky., making her stay on earth 70 years and 10 months. She was united in Holy matrimony to Elster Blackburn on December 12, 1942. We were blessed with four children; three boys and one girl. Elster Ray of Meta at Johns Creek, Roger Dean of Harolds Branch of Pikeville, Ralph Chester of Lower Pompey of Shalbiana, and Shirley Jane Sweaney, Upper Chloe.

She left to mourn her loss, her husband and four children and seven grandchildren. Sarah and her husband, Elster joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Louisa on October 13, 1974. She loved the church and attended regularly as long as she was able to go.

Funeral services were conducted March 15, 1989 at Louisa Primitive Baptist Church at Millard, Ky. Officiating were Paul Dean Justice, Robert Worrix and others. She was buried in the Thacker Cemetery at Fishtrap, Ky.

Take your rest now, my Darling, you are sadly missed by us all. It will never be the same anymore around this home.

Written by her broken-hearted husband, Elster Blackburn
and her children

ELIZABETH PRATER

It is with a deeply sad and aching heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dearly departed mother. A dear old sainted mother has been called from our midst, Sister Elizabeth Prater. She was born in Buchanan County, Va. She was the daughter of the late John and Ruthie Estep Prater. She was born September 15, 1903 and passed away July 23, 1989, making her stay here on earth 85 years and 10 months and 20 days.

Survivors are one son, Roland May of Hurley, Va., and four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Sulphur Spring Primitive Baptist Church for about 65 years. She was blind for about 50 years. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to go. She is sadly missed by all who knew her and the church has lost a wonderful member.

Sister Elizabeth is at rest now so be of good cheer. She has just gone home. We desire to bow in humble submission to our God's sovereign will by the grace of God when He calls our sleeping dust from the rock-bound tombs and takes us home to the Lord without the loss of one is my prayer. Mom has left us for a little while. Please do not grieve. Or tears. And hug your sorrow to you. But go on bravely. With a smile. And for Mom's sake. And in her name, live on and do all things the same. Feed not your loneliness on empty days, but fill each waking hour in useful wats. Reach out your hand in comfort and love, and Mom in turn will comfort you and hold you near, and never be afraid to die, for Mom is waiting for us in the sky. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by request of the family,
Elder Arthur May



MARTHA COLEMAN BLACKBURN

It is with much sadness that I will try to write the obituary of my precious mother, Martha Coleman Blackburn. She was born March 13, 1911 and departed this life June 21, 1989, making her stay here on earth 78 years, three months and eight days. She was born in Pike County Ky., the daughter of the late William R. and Elitha Deel Coleman. She was a homemaker. She never united with any organization, but we feel she belonged to God's church. She loved the old Primitive Baptist Church. She was loved by everyone who knew her. She leaves a husband, James A. "Lonnie" Blackburn and eight children, 21 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren to mourn her loss. She is missed by all who knew and loved her. She will always be remembered for her love to everyone. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. By the grace of our almighty God we hope to meet her again.



Written by her son-in-law
Walter L. Coleman and
daughter Iris Coleman

PLUMA GREEN COLEMAN

It is with a sad and aching heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear precious mother, Pluma Green Coleman, 68 years of age, of Lower Pompey, Pike County, Kentucky. She was born July 31, 1920. She departed this life February 4, 1989, making her stay on earth 68 years, six months and four days. She leaves a husband, Harless Coleman, eight children, 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, to mourn her passing. She was the daughter of the late John and Josie Marrs Green. She was preceded in death by two sons, Larry Coleman and Gary Coleman. She was a loving and



caring mother. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church. She dearly loved the church and attended when able enough to go. She suffered many years on this earth.

She was a loving "precious" mother and loved everyone. She was the greatest link in our chain. She is sadly missed by her husband, children and great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. She can never be replaced in this world. Each day my heart grows heavier for our loss. A voice I loved so dear is still, she left a vacancy in my heart that can never be filled. I believe our loss is heaven's gain. By the grace of our Almighty God we will meet again to part never more. Sleep on Mother, I love you with a love words would never be able to utter.

Written by her son
Walter L. Coleman

LOLA BOSTIC VARNEY

Lola Bostic Varney, 75, of Canada, died Saturday, July 8, 1989, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born December 1, 1913, in Pike County, she was a daughter of the late Jim and Minnie Bostic. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Luther Bostic; and a son, Tommy Smith.

She was a homemaker and member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors are her husband, Garland Varney; sons, Leroy Varney of Raven, Va.; Jimmy Ray Varney of Belfry, Kentucky; Eugene Varney of Stone, Kentucky; Garland Jr. and Iven Dale Varney of Covington, Kentucky; Julius Varney of Cleveland, Ohio; Bruce Varney of Canada; daughters, Mary Jane Slone of Cincinnati, Ohio; Gail Rowe of Grundy, Va.; June Edmiston of Canada, Kentucky; sisters, Bertha Varney of Marion, Va.; Hattie Sullivan and Edith Casey of Pinsonfork, Kentucky; Bubby Ross of South Williamson, Kentucky; Myrtle Beard of Williamson, W. Va.; brothers: Rufus Bostic of Cincinnati, Ohio; James Bostic Jr. of Stone, Kentucky; Thurman Bostic of Canada, Kentucky; 42 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.



MAGALINE McINTOSH LITTLE

"In memory of our beloved sister, Magaline McIntosh Little, 50, of Ransom, Ky."

With so many, many loving memories and hearts so sad, I'll try to write the obituary of our dearly beloved sister.

Magaline was born in Pike County on August 3, 1937. It pleased God to call her home peacefully on June 25, 1988.

She was the daughter of the late James and Mary Coleman McIntosh.

Magaline was the proud mother of seven children. Two daughters, Rita Lenore Justice, Nita Diamond; four sons, Tony Ray, Steven, Joseph, and Ryan Eric. She was preceded in death by one son, Milton Jr. She had six grandchildren.

Other than her children and grandchildren she leaves behind six brothers, Hershel, Fonso, Bobby, Earl David, James Larry, and Halver Keith. Her sister, Nettie Goan.

No matter what her role in life was, whether that as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, or special friend, she spent her life making sacrifices for those she loved and expecting nothing in return.

She may be gone from our sight, but she will never be gone from our hearts. There are so many beautiful memories for us to hold on to.

The McIntosh Family



CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Original Mates Creek District Primitive Baptist Association.

2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their membership in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical powers over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

5. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by secret ballot.

7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the union who shall petition by letter and messenger, and (if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly), shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association.

9. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it shall be withdrawn by the member who made it.

11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association, the best way and method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and those monies thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies received by him, and pay out of the same according to the Association.

13. There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the Sec-

retary chosen for that purpose, who shall receive compensation for his trouble.

14. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

15. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

16. The Association shall have power: (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. (3) To give the churches necessary advice in matters of church difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. (5) To appropriate those monies by the churches contributed for an Association fund to any purpose they may think proper. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business they may see necessary. (7) The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association. (9) The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the Association.

17. We welcome any and all orderly and peace loving Primitive Baptist to visit with us.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, who is the Creator, upholder, and righteous disposer of all things; and that He is self-existent, independent, omnipotent and eternal.

2. We believe that Jesus existed in His mediatorial Person as the head and life of His body, the church from everlasting.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal, personal and unconditional election; that the elect, or church, is and was and shall forever remain His body and fulness, and their spiritual life is hid with Christ in God.

4. We believe in the doctrine of total depravity of human nature and that recovery from that condition is wholly and exclusively by the sovereign, free and unmerited grace of God.

5. We believe the atonement made by Christ was full and complete and exclusively for the elect, or heirs of promise.

6. We believe the doctrine of God's predestination in every sense as the Bible teaches it.

7. We believe that all the elect vessels of mercy, chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the regenerating power of God's grace, and shall ultimately enjoy heaven and immortal glory.

8. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and the unjust, and the happiness of the righteous shall be eter-

nal and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and the true mode of baptism is immersion, foot washing as an example.

10. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as translated under the reign of King James, are a revelation from God, inspired by the Holy Ghost, and that the New Testament is the standard of faith and the only authorized rule of practice to the church of God under gospel dispensation. We therefore consider ourselves solemnly bound by our allegiance to the King of Zion to reject, disclaim and dis-fellowship all modern and ancient religious institutions or societies of which we have neither precept nor example in the New Testament.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present.
3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter as he can to convey his ideas.
6. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
7. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation but the title of "Brother."
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in a speech or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except they break the Rules of Decorum.
11. Names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as many times as the Association may require.
12. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall have no vote except the Association be equally divided. In that event he shall give the casting vote.
13. Any member who shall wilfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.

**STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE
ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

CHURCHES	CLERKS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Saturday of Meeting	Contributions of each church
Louisa -----	Bro. Bradley Worrix -----	2				2		6	138	2	\$ 110.00
Old Pond -----	Ray Harlow -----							4	105	2	125.00
Big Creek -----	Garry Thacker -----	3			1			5	80	3	125.00
Raccoon -----	Marie Coleman -----								88	4	145.00
Peter Creek -----	Leo Coleman -----	2			1	2		2	103	4	100.00
Sulphur Springs -----	Arthur May -----					1		4	65	1	100.00
Little Hope -----	Frank J. Ball -----				1	2			25	1	80.00
Grapevine -----	Olen J. May -----		1						27	3	50.00
Samaria -----	Eddie Harris -----	1	2					4	161	3	125.00
Little Union -----	Margie Lester -----							1	14	1	100.00
Johns Creek -----	Bonnie Rhodes -----							1	32	2	50.00
Calvary -----	Rush Chapman -----					2	1	1	38	1	50.00
Dry Fork -----	Mary June Armes -----					1			59	2	100.00
Friendship -----	Martin Childers -----								27	4	25.00
Columbus -----	Sandra Harris -----	2					1	2	84	4	75.00
Deerfield -----	Ernest Hager -----	1					1	2	42	4	100.00
Pleasant Hill -----	Grey Moore -----	2	1	1		2			32	1	60.00
	Totals -----	13	4	1	3	12	3	32	1,120		\$1,520.00

