

**Minutes
of the
One Hundred Forty-Sixth
Annual Session
of the
Original Mates Creek Regular
Primitive Baptist Association
Organized in 1849**

**Held With
Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church
(Hosted At Little Union Church)
Steele, Pike County, Kentucky
September 4, 5 and 6, 1998**

**Next Session Convenes with the Samaria Church,
located at Blackberry, Pike County , Kentucky, Friday
before the first Sunday in September, 1999.**

DIRECTIONS: From Pikeville, KY, take Route 119 North to Jct. KY 319 (27 mi.)
at Toler, KY. Turn right on 319. Continue 7 mi. to Jct. KY 1056. Turn right on
1056 for 3 mi. to Jct. Left Fork Rd. and turn left. Continue 1.7 mi. to church on
left at Old House Branch Rd. From Williamson, W. Va. take Route 119 South to
Jct. KY 319 (3 mi.). Turn left on 319 and follow preceding underlined directions.

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association held with the GRAPEVINE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST Church, at Little Union Church.

FRIDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 4, 1998

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder DAVID LEE JACOBS.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder DAVID A. THACKER. Text: "LOVE". Brother David was richly blessed to sound the trumpet in Zion amid much shouting and rejoicing.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from the GRAPEVINE Church was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of messengers enrolled in the minutes. Moved and seconded that Elder MICHAEL ELSWICK serve as Moderator Protem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that BRO. MIKE SCOTT serve as Clerk Protem for the election of officers.

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

ELDER ROBERT WORRIX MODERATOR

ELDER MICHAEL SMITH ASSISTANT MODERATOR

ELDER RANDAL THORNSBURY CLERK

DEACON LESLIE HATFIELD ASSISTANT CLERK

Moved and Seconded to release Protem Moderator and 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. Moved and seconded to receive messengers' reports.

Correspondence from Sister Associations were received and seated as follows:

SAND LICK: Garnell Gilbert, Jerold Yates and Fayne Viers, Jim Duty, Franklin Viers, Price Viers, Johnny Viers, and Bobby Arrington

BURNING SPRINGS: Larry Stanley, Louie Howard, Jimmy Mann, and Roby Gullett

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Curt Heath, Leonard Barton, Eddie Lyle,
Blaine Owens and Buster DeBusk

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Vance Jones and Elmer Edwards

MT. ZION: David Bailey and Franklin Oresta

NEW LIBERTY:

WASHINGTON: Larry Blevins, Danny Smith, Ked Stacy, Joe Edwards,
George Combs and Darrell Davis

UNION: Tommy Adams, Garry Adams, Teddy Stevans, Dallas Adams,
Trillis Adams and Corbin Hampton

FISHER'S RIVER: Joey Jenkins and Willie Branch

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

SAND LICK: Arnold Childress, Roxine Childress, Algrine Stacy,
Don Stacy, Sidney Tivis Deel, Hoey Lester, Joel Turner, Jerold Yates,
Mary Lou Duty, Lorene Carter, James T. Brooks, Edna Brooks,
Gary Looney, Clayton Belcher, Bryan Deel, Earnest Newberry
and Roy D. Stanley

BURNING SPRINGS: Loren Hensley, Phyllis Mann, Donnie Lykins,
Peggy Howard and Hager Arnett

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Hulda Jones, Nonnie Jones and Otis Sisk

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT:

UNION: Jean Adams, Mary Lou Adams and Mary Stevans

FISHER'S RIVER: JoAnn Branch and Thelma Jenkins

MT. ZION: Ruby Bailey

WASHINGTON: Nora B. Owens, Pearlie V. Ransey, Deloris Stacy,
Peggy Griffith, Perry Compton, Rean Shelton, Hasel Shelton,
Clyde Griffith, Clarence Childress and Doris Childress

BETHEL CHURCH:

MT. ENON ASSOC. OF FL.: George and Virginia Thompson, Hollis
Albritton, Jr. and Joe Beaver

MIAMI PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Hesker Gillum

CRAWFORD LAKE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: H. D. Bedsoe

SENER ASSOCIATION: Kenny McNeil and Floyd F. South

BETHLEHEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: J. A. McCormick

NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION: Joe Brannen, Jimmy Brannen,
Eddie McLeod, Barbara McLeod and Elizabeth Davis

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST: Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Hanlin

VOLUNTEER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Swanson Joyce
and Ruby Joyce

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Moved and seconded that Elder Noah Slone and Elder Ernest Blair, along
with the Deacons of the GRAPEVINE and LITTLE UNION CHURCHES,
arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

A. Friday Morning at LITTLE UNION CHURCH:

Joel Turner and Hollis Albritton

B. Friday Afternoon at the Stand: Jim Duty and Vance Jones

C. Friday Night at John's Creek: Michael Elswick and David May

- D. Friday Night at Peter Creek: Joey Jenkins, Joe Brannen, Jim Moore and J. C. Hager
- E. Saturday Morning at the Stand: Jerold Yates, Willie Branch and David Bailey
- F. Saturday Afternoon at the Stand: Joe Brannen, Jim Brannen and Robert Worrix
- G. Saturday Night at Calvary: Joe Brannen, David Bailey, Jim Brannen and Victor Church
- H. Saturday Night at Samaria: Jim Moore, Vance Jones and J. C. Hager
- I. Saturday Night at Big Creek: Jim Duty, Jerold Yates, Bob Arrington and Franklin Viers

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Joseph Slone, Walter Rutherford, Tom Chapman, Monroe Justice, Daris Kinder, Paul Smith, Mitch Blackburn, Bradley Coleman, Millard Whitt, Rick Blair, Carl Coleman, David A. Thacker, Elmer Brown, Martin Childers, Paris Blackburn, John Holyfield, Jim Moore and Kenny Chapman.

Committee on Finance was appointed as follows:

Danny May, James Hackney and Frank Ball

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

SAND LICK: Paul Varney, Daris Kinder, Robert Worrix, Mike Smith, Paul Smith and Elmer Brown

UNION: John Jacobs, Noah Slone, David Allen Thacker, Joseph Slone, Onis Smith and Don Hatfield

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Carl Coleman, Monroe Justice, Robert Worrix, Jimmy L. Smith, Sid Fleming and Elmer Goff

BURNING SPRINGS: Daris Kinder, Joseph Slone, Paris Blackburn,
Mike Smith and Bradley Worrix

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Don Hatfield, John Jacobs, Daris Kinder,
Jim Moore, David Thacker, Jommy L. Smith, Elmer Brown,
David May, Paul Smith and Elmer Goff

MT. ZION: Don Hatfield, Noah Slone, Leslie Hatfield and Elmer Brown

NEW LIBERTY: Don Hatfield, John Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Leslie
Hatfield and Elmer Goff

FISHER'S RIVER: Don Hatfield, Leslie Hatfield and Elmer Goff

WASHINGTON: Jim Moore, Elmer Brown, Don Hatfield, Joseph
Slone and Bradley Worrix

In reference to last year's recommendation #5 that the Moderator of our Association inquire as to why Raccoon Church failed to represent themselves at the 1997 Association:

Brother Robert Worrix (MODERATOR) reported and the messengers received his report. Raccoon Church was excused.

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

Saturday Morning, SEPTEMBER 5, 1998

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

Prayer by Elder VANCE JONES.

Roll called and absents marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee met at the tents at Little Union Church and was called to order by the Moderator.

#1 Recommend that we omit the reading of the letters before the committee.

- #2 Recommend that Peter Creek Church host the annual meeting for 1999.
- #3 Recommend that Samaria Church host the Association for 1999.
- #4 Called for the Circular Letter which was written by Elder J. C. Hager. The letter was read by Brother J. C. It was approved and moved that it be printed in the minutes and that Elder David May prepare the Circular Letter for 1999.
- #5 We recommend that the Association carry on its work on Saturday as usual.

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 PETER CREEK Church to begin Friday before the last Saturday in March, 1999.

Committee of Preaching reported the following for Sunday:

1. Song and Prayer by Elder Henry Viers
2. Elder Garnell Gilbert
3. Elder J. C. Hager
4. Elder Robert Worrix

Finance Committee reported \$1,735.00 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 before the second Saturday in August, 1999. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Paul Dean Justice, David A. Thacker, Ernest Blair, Jimmie Lee Smith, Elmer Thacker, David May, Randal Thornsberry, David Jacobs, Michael Elswick, Rufford Howell, Ellis Lynn, Greg Moore, Owen Blanton and Elmer Brown.

OLD POND: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1999. Elders to attend: Don Hatfield, Paris Blackburn, Walter Sullivan, Kenny Chapman, Robert Worrix, David Colman, Jr., Elmer Thacker, Bobby Blackburn, Michael Smith, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Greg Moore, Frank Ball, Elbert Church, Everett Brizendine,

Jimmy Moore, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome.

***NOTE:** The second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1999, will be our 156th Anniversary.

BIG CREEK: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1999. Elders to attend: Paris Blackburn, J. C. Hager, David Lee Jacobs, Greg Moore, Don Hatfield, Noah Slone, Kenny Chapman, Bobby Blackburn, Mike Smith, David Coleman, Jr., Glen Vipperman, Jimmy Lee Smith, Robert Worrix, Ernest Blair and Elmer Brown.

RACCOON: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1999. Elders to attend: Ellis Lynn, Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, David Coleman, Jr., Robert Worrix, David A. Thacker, Clifford Thacker, Ernest Blair, Michael Elswick, Mike Smith, Elmer Brown, Jerry Brown, Eugene Blevins, and all other Primitive Baptist Ministers.

PETER CREEK: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1999. Elders to attend: Ernest Blair, Paris Blackburn, Jim Moore, Michael Elswick, Harrison Smith, Randal Thornsby, Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Greg Moore, Mike Smith, Rufford Howell, Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Everett Brizendine and Franklin Viers.

SULPHUR SPRING: Meets the first Saturday in August, 1999. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, John Jacobs, Elmer Thacker, Paul Varney, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Everett Brizendine, J. C. Hager, Noah Slone, Ernest Blair, Elmer Brown, Homer Blackburn, Paul Smith, Arthur May, Vance Jones, Robbie Worrix and Steve Kinder.

LITTLE HOPE: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1999. Elders to attend: Walter Sullivan, Jimmie Lee Smith, Noah Slone, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Kenny Chapman, Paris Blackburn, John Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, Elbert Church, Greg Moore, Jim Moore, and all others are invited.

GRAPEVINE: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 1999. Elders to attend: Paul Smith, Elmer Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Elmer Brown, Robert Worrix, Elbert Church, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, John Jacobs, Monroe Justice, Clifford Thacker, Jimmy L. Smith, J. C. Hager, Allen Coleman, Don Hatfield, Greg Moore, Junior Adams, David Jacob and Estle Hackney.

SAMARIA: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1999. Elders to attend: Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Eddie Harris, J. C. Hager, Walter Sullivan, Kenneth Chapman, Paris Blackburn, David A. Thacker, Michael Elswick, Don Hatfield, Jimmy L. Smith, Elmer Thacker, Robert Worrix, Ernest Blair, Bobby Blackburn, Randal Thornsby, Harrison Smith, David May, Raymond Stanley, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders are invited.

LITTLE UNION: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1999. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Paul Varney, Randal Thornsby, Paul Dean Justice, Noah Slone, John Jacobs, David Coleman, Jr., Monroe Justice, Jimmy L. Smith, Paris Blackburn, J. C. Hager, Elbert Church, Mike Smith, Elmer Brown, Lundy Coleman, Rufford Howell and Robbie Worrix.

JOHNS CREEK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in April, 1999. Elders to attend: Noah Slone, Jimmie Moore, Greg Moore, Jeff Chapman, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Jimmy L. Smith, Elbert Church, Ernest Blair, David Coleman, Jr., J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, Mike Elswick, Randal Thornsby, David Jacobs, Kennie Chapman, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome. *NOTE: The memorial meeting will be held at Carl Coleman's home on the second Saturday night in July.

CALVARY: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1999. Elders to attend: Don Hatfield, Mike Smith, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, David Coleman, Jr., John Jacobs, Harrison Smith, Ernest Blair, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsby, Elbert Church, Elmer Thacker, Onis Smith, Kenny Chapman, David May, Bobby Blackburn, Greg Moore, Paris Blackburn, Quincey Stanley, Walter Sullivan, Jeff Chapman, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome.

DRY FORK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1999. Elders to attend: Arnold Childress, Ked Stacy, Harrison Smith, Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Jimmy L. Smith, Randal Thornsby, Franklin Viers, Elmer Thacker, Bobby Arrington, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Price Viers, Don Stacy, Elmer Brown, Robbie Worrix, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome.

(NOTE: Memorial Services are held at our meeting time in July (Sunday) for Martha Street Family on Baldwin Mountain. Memorial Services for the Boyd-Jackson Family will be held the last Sunday in August at the shed on Boyd Ridge.)

FRIENDSHIP: Meets on the fourth Saturday evening in August, 1999. Elders to attend: Jimmy L. Smith, Greg Moore, Jim Moore, Randal Thornsberry, Don Hatfield, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Walter Sullivan, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, R. T. Thacker, Elbert Church, Kenny Chapman, John Jacobs, Bobby Blackburn, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome.

COLUMBUS: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 1999. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, David Coleman, Jr., Noah Slone, John Jacobs, David A. Thacker, Jim Moore, Elmer Brown, Onis Smith, David Jacobs, David May, Robbie Worrix, J. C. Hager, Don Hatfield, Ernest Blair, Woodruff Dulin, Greg Moore, Paul Dean Justice, Hesker Gillium, Clifford Thacker, Jimmy L. Smith, Michael Elswick, Gale McGuire, and all Mate's Creek Elders, Brothers and Sisters.

(NOTE: Our Annual Meeting convenes the first Friday in October.)

DEERFIELD: Meets the fourth Saturday in June, 1999. Elders to attend: Larry Stanley, Hoey Lester, Rufford Howell, Ben Combs, Jim Duty, John Jacobs, Greg Moore, David A. Thacker, Noah Slone, Onis Smith, David May, Ostil Smith, Robbie Worrix and Raymond Stanley.

PLEASANT HILL: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1999. Elders to attend: David A. Thacker, Jim Duty, David May, Kenny Chapman, J. C. Hager, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Hester Gillium, Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, Tim Brewer, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Onis Smith, Estil Hackney, Elbert Church, Lonnie Worrix, Raymond Stanley, Elmer Goff, and we also invite all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers in our fellowship.

NEW HOPE: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 1999. Elders to attend: Noah Slone, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, David Thacker, Jim Moore, David May, Greg Moore, Randal Thornsberry, John Jacobs, Bobby Blackburn, Don Hatfield, David Jacobs, Onis Smith, Paul Varney, Mike Elswick, Raymond Stanley, and all ordained Ministers, Brothers and Sisters are invited.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes and that Elder David May prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 2,100 minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following:

BROTHERS: Orville Deskins, David Newsome, Sid Varney, Howell Arms, Clinton Hackney, James Hager, Avery Lowe, Howard Anderson, Jr., Roosevelt Young, Rufus Norman, John Arnold Bevins, Sr., William Kenner Bevins, Harliss Coleman, Robert B. Coleman, Gemes Matthew Thacker, Robert Lewis Elswick, Jimmy Glenn Coleman, William Estil Stanley, Rebecca Stanley, Bobby A. Coleman, Landon C. Justice, Ronnie Jefferson Justice.

SISTERS: Isabelle Justice, Sadie Conn, Lize Jane Hunt, Lola T. West, Cleo B. Hatfield, Holly J. Slone, Myrtie V. Morris, Opal Adkins, Martha Irene Castle, Ardelia Blackburn, Tora Jeston S. Cantrell, Arminda Chapman.

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 dispensed as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year	\$4,723.85
Amount received from churches	1,735.00
Amount for obituaries	428.00
Donations	197.50
TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$7,084.35

CASH PAID OUT:

Paid For 1997 Minutes	\$1,150.00
Gave Moderator	50.00
Gave Assistant Moderator	50.00
Gave Clerk	50.00
Gave Assistant Clerk	50.00
Printing By George	57.32
TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	\$1,407.32
BALANCE LEFT ON HAND	\$5,677.03

NOTE: All monies taken up at church services were given to visiting Elders, as well as visitors, by the Preaching Committee. These amounts are not shown in the Financial Report.

Agreed that our next Association be held with the SAMARIA Church of Ransom, PIKE County, KENTUCKY to begin at 10:00 o'clock, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1999. Elder DAVID JACOBS was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder KENNY CHAPMAN to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed by prayer by Elder DON HATFIELD, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by	<u>ROBERT WORRIX</u>	Moderator
	<u>MICHAEL SMITH</u>	Assistant Moderator
	<u>RANDAL THORNSBURY</u>	Clerk
	<u>LESLIE HATFIELD</u>	Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING - September 6, 1998

INTRODUCTION: Elder Henry Price Viers of the Sandlick Association was blessed with a sweet prayer.

1. Elder Garnell Gilbert was wonderfully blessed to preach a very sound sermon.
2. Elder J. C. Hager came in an humble manner and was blessed to uplift the congregation with a joyous time.
3. Elder Robert Worrix...Brother Robert sang song #20, Prepare Me Gracious God, as he was blessed to preach and close the Association with love and unity.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Messengers, Ministers, Brothers and Sisters of the eighteen churches, which compose THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, on the ONE HUNDRED FORTY SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION, when they convene with the GRAPEVINE CHURCH on the 4th, 5th and 6th of Sept., 1998.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own precious blood.

As we were appointed to write the circular letter for this session, we have prayed that God would lead our mind, that we might set forth in order things that would be edifying to the body of Christ. It seems to be our mind to write of how **THANKFUL** we ought to be unto our God for our **BELOVED ZION, THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, WHICH IS THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF THE TRUTH.**

Let us always remember that it is God who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. Dear Brothers and Sisters think on this, that the God of all grace has called us unto His eternal glory by Jesus Christ and that we are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the City of the Living God, The Heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Ye also, as lively stones are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. The Apostle also said, But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.

David said, Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord He is God, It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves, we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with THANKSGIVING, and into His courts with praise, BE YE THANKFUL UNTO HIM AND BLESS HIS NAME. Again we read in the 48th Psalm, Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

So then brethren, God has made us to be inhabitants of the highest kingdom in this world, THE CHURCH OF GOD, which He hath purchased with His own blood.

In the Colossian letter, Paul tells us to be found GIVING THANKS unto the Father which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear son. In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins. He tells us to put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, Forebearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body, AND BE YE THANKFUL.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, GIVING THANKS to God and the Father by Him.

So dear brethren the Lord has done great things for us, let us be **THANKFUL**. Let us continue on in the old path, ever looking to Jesus the author and the finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Let us cherish our **BELOVED ZION**, let us take heed to ourselves and to the doctrine, let us treasure the great truths that our God has revealed to us. Let us walk uprightly before our God, embracing the precious promises He has given us in Jesus. Let us ever be found contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Let us love one another, for behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! All praise, all glory, all honor be unto our God, for He is worthy to be praised.

We pray that God will continue to shower His blessings down upon the churches which compose **THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**. Brothers and Sisters, I love you.

With a blessed hope in Christ,
Elder J. C. Hager

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

LOUISA: Ireland Adkins, Joseph Slone, Bradley Worrix, Jr.,
Jeff Belcher

LOUISA'S ALTERNATE: Greenie Slone

OLD POND: Mike Scott, Clifford Hunt, Don Hatfield,
Walter Rutherford

OLD POND'S ALTERNATE: Leslie Hatfield

BIG CREEK: Luther Smith, Sid Fleming, Wade Smith,
Lawrence Elswick

BIG CREEK'S ALTERNATE: Tom Chapman

RACCOON: Monroe Justice, Timothy Coleman, Joe Slone,
Paul Dean Justice

RACCOON'S ALTERNATE:

PETER CREEK: Daris Kender, Wade Ratliff, Stirl Smith,
Randy Smith

PETER CREEK'S ALTERNATE: Steve Kender

SULPHUR SPRING: Ronald Moore, Tommie Lester, Paul Smith,
Homer Blackburn

SULPHUR SPRING'S ALTERNATE: Junior Blackburn

LITTLE HOPE: Frank Ball, Bobby Blackburn, Mitchell Blackburn,
Virgil Smith

LITTLE HOPE'S ALTERNATE:

GRAPEVINE: Noah Slone, Donald Justice, Argle Kendrick,
Bradley Coleman

GRAPEVINE'S ALTERNATE: Gary Slone

SAMARIA: Millard Whitt, Everett Smith, Lonnie Simpkins,
Opa Hatfield

SAMARIA'S ALTERNATE: Dennis Dotson

LITTLE UNION: Ricky Blair, Donald Justice, Bradley Coleman,
Leon Adkins

LITTLE UNION'S ALTERNATE:

JOHNS CREEK: Edd Hunt, Carl Coleman, Larry Coleman,
Roger Dotson

JOHNS CREEK ALTERNATE: Harrison Smith

CALVARY: David Allen Thacker, Wayne Varney, Andrew Hunt,
Ricky Ratliff

CALVARY'S ALTERNATE: Mike Elswick

DRY FORK: Carl Vandyke, Harold Cline, Jennings Boyd,
Elmer Brown

DRY FORK'S ALTERNATE:

FRIENDSHIP: Martin Childers, Troy Wheeler, Michael Elswick,
David May

FRIENDSHIP'S ALTERNATE: Elmer Thacker

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Bobby Kennedy

COLUMBUS' ALTERNATE: Roger Blackburn

DEERFIELD: Danny May, Harold Blackburn, John Holyfield,
Tim Owens

DEERFIELD'S ALTERNATE: Jackie Davis

PLEASANT HILL: Jim Moore, Greg Moore, James Tennis Dotson,
Gale McGuire

PLEASANT HILL'S ALTERNATE:

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NEW HOPE'S ALTERNATE: Walter Sullivan

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CHURCH	MODERATOR	COMMUNION
Louisa	Robert Worrix	August 2nd Saturday
Old Pond	Don Hatfield	June 2nd Saturday
Big Creek	Elmer Thacker	August 3rd Saturday
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice	July 4th Saturday
Sulpher Spring	Elmer Brown	August 1st Saturday
Peter Creek	Jimmie Lee Smith	June 4th Saturday
Little Hope	Bobby Blackburn	July 1st Saturday
Grapevine	Noah Slone	May 3rd Saturday
Samaria	Michael Smith	June 3rd Saturday
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	April 2nd Saturday
	David May	
Little Union	Robert Worrix	May 1st Saturday
Calvary	Michael Elswick	June 1st Saturday
	David A. Thacker	
Dry Fork	Elmer Brown	May 2nd Saturday
Friendship	Elmer Thacker	August 4th Saturday
	David May	
Deerfield	J. C. Hager	June 4th Saturday
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	April 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill	Woodruff Dulen	April 3rd Saturday
New Hope	Elbert Church	May 4th Saturday
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ORVILLE DESKINS

With a lonely, broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Orville Deskins. Orville was born on March 21, 1929, and died December 2, 1997, making his stay on earth 67 years, 8 months, and 12 days. He was the son of the late Loren and America Deskins. Orville was a U.S. war veteran, a retired coal miner, and a member of Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church where he faithfully served as a deacon.

I will always feel blessed that on April 17, 1948, Orville and I were United in marriage. The Lord smiled upon us with 49 years of love and happiness. In addition, Orville is survived by one brother and six sisters. He is sadly missed by his family and everyone who knew him.

In lonely hours, there's so much that I wish I could say to Orville. I would tell him that it's so hard to believe that he's not here with me and that he's on my mind both day and night. I didn't know what lonely was until God called Orville home to be with Him. I wish I could have gone with him, but God knows best. Time has not eased my pain and my desire to see his sweet face.

Some people believe that we will know each other in heaven---I don't know. I do pray every day to see Orville again. I would give my life just to see him one more time. I look at his picture and dream about the good times we had. Orville was God's Angel that He let me keep for a while. We were happy for almost 50 years. I will be lonely until God calls me home. I will never go to Big Creek Church without looking for Orville in his red chair. Even in a crowd, I'm always alone. When I go to his grave, Orville seems so close, yet so far away. There is nothing left but to say, "Sleep on, my Darling, till we meet again."

Written by his wife that loves him dearly, Mildred Deskins



DAVID NEWSOME

It is with a sad and aching heart that we will try to write the obituary of our dear husband and father. Born August 15, 1921, he was the son of the late John Newsome and Virgie Roberts Newsome. Dad was called to be with the Lord on Oct. 7, 1997 making his stay on earth 76 years, 1 month, and 22 days. He united with Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church in 1953. He served as a Deacon for approximately 40 years.

He was united in marriage to Laura Charles on May 22, 1941. To their union were born seven children. Leaving to mourn his loss two sons: John Allen Newsome and Robert Newsome; five daughters, Joyce Odall, Lois McCoy, Loretta Robinette, Avonell Carter and Barbara Hunt. Dad was also a loving grandfather leaving behind seventeen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. He also left behind one brother, Harvey Newsome; five sisters, Martha Hamilton, Alice Little, Lou Vernia Shores, Artie Adkins and Arizona Charles. He was also preceded in death by one brother and five sisters.

We all miss Dad very much, but we know he is in a much better place. Dad is now with our Heavenly Father. We know that one of these days we'll get to see him again. He still remains in our hearts and memories. Our best memories include remembering funny things he said and the beautiful church hymns that he loved to sing. Tears would stream down Dad's face when he listened to gospel songs and preaching. "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be" was one of Dad's favorite hymns. While he was here with us, he could only imagine the beauty of heaven. Now he is there singing and rejoicing free from pain he experienced while battling with cancer. Dad was a special man that was loved by a host of family and friends. We loved him dearly, but the Lord loved him more.

Written with love by His Wife, Daughters and Granddaughter

SID VARNEY

It is with much sadness and loving memories I'll try with the help of God to write the obituary of my husband, Sid Varney, who departed this life Feb. 26, 1996. Born January 15, 1936 at Kimper, Ky., he was the son of the late John Wallace and Lily Rose Bostic Varney. He was a member of the Long Fork Primitive Baptist Church.

He was married to Marie Leedy Varney on Nov. 3, 1955. To this union was born nine children: one son, Ralph Douglas, preceded him in death; the eight surviving children are: one son, Richard; and seven daughters: Linda, Shirley, Sandra, Lily, Pam, Jennifer and Grace. He also leaves behind 17 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Also surviving him are two sisters: Jenell Turnmire and Jeanette Owens; and seven brothers: Ance, Ernest, Henry, Jessie, Rora, Armon and Lester. He leaves nieces, nephews, and a host of friends who loved him so dearly.

He was a kind and loving husband and father. I miss him very much; our home is not the same. I cannot say, and I will not say that is dead; he is just away! With a smile and a wave of his hand, he wondered into an unknown land. I believe with all my heart that Sid is asleep in Jesus and some day on that great resurrection day we will meet again; and give Jesus all the praise and glory forever.

Sleep on Sid, no more worrying about your children, no more suffering or pain. We believe our loss is Heaven's gain, and we hope to meet you, Sid, some sweet day.

Written by your wife, Marie Varney

HOWELL ARMS



It is with a sad and broken heart that I attempt to write an obituary of a dear Brother in Christ, also a close friend of ours. But God was closer than a Brother, loved him better than anyone. He was the son of the late Will and Mariah Catherine Lester Arms.

Born March 28, 1922, departed this walk of life Sept. 2, 1998, making his stay on earth 76 years, months and 5 days.

In the year of 1943 on Nov. 27, he was united in marriage to June Shortridge who is left to mourn his passing. To this union were born one son, Buddie Arms, Defiance, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. John (Alice Gail) Lester, Grundy, Va. and Mrs. William (Mona Lisa) Penn, Lexington, Ky. He leaves 6 grandchildren, Tommy and Johnny Arms, John David Lester, Andrew, Emily and William Penn; 2 great-grandchildren, McKensie and Trevor Arms; 1 sister, Virgie Osborne, survives; 4 sisters preceeded him in death, Gustie, Gertie Lou, Alice and Florence; 4 brothers also preceeded him in death, Jim, Slempp Vince, John and Dock; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Arms, also survives.

To know Brother Howell was to love him.

Brother Howell united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Dry Fork, Va. in the Spring of 1970. He served as a Deacon for years. His concern was always to see to the needs of the church and see everything was done decent and in order. There he remained a true and faithful member until death. Brother Howell had a quiet, loving nature about him. His steps were soft and his words were softspoken, a sweet smile, a welcome handshake no matter where ever you met him.

He made you feel so comfortable to be about him and so welcome to sit at his table and eat with him.

I'm sure on down through life that your children will look back and remember the good things Dad has taught you and rest assured that his love was a great bond that couldn't be broken. No doubt there have been many a time he has prayed to God for you, when you didn't know anything about it for God to lead, guide and direct your footsteps and keep you from all harm and danger.

We feel to believe when the Death Angel came the other day, he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus and his spirit took its flight back home to sing around the throne.

You that remain here have your loving memories that will remain as long as you shall live, but remember our loss is Heaven's gain.

So all we can say is sleep on loved one, take your rest, and by the grace of God we hope to meet you in a better world than this.

Written by the request of the Family by Pauline Arrington

Our prayer to God is to keep Sister June and the children in His loving care.



CLINTON HACKNEY

In loving memory of my dear husband with a broken heart we will write the obituary of Clinton Hackney, also known as K.Y. and Whittie by friends that knew him. Born September 20, 1945 at Mouthcard, Ky., passed away from this life July 28, 1998 in Wixon, Mich.

He served his country in the Army from 1965 to 1968.

He was employed by Ford Motor Company in Wixon, Mich. for almost 30 years. He belonged to Local 36.

He is survived by his wife, Edith Turnmire Hackney of Novi, Mich.; two daughters, Tammy Carol Lawson of Walled Lake, Mich. and Maxie Hackney of Novi, Mich.; one son, Clinton Hackney, Jr. of Novi, Mich. Preceding him in death were one brother, Clifton Hackney of Mouthcard, Ky. and his Daddy, Finis Hackney of Mouthcard, Ky. He leaves to mourn his death a loving mother, Mertie Hackney of Mouthcard, Ky.; two brothers, Ferrel Hackney of Milford, Mich. and Carl Hackney of Mouthcard, Ky.; and one adopted brother, Charlie Hackney of Mouthcard, Ky.; two sisters, Jewel France of Mouthcard, Ky. and Judy Wolford of Big Rock, Va. He also leaves six nephews and four nieces and many friends.

He will be sadly missed by all, but we feel that our loss will be Heaven's gain.

Written by his loving Wife and his Brothers and Sisters



JAMES (ROUNDER) HAGER

At the request of my Mother, I will attempt to write this obituary for my Dad, James (Rounder) Hager. Mere words don't seem enough to express what an affect this precious soul had on the lives of all who knew him but especially on the lives of his children.

He was born on June 16, 1923 and passed away February 12, 1998 making his time with us 75 years and 8 months. He was the son of Bud and Caldona (Dotson) Hager. He was preceded in death by 5 brothers, Bradley, Jessie, Dewey, William and Ransom; and one grandson, Kevin, that he fondly called Mack; a sister, Nellie Whitt, remains to mourn the loss of all her brothers.

On November 26, 1944 he married Dora Beatrice Hatfield and their marriage of 53 years was blessed with 3 boys and 3 girls, James, Dana and Keith, Wanda, Doris and Freda, 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, and one grandson, Scott, that they adopted, loved and raised as their own.

Dad was a humble, uneducated man who worked hard all his life. His hard work and sacrifices were for his children and each one of us feel that God has truly blessed us with the most precious of gifts, a Dad who was always there for them.

He was baptized on May 20, 1951 into the Primitive Baptist Church where his soul was nourished until God called him home to be at peace. After his stroke in 1993, he was imprisoned in a body that would not let him say or do the things that he loved to do. Now I know he is finally at rest and that when God calls us home, we will again hear Dad's sweet voice and walk with him on the shores of paradise.

I would not call him back to this world of suffering, pain and hardships, although this loss is increasingly hard to endure. I no longer fear death, for it is my hope that I may be united again with Daddy and my beloved son, Kevin.

Written by your daughter, Wanda Testerman



ELDER AVERY BROWN LOWE

BORN JULY 19, 1920

DIED SEPT. 11, 1997

With loving memories we try to write the obituary of our Dad and friend Elder Avery Brown Lowe. He went to be with JESUS Sept. 11, 1997. He was the son of Lark G. and Ellen (Young) Lowe. One of thirteen children. He was a retired construction contractor working for forty-seven years in construction, and a World War II veteran.

He was a member of GOD's Church. His greatest love and desire was for JESUS. GOD blessed him to spread his word for forty-seven years. Married to Eula (Maynard) Lowe and father of eight children: Robert G. Lowe, Bettie L. Kennard, Ethel Sue Hall, Elder Dennis R. Lowe, Shelia L. Burke, Dreama D. Justice, Elder Timothy B. Lowe, and Latona C. Bowkamp. Other survivors include thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was married to Sister Eula for fifty-six and one-half years and GOD richly blessed this family with His love and mercy. We sincerely hope by the grace of GOD through our Lord and Saviour JESUS to be reunited with him in new Jerusalem, where the circle will never be broken, all peace and love and joy and happiness forevermore. Amen. All Blessing and Honor and Glory to the Lamb of GOD which taketh away the sin of the world.

At Peace Forevermore

A little bird came to him at the early part of the day
To tell him that an angel band was coming on their way
To take him home to glory and to GOD above
He held out a loving hand onto which the bird did climb
It told him he would soon be going to that bright and lovely land
He drew his last breath while sleeping he never suffered long
He left us to help the angels sing their beautiful songs
He is now with JESUS over on that shining shore to live with
loved ones in peace forevermore.

Poem written by: Sister Eula O. Lowe

Obituary written by: Elder Timothy B. Lowe

Written by his loving wife and all his brothers and sisters



HOWARD ANDERSON, JR.

With great sadness I will write the obituary of my loving Dad, Howard Anderson, Jr. Dad passed away February 12, 1998, Born on March 2, 1941 at Phyllis, the son of Francis Justice Anderson and the late Howard Anderson.

Dad was a retired coal miner and timberman. Dad enjoyed being outside, and was always willing to help others. He was a member of the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church, and he was also a Deacon. Dad enjoyed going to church every chance he got, it didn't matter how far they traveled, Dad was ready to go.

When Dad passed away he left many who loved him behind, including his wife of 32 years, Clarsie Mae Anderson. They were married on June 30, 1965; three sons: Tyke, Ronnie and Kevin; one daughter, Paula Christie Anderson; also two daughter-in-laws, Tina and Charlene; and four loving grandchildren who brought much happiness to his life. Also surviving are four brothers, five sisters, and a host of family and friends. Dad was preceded in death of one brother, Lee Anderson.

Our lives have changed since Dad's been gone, but I will always remember the love we felt for one another. Dad loved to talk, and he was always so happy with a smile on his face.

I miss him more than words can say. I'm glad Dad is at peace, and he will feel no pain or sorrow. I love you, Daddy.

Written by Daddy's girl, Paula C. Anderson



ROOSEVELT YOUNG

With loving memories I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Roosevelt Young. He was born on April 13, 1922, in Pike County and a departed this life on September 3, 1997, making his stay on earth 75 years, four months and 21 days. He was the son of the late Grant and Emmie Prater Young. He had been a resident of Buchanan County most of his life and was a member of Sulphur Spring Primitive Baptist Church and a disabled coal miner and timberman.

Roosevelt Young was survived by his wife, Mrs. Virgie May Young at Hurley, Va. He had four daughters, Pealie Deel at Prater, Va. Mary Justus, Shirley Brown, Gearldine Blankenship, all at Hurley, Va.; two sons, Robert Young and Wayne Blankenship at Hurley, Va.; six half-sisters, Lula Justus at Paw Paw, Ky., Georgia Sullivan at Phelps, Ky., Angie Vanover, Ruth Ling, Hazel Justus, Jewell Smith, all at Hurley, Va.; three half-brothers, Billy Young at Roanoke, Va., Dewey Young and Clayton Young, both at Hurley, Va. He is survived by 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons and two brothers. He left many friends and loved ones to mourn his loss.

It is felt that we will meet again in a land that flows with milk and honey, but felt some comfort knowing that he is at place where there is no more pain or sorrow to bear. Just think about the family reunion that is yet to come for the children of God. When we will arise to never be sick anymore or die, but to live forevermore in the beautiful land where Jesus is. He will rise to live forever with a body like unto Jesus, his savior. We close with words of Brother Roosevelt's favorite song:

"If you have friends in Glory Land" who left because of pain thank God up there they will die no more, they will suffer not again, there weep not, friends, I'm going home up there, we'll die no more, no coffins will be made up there, no graves on that bright shore, the lame will walk in glory land, the blind up there will see, the deaf in glory land will hear, and the dumb will talk to me.

Funeral was conducted on Saturday, September 6, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. at Sulphur Spring Primitive Baptist Church with Elders: Arthur May, Paul Smith, Homer Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Everett Brinzendine officiating, with the burial following in the May Cemetery on May Branch in Paw Paw near Hurley, Va. Active pallbearers were: Terry Hurley, Larry Mounts, Michael Stacy, Randy Jackson, Tim Deel, Jerry Justus, Jerry Robinette, Junior Mack Brown and Ricky Hurley. Grundy Funeral Home of Grundy was in charge of all arrangements.

We hope to meet you again someday. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by request of the family hopefully, a brother in Christ,
Elder Arthur May

JOHN ARNOLD BEVINS, SR.

78 Years, Died, 12-22-97

With a sad aching heart I will try by the help of the Lord to write the obituary of a dear friend, John A. Bevins. John was born in Pike County, Ky. on January 4, 1918 making his stay on earth 78 years. He was the son of the

late James B. Bevins and Fannie Thacker Bevins. John was a retired coal miner and a World War II veteran. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Sanders Bevins of Phyllis, Ky.; four sons, John Arnold Bevins, Jr., Thomas Runyon Bevins, James Oliver Bevins and Bruce Daniel Bevins, all of Phyllis, Ky.; one daughter, Mary Varney of Bidwell, Ohio; two brothers, George Bevins of Phyllis, Ky., and William Kenner Bevins of Hudson, North Carolina; four half-brothers, Zollie, Ollie, Bobby, Billy Bevins, all of Cleveland, Ohio; two half-sisters, Josephine Thacker of Zeublon, Ky and Ruby Hutcheson of Cleveland, Ohio. He has ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

He will be missed by his family and friends but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by: Doris Thacker

WILLIAM KENNER BEVINS

With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of a very dear person and friend, William Kenner Bevins. He passed away April 16, 1998 at his home in Hudson, North Carolina. Kenner was born September 9, 1925 to the late James Bascom Bevins and Fannie Thacker Bevins in Pike County, Ky. He was a retired coal miner and World War II Navy Veteran and was a member of the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Kelse Lowe Bevins. He is survived by his second wife, Bertha Bevins. He has three sons; Jerry, Paul and Samuel Joe Bevins, all of North Carolina; two step-daughters, Betty Coleman and Linda Taylor of Kimper, Ky.; four half-brothers, Zollie, Ollie, Bobby and Billy Bevins, all of Cleveland, Ohio; two half-sisters, Josephine Thacker of Zebulon, Ky. and Ruby Hutchinson of Cleveland, Ohio; nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Written by: Doris Thacker



RUFUS R. NORMAN

Rufus Ray Norman, 56, of McCarr, Ky. died Tuesday, October 28, 1997, in Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson, Ky.

He was born Nov. 11, 1940, in Pike County, Ky., and was the son of Fannie Hatfield Norman of McCarr and the late Oliver Norman.

He was also preceded in death by one brother, C. R. Norman and a granddaughter

Lindsay Dianne Weston.

He was a disabled Pike County Highway Department worker.

Survivors, in addition to his mother are Lisa Diane Conrad, Circleville, Ohio, Teresa Rae Weston, Harlem, Ga.; brothers, Tom Norman, Cincinnati, Ohio, Marvin Norman, Florence; sisters, Patsy Sullivan, McCarr, Ann Entry, Okeechobee, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral was at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1, 1997 at Rogers Funeral Home Chapel, Belfry, with Michael Smith and Don Hatfield officiating. Burial was at Anderson Hatfield Cemetery in McCarr, Ky.



HARLESS COLEMAN

It is with a breaking heart and mind flooded with memories and everflowing tears that we, Dad's children, attempt to write this obituary for our father, Harless Coleman. Dad was born March 3, 1916 to James and Meliva Coleman. He left us on October 28, 1997. His stay on this earth was eighty one (81) years.

Dad was a coal miner and worked very hard to raise ten children, two of whom preceded him in death. Was left to be with Jesus a few years before Dad left us. We are sure these were lonely years for him.

Dad was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church. About five years before his death, he was told he had cancer. He didn't talk much about it to anyone. In the last years when Dad was so sick, he didn't complain or feel sorry for himself, but he enjoyed his life to the fullest until about three weeks before he died.

Dad enjoyed getting out and seeing his friends. We often wondered where he got his strength to keep going. He had lost so much weight and was so feeble that about three weeks before Jesus called him home, we knew he was losing the battle with cancer. We knew that Dad also knew what was happening.

There were many lonely days and nights just before Dad passed away. He was always surrounded by his children, who sat with him day and night so he was never left alone. May God show a special blessing on our brothers and sisters for helping us so much. We all gave each other the support no one else could give.

I know Dad is in a much happier place now, free of sickness and sorrow.

If we all trust and believe and keep the faith, we will all be with him and Mom someday in Heaven. We all miss and love him very much.

Mom would have been so proud of Cleo for taking such good care of Dad for her. We all love Cleo and will never forget what she did for Dad. We want her to know that we appreciate her very much and she is like a mother to us all --- she is always there when we need her.

Dad was preceded in death by five brothers, Bud, Lack, Jimmy, Scott and Allen, and two sisters, Martha and Florence. He is survived by four sons, Homer, Walter, Foster and Herman; four daughters, Cleo, Opal, Helen and Joyce, sixteen grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren; six brothers, Stuart, Ray, Clell, Albert, Lee and Clinard; two sisters, Rebecca and Elvis, and a host of relatives and friends who grieve for him.

Written by his beloved daughters, Cleo and Opal



ROBERT COLEMAN

10-30-34 to 7-7-98

With broken hearts we attempt to write the saddest of obituaries of our loving husband and father, Robert B. Coleman. Dad was a kind and gentle man who considered others before himself. Dad has run his race well and has gone to sleep in the arms of our loving Savior, the Lord of lords and the King of kings, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God with whom He is well pleased.

Dad was a retired United States Army veteran on twenty-seven years. Dad was born October 30, 1934. Dad departed this life July 7, 1998. Dad and Mom were united in Holy matrimony September 26, 1957. From this union three sons, two daughters, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild were born.

Dad will be greatly missed by my dear loving mother and all of us children and grandchildren.

Sleep on Dad, the Lord cometh.

Written by Dad's broken-hearted wife and children



GEMES MATTHEW THACKER

With a heavy heart and loving memories we write this obituary of Gemes Matthew Thacker. Dad was born November 27, 1939, a son of the late Matt and Ollie Worrix Thacker. Dad passed away Oct. 6, 1997 at Mountain Manor Nursing Home. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church.

He is survived by this wife, Betty Charles Thacker. He leaves two sons, Matthew Thacker of Raccoon and Timmy Thacker of Pikeville; two daughters, Darlene Phillips of Island Creek and Marlene Adkins of Cedar Bluff, Va.; two brothers, John D. Thacker of Fishtrap and Lee Roger Thacker of Craton, Ohio; three sisters, Dixie Thacker of Mouthcard, Rebecca Abishire of Lick Creek and Torie Slone of Pikeville; and six grandchildren.

Dad is gone on to a better place. He leaves a host of friends and relatives who will greatly miss him, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by His Children who loved Him very much



ROBERT LEWIS ELSWICK

As I sit with tear-stained eyes and a heart that is broken, I'll attempt to write the obituary of my beloved Dad, Robert Lewis Elswick.

Dad was born October 20, 1931 in Pike County, Ky., the son of the late Grover Clarence and Emma Blackburn Elswick, and his Heavenly Father called him home on October 12, 1997 following a short illness.

Dad was a retiree of the Norfolk & Southern Railroad with 40 years of service, a U.S. Army Air Corps Veteran, a long time barber in the Big Creek area and a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

God saw that Dad was getting tired and afflicted with a disease he could not overcome, and I believe God whispered, my son come, welcome home.

Although my life is stricken with sorrow and pain, I believe my loss is Dad's eternal gain. I beseech the Great God of all grace to give me strength and faith to endure until the end, then Dad and I will be united again. Sleep on, Dad, take your rest, for I know God only takes the best. You were the greatest Dad that ever lived.

With much sorrow, Elder Michael Elswick & Family

JIMMY GLENN COLEMAN

It is with much sadness that we write the obituary of our beloved husband and father, Jimmy Glenn Coleman. He was born October 28, 1947 and taken from us on Aug. 18, 1998, making his stay here on earth 50 years, 10 months and 28 days.

He was the son of Homer and Virginia (Warner) Coleman who preceded him in death. He was united in marriage to Patsy (Chapman) Coleman on Oct. 19, 1970. To this union was born five sons, Leslie Keith Coleman, Jimmy Glenn Coleman from Richmond, Ky., Patrick Woodrow Coleman from Befry, Ky., Christopher Coleman and Fredrick Homer Coleman from Richmond, Ky. He is survived by his wife and his five sons and three daughters-in-law, Chasity (Smallwood) Coleman, Rachel Lynn (Stacy) Coleman and Sherri Lynn (Reed) Coleman; also four brothers, Danny Coleman, Randy Coleman, Dwayne Edward Coleman and Daryl Coleman; and one sister, Brenda (Coleman) Damron; and two grandchildren, Greg Coleman and Staci Coleman; and a host of relatives and friends.

Jimmy was united with the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church and lived true and faithful until the end. Jimmy will be dearly missed by all who knew him, but we feel our loss is His Heaven's gain.

Written by: Larry Coleman



REBECCA STANLEY & WILLIAM ESTIL STANLEY

Rebecca Thacker Stanley, 85, of Canada, Ky., died Wednesday, August 12, 1998 in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born August 18, 1912, a daughter of the late Hibbard and Maggie Blackburn Thacker. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Loran May, three sons, three brothers and three sisters; and her second husband, Frinnie Stanley.

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

She is survived by two sons, Raymond Stanley of Louisville, Ky. and Leon May of Caney Highway, Pikeville, Ky.; two daughters, Yvonne Tibbs of Pikeville, Ky. and Lillian Stanley of Robinson, Creek, Ky.; one brother, Raymond H. Thacker of South Lebanon, Ohio and Verda Smith of Canada,

Ky.; ten grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren and a host of loving friends.

The greatest comfort we have is knowing God's great love and that she waits for us at home.

In loving memory, the Family

William Estil Stanley was born November 24, 1949 at Canada, Ky. to Frinnie and Rebecca Thacker Stanley. He passed away September 9, 1997 during surgery. He was the grandson of the late Joe and Lizzie Stanley and the late Elder Hibbard and Maggie Thacker.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Frinnie, and his son, William Edward, on 8-12-98. He was succeeded in death by his mother, Rebecca. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Loretta; his sons, Jeffrey Estil and Kevin Scott; daughter-in-law, Dain Renee; brothers, Leon and Raymond; and sisters, Yvonne and Lillian.

William and Loretta were baptized February 21, 1982. He served eight years with the U.S. Army and was employed by Whayne Supply at the time of his death. He had been employed with them for twenty years.

There are no words that can express how much he is missed or how much we all loved him. He was always willing to help anyone in need. His love will be with us forever. We ask God for mercy and God granted it in the only way He could. While we dearly miss him, we are thankful for God's mercy and love. God has sent and continues to send Angels to help us and our prayer is that God will bless each of them and allow us to be there for someone in need.

The greatest comfort we have is knowing God's love and that William waits for us at home.

In loving memory, the Family



KENNETH TURNMIRE

With a lonely and broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband who passed away August 3, 1998.

Kenneth Turnmire passed away at Pikeville Methodist Hospital due to cancer. Making his stay here on earth 51 years, 2 months and 24 days. He was born May 9, 1947 to the late Robie Carl and Maxie Chapman Turnmire of Kimper, Ky.

Kenneth worked 27 years as a coal miner before retiring. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

He married Edna Pinion on March 28, 1966, and out of this union four children were born: Kenneth Michael, Ricky and Darlene Turnmire of

Kimper, and Charlene T. Justice, also of Kimper.

He was preceded in death by both parents, two brothers, Ray and Roosevelt Turnmire, and two brothers-in-law, Clinton Hackney and Ed Pinion.

He is survived in death by six brothers, Stanley Gene, Arnold Lee, James, Adala, Walter, and David, all of Kentucky. Also, Kenneth is survived by three sisters, Mae Justice of Phyllis, Ky., Sue Hackney and Edith Hackney of Michigan.

Kenneth is sadly missed by all who knew him, especially his family. He had a big heart and cherished life. He suffered so much and so long, but we feel like he is in a place where he is free of pain.

Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his wife, Edna Turnmire



BOBBY COLEMAN

1943-1997

God saw you getting tired,
A cure was not to be,
He put his arms around you and whispered,
"Come to Me!"

A Golden Heart stopped beating,
Heard working hands at rest,
God broke our Hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the Best!

With the help of God, we will try to write the obituary of our beloved Daddy and Husband, Bobby A. Coleman. Daddy was the son of Nancy Jane Coleman. He was born on May 4, 1943 at Raccoon and departed from this life on June 12, 1997, at his residence, making his stay on earth 54 years, 1 month and 8 days. He was a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church; and was united in marriage to Louise Justice Coleman on August 4, 1970. He was blessed with two children: Bobby, Jr. and Tina Louise.

Daddy was a disabled coal miner who had a sense of humor that made us laugh. One of his favorite hobbies was to sing gospel songs that expressed his beliefs in God. We can still hear him singing Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound and Jesus Left His Home in Glory.

A lot of people will remember Dad by his smile. He smiled even when he was ill or downhearted. Although Daddy is gone, he lives in the hearts and minds of his family and friends who knew and loved him. We thank God for the wonderful memories he left us.

God in His mercy took Daddy home to rest. We will miss him more than words can ever express, but we must go on until the Lord calls. We hope to meet Daddy in that sweet and happy land where there will be no more pain or sorrow.

In our hands he wilted and faded,
As we looked to the heaven above,
But our heart has him pressed in its pages,
Each handwritten with his love.
WE FEEL OUR LOSS IS HEAVEN'S GAIN!

Written with Love by his family, Louise, Andy and Sissy



LANDON CLINTON JUSTICE
AUG. 21, 1926 – DEC. 17, 1978

Landon Clinton Justice was born August 21, 1926, in Pike County and departed this life on December 17, 1978, making his stay on earth 52 years. He was the son of Landon B. and Quinnie Justice of Raccoon, Kentucky.

Dad was survived by his wife, Isabelle Slone Justice; four sons, Roy, Bill, Fred and Bennett and three daughters: Louise, Elouise, and Quinnie Angeline. Dad was also survived by four brothers: Fonso, Monroe, Elmer and Dennis; four sisters, Edith May, Maggie Harris, Mary Gannon and Angeline Helvey. Dad was preceded in death by a son, Ronnie Jefferson Justice, and three brothers, Cecil, Jim and Lawrence Justice.

Dad was a member and Deacon of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church and an honored man in his community. He lived for his church and was truly loved by everyone who came in contact with him. Dad's strong beliefs in righteousness made him willing to fight for these beliefs. He accepted everyone just as they were and could forgive others for their wrong doings. He had a rare sense of humor which made others laugh and a smile that was present even when he was ill or downhearted.

Dad's beloved family has suffered a great loss and even though their hearts are breaking, they have the comfort of believing that he awaits them and a hope to be reunited with him in God's Kingdom.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his beloved family



RONNIE JEFFERSON JUSTICE

JAN. 9, 1949 – DEC. 22, 1968

Ronnie Jefferson Justice was born January 9, 1949, in Pike County and departed this life on December 22, 1968, making his stay on earth 19 years, 11 months and 13 days. He was the son of Clinton and Isabelle Slone Justice.

Ronnie is survived by four brothers, Roy, Bill, Fred and Bennett and three sisters, Quinnie, Angeline, Louise and Elouise.

Our brother was here with us on earth for a short time. Although our brother is gone, Ronnie was very special to us and will live on in our hearts and minds. Although he is gone he will never be forgotten. We thank God for the memories we have of him and believe that our loss is Heaven's gain. We hope that we will all be together some glad day.

Written with love by family



ISABELLE JUSTICE

NOV. 4, 1929 – JAN. 30, 1998

With loving memories and sad hearts we write the obituary of our beloved mother and grandmother, Isabelle Justice. She was born November 4, 1929, making her stay on earth 68 years, 2 months and 26 days. She was the daughter of the late Jeff and Celia Varney Slone.

Mom became a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church on August 26, 1961 making her a devoted member for 36 years. Mom married Landon Clinton Justice on November 29, 1946, who preceded her in death on December 17, 1978 after 32 years of marriage. In this marriage they were blessed with 8 children; 5 sons - Ronnie, who preceded her in death on December 22, 1968, Roy, Bill, Fred and Bennett; 3 daughters - Louise, Elouise and Quinnie Angeline. Mom was also blessed with 15 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren; two sisters - Carcus Newsome and Jenny Varney; and two brothers - Taylor Slone and William Johnny Slone. We feel like we were blessed for our years we had with her.

Mom is sadly missed by all her family and friends. She may be gone, but will never be forgotten by us. Sleep on, Mom, for a little while, and by the

grace of God we hope to meet you where no sickness, sorrow, pain nor death can enter. We believe that Mom is just another flower in the Master's bouquet.

Mom, we will always love you!

Written by your son and daughter, Bill and Louise



SADIE CONN

It is with much sadness that we will try to write the obituary of our beloved Sister in Christ, Sister Sadie Conn.

A resident of Fenton, Mich., at age 86 passed from this life on Sept. 12, 1997, born at Majestic, Ky. on April 19, 1911. The daughter of Dorse and Jane (Wolford) Estep. In 1931 she married Claude Conn who preceded her in death Oct. 17, 1982. She is survived by her daughter, Anna Brower, a brother, Henry Estep, a sister, Laura May, 5 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Sister Sadie was a member of the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church of Linden, Mich. A faithful and loving member, she loved to sing the old time songs, some favorites being "Beulah Land" and "In The Great Beyond." So happy it makes us as we remember how she would rejoice and shout praises to the Lord while singing. We feel so blessed and thankful for the time we shared with her. So feeble in body, yet so strong in faith, she always made an effort to come to church. She'd always say it made her feel better just to see her brothers' and sisters' faces and to say to them one more time, "I love you, and I think about you every day, and I always try to pray for you."

Sister Sadie had a hope of living again in Heaven and being with the Lord eternally. We thank God for blessing us to know such a loving and kind Sister and for that same hope, that we'll live again and sing a perfect song and rejoice together around God's throne forever and ever.

So sleep on, dear friend, and take your rest. You're in the arms of the One that loved you best.

Written by: Sisters Ruth Blackburn, Kathy Stanley and Barbara Holyfield

LIZE JANE (VARNEY) HUNT

It is with much sadness that we try to write the obituary of our loving mother and mother-in-law, Lize Jane (Varney) Hunt, who was born Aug. 14, 1922 and departed this life Aug. 14, 1998, making her stay on earth 75 years, 11 months, 26 days.

She was the daughter of Alex and Sofie (Bostic) Varney, who preceded her in death. She was united in marriage to Boyd Hunt on July 3, 1950 and to this union were born six children: five sons and one daughter. She was preceded in death by two sons: David Boyd Hunt and Virgil Hunt; also by three sisters: Mary Honaker, Gladys Abbott and Ruby Honaker. She is survived by: her husband, Boyd Hunt; three sons: Roger Lee Hunt, Willis Hunt of Phyllis, Ky. and Danny Hunt of Kimper, Ky.; and one daughter: Phyllis (Hunt) Ward of Phyllis, Ky.; three daughters-in-law: Darlene Hunt, Nancy Hunt and Patty Hunt; one son-in-law: David Ward; also five grandchildren: Ricky Hunt, Randy Hunt, Debbie T. Racken, Willis Eugene Hunt and Neil Hunt; two step-grandchildren: Selena Justice and April Justice; three great-grandchildren: Rodrick Shane Hunt, Christopher Hunt and Matthew Boyd Hunt; one brother: Arther Varney; two sisters: Fern Adkins and Lizzie Goff; and a host of relatives and friends.

She united with the Old Regular Primitive Baptist church at Long fork of Johns Creek, and lived a faithful member until death. We feel Mother has a home in glory, and we feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her daughter-in-law, Patty Hunt, and Family



LOLA THORNSBURY WEST

Losing our dear Mother, Lola Thornsbery West, has left a void in our lives and a pain in our hearts, but it is eased by the knowledge that she is resting in the arms of Jesus.

Mother was born on July 26, 1913 and departed this life on Feb. 23, 1997, making her stay on this earth 83 years and 5 months.

She was the daughter of Madison and Octavia Thornsbery. Her husband, Benton West, and one daughter, Justene, preceded

her in death. Surviving are 6 children: four daughters, Joyce Thacker, Jewel Alberter, Jean Thacker and June Williamson; two sons, Thomas Benton and Ronny Lee West. She had 9 grandsons, 3 granddaughters and 16 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are 2 sisters, Ethel Scott and Betty Jane Cook and 1 brother, Calvin Thornsby.

Mother had a heart full of love and compassion for everyone. She bore her sickness with patience and had no fear of death.

Mother united with the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized on Thanksgiving Day 1996 by a beloved brother in Christ, Elder Mike Smith. She spent her remaining 3 months of life rejoicing in the Lord.

Yes, Mother's passing has left a void in our lives, but Heaven is more dear knowing our loved ones await us on the other side of death.

Written by her daughter, June Williamson



CLEO B. BRACKETT HATFIELD

She was loved by and will be missed by all. She left so many memories for all of us. Still very much an independent lady for the age of 83--soon to be 84, she had already said Aug. 19th was just another day--she didn't want or need anything, not even a cake, because she had it all. She had seen so much in her life. She knew what it was to pinch and save, often moving from one camp house to another, not being able to put down roots for very long. But, though you could see how she longed for stability, and that life wasn't easy for her growing up--you could also see how proud she was for being so tough and helping take care of her family. She loved her sisters and brothers as not only a sibling, but also, as a mother. And when it came time to marry, although she hated to leave them, she loved the fact that she would be with "her Emzy", and start her own household. She never backed down from a challenge. They started with so little financially, but she started that marriage with a little girl already there--Betty Jo. She said when they moved in together, that she asked what to call her--she told Betty--call me "Mom". And from that day on, that's who she was.

Cleo told many stories of how hard life was in those days, but she was always so proud of the fact, that she and Emzy were truly a "match made in Heaven". They complemented one another so much! They worked so hard to have things they weren't able to have themselves as children--to provide for their own children. And, though the loss of their own little girl, Shelby Jean, was tremendous, so was their love for their only son, James Emsy. As life

went on for this coal miner and his homemaker, they well looked after their son and daughter. They didn't have a lot, not as the world may see it, but they always had clean clothes, enough food (plenty of food, thanks to gardening and canning), and a good home to live in. They were such hard workers as young adults, that when they got older, they didn't quite know how to take it easy.

As their children grew older and married, they were blessed with three grandchildren. James and Linda gave them Joey and Betty and Jimmy had Rocky and Sherri. They loved and took care of them as only good grandparents could.

All the stories that could be told! Imagine 50 years together! There were so many fond memories. When Emzy was able to retire, they took up going to flea markets and yard sales. Oh, at the fun they had! It was nothing to see them get up at 4:00 a.m. on Saturday to go to Mountain Parkway. Cleo loved this and sometimes, when they first started would even meet her sisters or Mother during a trip, and visit with them for a while. And, although he missed her terribly, Emzy knew how happy this made her. And there was nothing he like better than to have her happy. Whenever her sisters or Mother or family would come to visit, she loved being the perfect homemaker--cooking up their favorites, making sure everything was just perfect! I don't think you'll find anyone who ever complained about her cooking. And, that was one of the things she was proudest of. Simple things, necessities really, and yet they accomplished their goals. But, even, when Emzy became sick, Cleo was still the hard worker. Nursing him at home as best as a 75 year old could. But never alone. She had her family there with her everyday. James, Linda, and Betty picked up where she left off. They all pulled together as only a family can, in taking care of a loved one. That's never an easy task when someone you love becomes ill. So many things change-the person changes. And, it's as hard on the family members as it is on the loved one. After Emzy passed on, Cleo was lost. How can you go on in life without someone you've been with for over 50 years? They were so close, that when they were together, you could see in their eyes that they didn't need to speak to communicate with one another. How does a person make it through that? There's only one answer = GOD! He promised to never put more on us than we can bear and that's what he did for her. He gave her family to lean up- James, Linda, Betty, Rocky and Delinda, Joe and Shelly, Sherri and Brad. And, her two "rosebuds" (as she called them)-Alexis and Ashley. But although she loved her family, it was hard to find happiness without "her Emzy."

Probably one of the hardest things for her to live with was not being able to be independent anymore. She missed the way her life was as a young woman, cleaning, painting, cooking, gardening, canning-but most of all she missed her husband, her best friend, her confident. Just a few days before she

passed on, she was telling Sherri how good it was to have her house in order because a dear friend was helping do some cleaning. But that it still wasn't the same because she missed her husband so much! With a tear in her eye, she said, "I miss him more everyday. I just wish I could be with "Emzy"!" Maybe now she can!



HOLLY JUSTICE SLONE

With a very sad and lonely heart, I will try to write the obituary of my dear precious Mother who passed away on October 29, 1997. Mom was born on June 21, 1940 at Grapevine, Phyllis, Ky. She was the daughter of Cora Honaker Justice, who survives her, and the late James Marshall Justice who passed away February 8, 1965. She was also preceded in death by 1 infant daughter, Cora Slone, on September 24, 1965, 1 infant brother, Earl Scott Justice in December of 1947, 1 sister, Vina (Dolly) Anderson on May 27, 1995.

She was married to Noah Slone, Sr., who survives her. They were married on May 16, 1957 and made their home at Fishtrap, Ky. until 1963 when they moved to Red Creek, Pikeville, Ky.

Other survivors include 3 sons: Noah Slone, Jr. and his wife, Sarah, of Red Creek, Timothy Allen Slone and his wife, Veronica, of Dry Fork, Shelby and Hibbard Gary Slone of Red Creek; 2 daughters: Sharon Kaye Slone of Red Creek and Rosemary Slone, also of Red Creek; 6 grandchildren, the oldest, Sheryl (Peanut) Slone, was like another daughter to her, but all of them made her days brighter ones; 4 other granddaughters are: Bertha, Samantha, Noel and Angela Slone; 1 grandson, Timothy Allen Slone, Jr. Also there are 3 very special step-grandchildren who she loved just as much. They are: Tarlis, Keith, and Misti Thompson. I know they all loved her and they miss her very much.

Mom is survived by 4 sisters: Rosie Palmer of Marion, Ohio, Bertha Robinson Denny, Bonnie Sams, and Olie Sams, all of Covington, Ky.; 5 brothers: John L. Justice, William Justice, and Brufford Justice, all of Covington, Ky., Donald J. Justice and James Marshall Justice, Jr., both of Grapevine, Phyllis, Ky.

Mom was baptized on September 26, 1976 into the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church and later moved her letter to Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church to join her husband. She loved her church and was a faithful member

and attended even when she was in great pain. She always said it made her feel better to be at church. Her last trip to church was on a Wednesday night meeting at Louisa, just one week before she passed away. She loved going to all the churches, but she always said those Wednesday night meetings had a very special place in her heart. Her happiest moments was when she was with her Sisters and Brothers in Christ. And when she was unable to attend, it filled her heart with love when they came to visit with her.

Holly was a very special person to a lot of people. She was more than my Mother to me, she was my best friend. There are many people who mourn her, but she is in no more pain, she is sleeping in Jesus' arms. Our family circle has been broken, but if it's God's will, it will be put back together some day.

Everyday we shed tears for the memories we share with each other about our Mother and Friend. It seems everything we see or do reminds us of her. She will never be forgotten. She still lives in all of us and she always will.

Funeral services were held November 1, 1997 at Louisa Primitive Baptist Church. She was laid to rest at Annie E. Young Cemetery. Sleep on, Mother. We have the hope in Christ that we will be together again someday.

Written by her Daughter: Sharon K. Slone



MYRTIE VARNEY MORRIS

With many precious memories to help heal our grieving hearts, we will write the obituary of God's gift to us, our Mother, Myrtie Varney Morris.

She was born May 4, 1915, the daughter of Henry and Ollie Hensley at Johns Creek, Kentucky. She left us to join Jesus on July 26, 1998, making her life on earth eighty-three years, two months, and 22 days. We will miss her dearly, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

She married our father, Joe P. Morris, on December 9, 1932. For 66 years she was a devoted wife and mother. She was always a Christian woman, but she officially gave her life to Christ in 1941 when she joined and was baptized into the Old Primitive Baptist Church at Raccoon, Kentucky. At the time of her death she held the oldest membership in her beloved church where she was a faithful member for 57 years. She attended church regularly as long as her health prevailed. Her everlasting belief in God sustained her faith during her illness and until Jesus called her home.

She is survived by three sons: Tracy Morris of Raccoon, Kentucky, Jan Morris of Morehead, Kentucky and Curtis Morris of Pikeville, Kentucky; three daughters: Zuann Morris, Lojean Williams and Nadine Collins, all of Pikeville, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Morris, on November 7, 1978; two sons, Danny Morris on August 15, 1980 and Radus Morris on September 26, 1991; and one grandson, Tommy Dwayne Phillips on August 25, 1973.

Other survivors include one brother, Ance Varney, and one sister, Grace May, both of Michigan; 23 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Our greatest consolation comes from knowing that although our sorrow is great and our best friend is gone, our Mother is happy, resting in the arms of her family around God's great throne. We all hope to meet her someday where the circle will never be broken again.

Written by her children



OPAL ADKINS

It is with a sad and aching heart that we will try to write the obituary of our beloved wife and mother.

Opal Slone Adkins was born May 2, 1931. She was the daughter of Leonard and Martha Thacker Slone. She departed from this life on February 1, 1998.

Opal was the loving wife of Ireland Adkins and they were married for fifty years. To this union, God blessed them with thirteen children. One son, Russell, preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her death her husband, Ireland Adkins, and twelve children which include: Phyllis Smith, Sue Thompson, Ronald Adkins, Harold Adkins, Bonnie May, Mike Adkins, Tony Adkins, Mitzi Rowe, Mary Brown, Doreen Compton, Marquetta Thacker, and Betty Mullins.

Also left to mourn her death are her brothers and sisters: Leonard Curry, Curt, Ed, and Fred Slone, Donnie Slone, Bethel Thacker, and Doris Huffman. She has six sisters and one brother deceased: Nancy, Myrtle, Bula Faye, Martha June, Mae, Cenia and Bradley.

Opal was a strong believer in the Primitive Baptist Church. She joined the church on September 26, 1976. She attended as long as she was able.

She also leaves behind to mourn her grandchildren and great-grandchildren along with numerous family and friends.

The circle is broken here, but we must go on. It is so hard to not have you with us, Mom, but you're in no pain now. Daddy's heart is broken, but he knows that you are only sleeping...you're at peace. Mom, I never knew what a broken heart was until we lost you.

Written by her Husband and Family

"From the Grandchildren"

Precious are the days you blessed us with
Now seven months of gloom have passed,
When will we meet again, sweet Grandma?
Is a question I have so frequently asked.

The things you did, I do miss so
Always offering a listening ear,
You gave to people all of your life
Christmas for you was all year.

Now that you're gone, things aren't the same
The candle burns to its end,
Cause a Grandma wasn't all I lost with you
I also lost a very good friend.



MARTHA IRENE CASTLE

With loving memories and many prayers we write this tribute to Martha Irene Castle. Irene was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and a great friend. She is sadly missed by all who knew her.

On October 15, 1997, the Lord called her home. Irene was 68 years old. She was born on May 17, 1929, at Upper Pompey, Kentucky. Irene was the daughter of the late T.J. and Martha (May) Thacker.

Irene became a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church on September 3, 1967. She gave unselfishly to her church and to anyone in need. She firmly believed, "Charity started at home."

Jack T. Castle and Irene were married on January 27, 1955. To this union three children were born: one daughter, Flora S. Castle of Shelbyville, Ky. and two sons, Jack T. Castle II of Sevierville, Tn. and Jeffery A. Castle of Beckley, W. Va.

Irene is survived by her husband, children, two grandchildren, Brittany and Brandon Castle of Beckley, W. Va., two sisters, Avonell Ray of Shelbyana, Ky. and Goldie Patrick of Baltimore, Md., and one brother, Elder Clifford Thacker of Shelbyana, Ky. She also left behind a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Ocie McIntyre and Josie West, five brothers, Clinton, Everett, Junice, Ulius (J.U.) and Elder Wheeler Thacker.

Her presence here on Earth will be greatly missed by all. The pain we feel in our hearts is only comforted by the hope that we, too, may join her someday.

Written by her Family with much love



ARDELIA BLACKBURN

Ardelia Blackburn of Canada, Ky., died Aug. 22, 1998 at the Presbyterian Health Center at Phelps, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, 4 brothers and her only child, Golessa B. Chapman. Ardelia is survived by one brother, Bogar Stanley of Canada, Ky.; one granddaughter, Sharlene Chapman of Middleton, Ohio; and 2 great-granddaughters of Middleton, Ohio.

Ardelia joined the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church in April, 1953, where she was a faithful member until her death.



TORA JESTON SANDERS CANTRELL

Tora Jeston Sanders Cantrell, age 94, of Clarksville, Tennessee and formerly of Jenkins, passed away from this life on Thursday, February 19, 1998 at her home in Clarksville, Tennessee.

She was the daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson Sanders and Mylinda Ellen McCain Sanders, born October 8, 1903 at Orr Knot, Kentucky in Pike County.

Tora was preceded in death by her husband, John Allen Cantrell, on June 4, 1964. One son, J.T., also preceded her in death.

Survivors are five sons, Chester Orlin Cantrell, Stockton, California, Jesse Allen Cantrell, Elyria, Ohio, Linton Lee Cantrell, Ellijay, Georgia, Bobby C. Cantrell, Richmond, Kentucky and Glenn Mack Cantrell, Brookville, Ohio; four daughters, Linda Lou Cantrell Smith, Loveland, Ohio, Mildred June Cantrell Marshall, Loveland, Ohio, Nessie Ann Cantrell Marshall, Clarksville, Tennessee, and Sharon Sue Cantrell Hardesty, Cadiz, Kentucky; thirty-five grandchildren, fifty-four great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Tora made her home in Jenkins for more than sixty years. She was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church in Pike County, Kentucky.

"The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."



ARMINDA CHAPMAN

Arminda Chapman, 91, of Kimper, died Saturday, July 11, 1998 at Methodist Hospital.

Born February 20, 1907 at Majestic, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Emma Ellis Justice.

Mrs. Chapman was a homemaker and a member of Primitive Baptist Calvary Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elcana Chapman; two sons, L. C. and Ivan Chapman; two step-sons, Bill Chapman and Leura Varney; a step-daughter, June Spark; five brothers, Arnold L. Okrey, Homer, Wilson and Otis Justice; and two sisters, Stella Hatfield and Opal Justice.

Survivors include four sons, Cecil Roger Chapman of Belfry and Fon, Curley and Cleo Chapman, all of Kimper; three daughters, Pauline Layne of Delaware, Geneive Macmann of Michigan and Madgline Burris of Ysplananti; six step-sons, Jack, Conley and E.C. Chapman, Jr., all of Kimper, Tony Chapman of Zanesville, Ohio, Ray Chapman of Pikeville, and Otto Chapman of Phelps; two brothers, Ertle O. and Phillip Justice of Robinson; two sisters, Faye Blackburn of South Williamson and Magdalene Varney of Phyllis; twenty-four grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren; twenty-seven step-grandchildren; thirty-nine step-great-grandchildren; and a host of great-great grandchildren and step great-great-grandchildren.

I feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Her loving memory will be with us always. We loved her dearly!

Otto, Cleo and Charlene Chapman



OLIVE HOWELL
MARCH 12, 1933
SEPTEMBER 26, 1997

It is with great love and respect that we write the obituary of our wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her loving husband, Rufford, daughter, Nella Lombard, and son, Rick; grandchildren: Erick, Lora and Jennifer Lombard, Kimberly and Kelly Howell; great-grandchildren: Deven, Trey and McKenzi Lombard.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Allen (Pink) and Corzettia Newsome Osborne. Six brothers: Arnold, Oscar, Ezra, Troy, Tramble, Allen Jr. and many nieces and nephews and friends.

She was born in McDowell, Kentucky. On May 11, 1950 she married Rufford Howell. They live in McDowell until 1962, then moved to Columbus, Ohio, where Dad still lives.

Mom loved time with her family. She made sure every holiday that we had plenty to eat and special little things that we will never forget. She always said she wanted us to have special memories of being together. She loved working in the yard and visiting with friends. She was our rose in our garden of life. I could write every little thing Mom every did, but nothing can compare to what we hold in our hearts.

During a brief illness, she passed away on Friday, September 26, 1997 at Riverside Hospital. The evening Mom passed away, there were forty-five people in the hospital room with her. I think it was such a tribute to her. They drive from near and far in a matter of a few hours to be with her and her family. We were so thankful and proud to know that these were just a few of the people whose lives she had touched.

Mom was baptized into the Primitive Baptist Church where dad preached on Sundays. They spent so much time on the road visiting the sick and to be with friends in the church. They worked for the Lord and were truly blessed for it.

Whenever we miss you, we just look in our hearts and there you are. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

God Bless You Mom - We Miss You So Much

Written by Faye and Rick and Elder Rufford Howell

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

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 reproved by the Association as they think proper.

ORDINATION OF AN ELDER OR DEACON

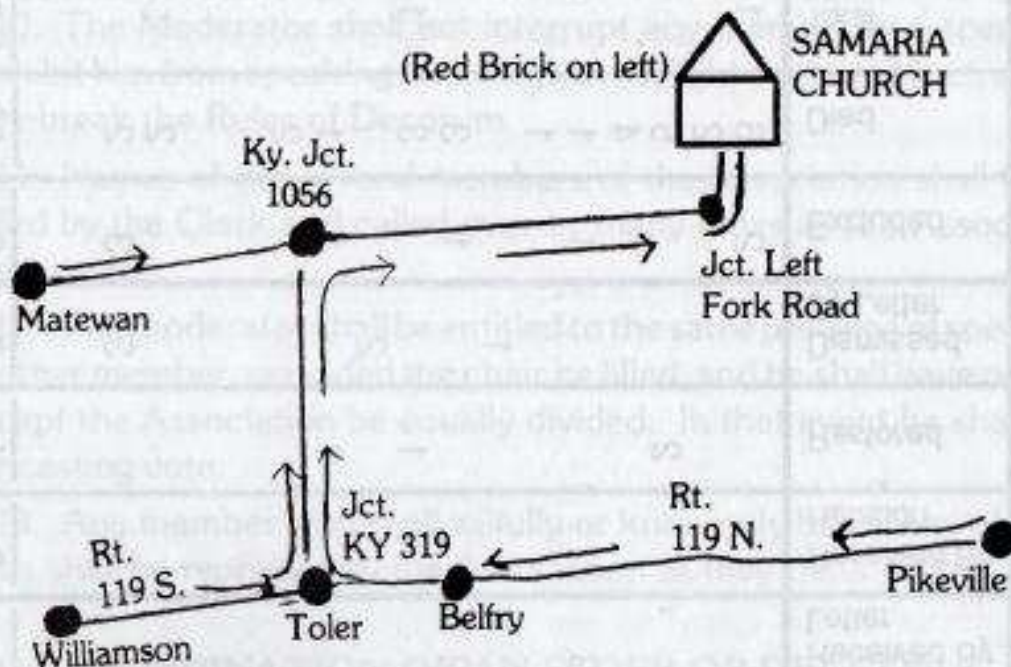
(Work of Presbytery)

- 1st Organized by choosing Moderator and Clerk.
- 2nd Select one to question candidate.
- 3rd Select one to make prayer.
- 4th Select one to give charge.
- 5th Call for candidate from spokesman for church.
- 6th Examine candidate. Any one of Prebytery has right to ask questions if he desires.
- 7th If candidate is found satisfactory, then proceed with prayer and laying on of hands.
- 8th Charge is now delivered.
- 9th Candidate is now returned to the spokesman for the church as an ordained Elder or Deacon.
- 10th Minutes of proceeding read.
- 11th Adjourn.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	CLERKS	Received By Baptism	Received By Letter	Received By Religion	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Saturday of Meeting	Contributions of each Church
Louisa.....	Bradley Worrix, Jr.	2					2	6	100	2	\$200.00
Old Pond.....	Shelby Jean Hill.....	2						2	64	2	120.00
Big Creek.....	Luther Smith.....				2			5	75	3	150.00
Raccoon.....	Marie Coleman.....	2						4	73	4	100.00
Peter Creek....	Randy Smith.....	4	3				1	1	97	4	125.00
Sulphur Springs	Ronald Moore.....							1	49	1	40.00
Little Hope.....	Frank Ball.....					1			36	1	100.00
Grapevine.....	Olen J. May.....		2				1	3	19	3	50.00
Samaria.....	Leslie Hatfield.....	1			1			3	143	3	225.00
Little Union....	Ernest Blair.....	1				2			9	1	30.00
Johns Creek...	Carl Coleman.....	1			1		1	1	32	2	100.00
Calvary.....	Andrew Hunt.....	4						2	40	1	105.00
Dry Fork.....	Ruth Maynard.....								57	2	75.00
Friendship.....	Martin Childers.....								23	4	25.00
Columbus.....	Sandra Harris.....	1						2	81	4	100.00
Deerfield.....	Barbara Holyfield...	1				3	3	2	43	4	75.00
Pleasant Hill...	Greg Moore.....	3							38	1	75.00
New Hope.....	Stella F. Thacker....	3							22	4	40.00
	Totals	25	5	0	4	6	8	32	1,001		\$1,735.00

Map To Samaria Church 1999 Association Meeting



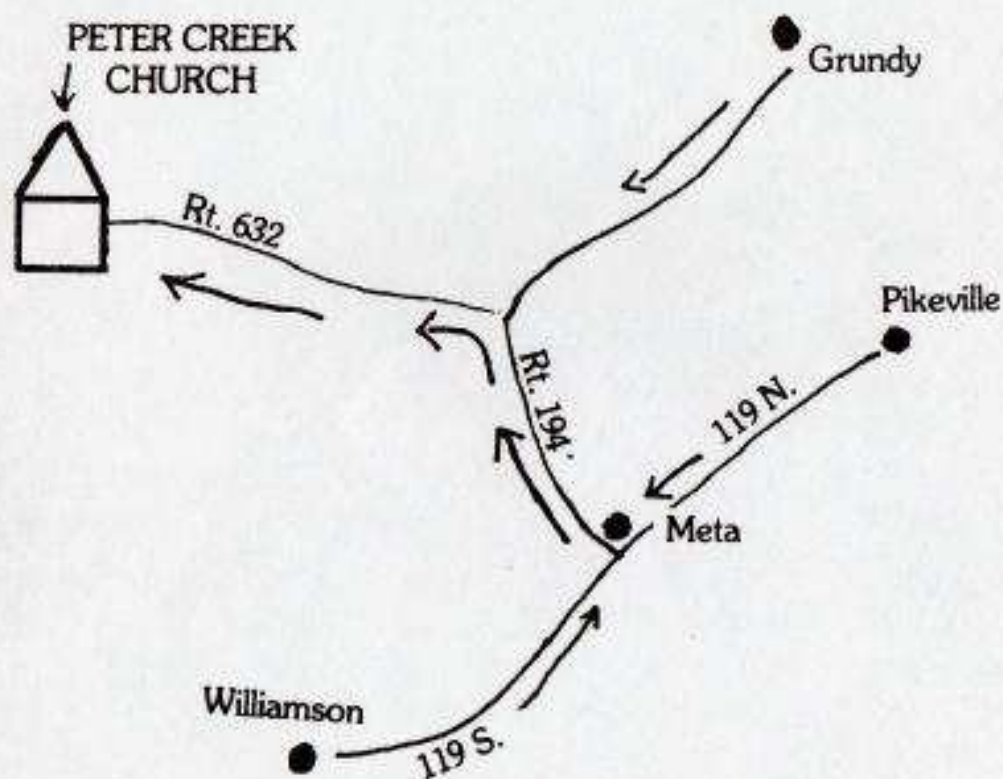
Directions:

From Pikeville - take Route 119 North to Jct. KY 319 (27 mi.) at Toler. Turn right on 319. Continue 7 mi. to Jct. KY 1056. Turn right on 1056 for 3 mi. to Jct. Left Fork Rd. and turn left. Continue 1.7 mi. to church on left at Jct. Old House Branch Rd.

From Williamson, W. Va. — Take Route 119 South to Jct. KY 319 (3 mi.). Turn left on 319 and follow preceding underlined directions.

From Matewan, W. Va. — Take KY 1056, 7.1 mi. to Jct. Left Fork Road. Turn left and continue 1.7 mi. to red brick Church on left.

Map To Peter Creek Church 1999 Annual Meeting



Directions:

From Pikeville — Take Route 119 North to Meta. Turn right on Route 194. Travel approx. 8 miles to Route 632. Turn left on Route 632 for 7 miles to Church on Right.

From Williamson, W. Va. — Take Route 119 South to Meta and turn left on Route 194 and follow preceding directions underlined.

