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

Held With Samaria Primitive Baptist Church Ransom, Pike County, Kentucky September 3, 4, and 5, 1999

Next Session Convenes with the John's Creek Church, located at Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2000.

<u>DIRECTIONS:</u> From Pikeville, Ky., take Route 119 N. from Pikeville for approx. 9 miles to Route 194 E. <u>Continue on Route 194 E. for approx.</u> 10 miles to Route 632 E. Follow Route 632 E. for 4 miles to Junction 1758. Go 2 3/10 miles to the church on your right. From Williamson, take 119 S. for 19 miles to Route 194 E. at Meta and follow preceeding underlined directions. (Map enclosed)

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#### **PROCEEDINGS**

Of the Original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association held with the <u>Samaria Church</u>.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, September 3, 1999

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer

by Elder Kenny Chapman.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by <u>Elder David Jacobs</u>. Text: "Lord bid me come unto Thee". A very sound sermon with instruction for the child of God to come unto the Lord for help in time of need.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from the <u>Samaria Church</u> was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the name of the messengers enrolled in the minutes. Moved and seconded that <u>Elder Paris Blackburn</u> serve as Moderator Protem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that <u>Elder Michael Elswick</u> 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 call 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 messenger's reports. Correspondence from Sister Associations was received and seated as follows:

SAND LICK: Garnell Gilbert, Fayne Viers, Ostel Smith, and Franklin Viers.

BURNING SPRINGS: Rick Howard, Leroy Gullett, Roby Gullett, and Donnie Lykins.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Curt Heath, Eddie Lyle, and Blaine Owens.

<u>LITTLE YADKIN RIVER:</u> Vance Jones and William H. Johnson. <u>MT. ZION:</u> None. NEW LIBERTY: Elder Hubert Sears, Gary D. Whaling, and Ron Sargent.

<u>WASHINGTON:</u> Joe Edwards, Darrell Davis, George Ben Combs, and Victor Church.

UNION: Tommy Adams, Garry Adams, Teddy Stevans, Dallas Adams, and Roy Adams.

FISHER'S RIVER: Willie Branch.

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

SAND LICK: Arnold Childress, Roxine Childress, Carroll Edwards, Harold Fuller, Clayton Belcher, Sidney T. Deel, Diann Owens, and G. Lyall.

BURNING SPRINGS: Loren Hensley, Phyllis Mann, and Jimmy Mann.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Hulda Jones, Nonnie Jones, and Mary M. Johnson.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: None.

**UNION:** Jean Adams and Mary Stevans.

FISHER'S RIVER: JoAnn Branch.

MT. ZION: None.

WASHINGTON: Lola Church.

MT. ENON ASSOC. OF FL.: George and Virginia Thompson.

MIAMI PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Hesker Gillum.

CRAWFORD LAKE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: H. D. Bledsoe.

NORTH FLORIDA FELLOWSHIP CHURCH:

J. A. McCormick, Joe Brannen, Revonda Brannen,
Mary McCormick, and Christine McCormick.

NEW LIBERTY ASSOCIATION: Sandra Sargent and Velma Sargent.

TUCSON, ARIZONA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Clifford and Ina Gaye Thacker.

PINE GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: William and Wanda Littleton.

REYNOLDSBURG CHURCH OF OHIO: Paul Jones.

The Moderator asked the Assistant Clerk to read the Rules of Decorum.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary

appointments.

The messengers from Samaria Church together with Elder Paul Varney and Deacon Shawn Dotson were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

- A. Friday Morning at <u>SAMARIA</u> Church: Victor Church and George Ben Combs.
- B. Friday Afternoon at the Stand: Eddie Lyle, Joe Brannen, and Frank Viers.
- C. Friday Night at John's Creek: Paul Varney, David May, Joe Brannen, J. A. McCormick, Eddie Lyle, and David Jacobs.
- D. Friday Night at Peter Creek: J. C. Hager, Mike Smith, Vance Jones, and Luther Minnix.
- E. Friday Night at Grapevine: Hesker Gillum, Kermit Gillum, Argle Kendrick, and Noah Slone.
- F. Friday Night at Old Pond: Bobby Blackburn, Michael Elswick, Randal Thornsbury, and Paul Jones.
- G. Saturday Morning at the Stand: Paris Blackburn, Hubert Sears, and J. A. McCormick.
- H. Saturday Afternoon at the Stand: H. D. Bledsoe, Paul Jones, and J. C. Hager.
- I. Saturday Night at Samaria: Arnold Childress, Paul Varney,
   J. C. Hager, and Michael Smith.
- J. Saturday Night at Big Creek: Willie Branch, Vance Jones, Victor Church, Frank Viers, and Paris Blackburn.
- K. Saturday Night at Calvary: Greg Moore, Hubert Sears, Luther Minnix, and Hesker Gillum.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

Joseph Slone, Bradley Worrix, Earl Scott,

Lawrence Elswick, Stirl Smith, Ronald Moore,

Bobby Blackburn, Don Justice, Lonnie Simpkins,

Leon Adkins, Darnel Dotson, Roger Varney, Carl Vandyke,

Arnold Hicks, Lundy Coleman, Danny May, Greg Moore,
and William Dotson.

<u>Committee on Finance</u> was appointed as follows: Elmer Thacker, Kenny Chapman, and John Holyfield.

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

- SAND LICK: Noah Slone, Richard Tucker, Mike Smith, Bradley Worrix, David May, David Thacker, Sid Fleming, and Mike Elswick.
- <u>UNION:</u> John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Joseph Slone, David Thacker, Elmer Goff, Richard Tucker, and David May.
- ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: David May, Monroe Justice,
  Mike Elswick, Tom Chapman, Richard Tucker, and
  Noah Slone.
- BURNING SPRINGS: Mike Smith, Joseph Slone, Paris Blackburn, and Howard Waggoner.
- LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Randal Thornsbury, Noah Slone, David May, Mike Elswick, Elmer Goff, Tom Chapman, Mike Smith, and David Thacker.
- MT. ZION: Noah Slone, Elmer Goff, and Leslie Hatfield.
- NEW LIBERTY: Noah Slone, Elmer Goff, Leslie Hatfield, and John Jacobs.
- FISHER'S RIVER: Elmer Goff and Noah Slone.
- WASHINGTON: Joseph Slone, Noah Slone, Elmer Goff, Bradley Coleman, David May, John Jacobs, and Tom Chapman.

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

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# SATURDAY MORNING, September 4, 1999

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

Prayer by Elder Paris Blackburn.

Roll called and absents marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee met at the tents of Samaria 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 Grapevine Church host the annual meeting for 2000.
- #3 Recommend that John's Creek Church host the Association for 2000.

- #4 Called for the Circular Letter which was written by Elder David May. The letter was read by Brother David. It was approved and moved that it will be printed in the minutes and that Elder Mike Elswick prepare the Circular Letter for 2000.
- #5 We recommend that we add the word "DISTRICT" to the front cover of our minutes. "DISTRICT" will appear between the words "CREEK" and "REGULAR".
- #6 We recommend that in the year 2000, and each year thereafter, the Clerk, at his discretion, be allowed to distribute up to \$500.00 to the preaching committee in an effort to assist our visiting Elders with traveling expenses.
- #7 We recommend that the Association carry on its work on Saturday as usual.
- #8 We recommend that the letter bearers of each church bring the check for the minutes and submit both items to the Clerk. (Letter to Association and check for minutes.)
- #9 We admonish all churches to adhere to the Articles of Faith, The Constitution, and The Rules of Decorum.

Moved and seconded that the committees work be accepted and

that they be discharged.

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with Grapevine Church to begin Friday before the last Saturday in March, 2000.

Committee of Preaching reported the following for Sunday:

- 1. Song and Prayer by Elder Victor Church
- 2. Elder Garnell Gilbert
- 3. Elder J. C. Hager
- 4. Elder Michael Smith

Finance Committee reported \$1,737.50 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, 2000. 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 Thornsbury, David Jacobs, Michael Elswick, Rufford Howell, John Jacobs, and Elmer Brown.

OLD POND: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2000. Elders to attend: Paris Blackburn, Walter Sullivan, Kenny

Chapman, Robert Worrix, David Coleman, Jr., Elmer Thacker, Bobby Blackburn, Michael Smith, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsbury, David A. Thacker, Greg Moore, Frank Ball, Elbert Church, Everett Brizendine, Jimmy Moore, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome.

BIG CREEK: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 2000. Elders to attend: Paris Blackburn, J. C. Hager, David Lee Jacobs, Greg Moore, Monroe Justice, Noah Slone, Kenny Chapman, Bobby Blackburn, Mike Smith, David Coleman, Jr., Glen Vipperman, Jimmy Lee Smith, Robert Worrix, Ernest Blair, Elmer Brown, Raymond Stanley, Walter Sullivan, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders.

RACCOON: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2000. 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, 2000. Elders to attend: Ernest Blair, Paris Blackburn, Jim Moore, Michael Elswick, Harrison Smith, Randal Thornsbury, Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Stevie Kinder, Mike Smith, Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Everett Brizendine, and David Coleman, Jr.

SULPHUR SPRING: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2000. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, John Jacobs, Elmer Thacker, Paul Varney, Randal Thornsbury, David A. Thacker, Jimmie Lee Smith, Everett Brizendine, J. C. Hager, Noah Slone, Ernest Blair, Elmer Brown, Homer Blackburn, Paul Smith, Arthur May, Robbie Worrix, Steve Kinder, and Raymond Stanley.

LITTLE HOPE: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 2000. Elders to attend: Walter Sullivan, Raymond Stanley, Michael Elswick, David May, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Kenny Chapman, Paris Blackburn, John Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, Elbert Church, Onis Smith, Bobby Blackburn, Virgil Smith, and Randal Thornsbury.

GRAPEVINE: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2000. 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, Steve Kinder, Greg Moore, Junior Adams, David Jacobs, Estle Hackney, Raymond

Stanley, and all Primitive Baptist Ministers are invited.

SAMARIA: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2000. Elders to attend: Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Eddie Harris, J. C. Hager, Walter Sullivan, Kenneth Chapman, Paris Blackburn, David A. Thacker, Michael Elswick, Jimmy L. Smith, Elmer Thacker, Robert Worrix, Ernest Blair, Bobby Blackburn, Randal Thornsbury, Harrison Smith, Raymond Stanley, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders are invited.

LITTLE UNION: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 2000. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Mike Elswick, Randal Thornsbury, 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.

JOHN'S CREEK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in April, 2000. Elders to attend: Noah Slone, Jimmie Moore, Greg Moore, Walter Sullivan, Stevie Kinder, Jeff Chapman, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Jimmy L. Smith, Elbert Church, Onis Smith, David Coleman, Jr., J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, Mike Elswick, Randal Thornsbury, David Jacobs, Kenny 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.

<u>CALVARY:</u> Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2000. Elders to attend: Mike Smith, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, David Coleman, Jr., John Jacobs, Harrison Smith, Ernest Blair, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsbury, Elbert Church, Elmer Thacker, Onis Smith, Kenny Chapman, David May, Bobby Blackburn, Greg Moore, Paris Blackburn, Walter Sullivan, Jeff Chapman, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome.

<u>DRY FORK:</u> Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2000. Elders to attend: Arnold Childress, Ked Stacy, Harrison Smith, Paul Smith, Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Jimmy L. Smith, Randal Thornsbury, 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-Jacks 1 Family will be held the last Sunday in August at the shed on Boyd Ridge. Dry

Fork meeting in August on Sunday will move to Nuckles and Hess Cemetery on Fletcher's Ridge for a Memorial Service.)

FRIENDSHIP: Meets on the fourth Saturday evening in August, 2000. Elders to attend: Jimmy L. Smith, Greg Moore, Jim Moore, Randal Thornsbury, Mike Smith, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Walter Sullivan, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, R. T. Thacker, Elbert Church, Kenny Chapman, John Jacobs, Bobby Blackburn, Steve Kinder, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome.

COLUMBUS: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 2000. 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, Ostel Smith, Ernest Blair, Woodruff Dulin, Greg Moore, Paul Dean Justice, Hesker Gillium, Clifford Thacker, Jimmy L. Smith, Michael Elswick, Gale McGuire, Garnell Gilbert, George Hazen, Jerry Brown, Elmer Thacker, 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, 2000. Elders to attend: Larry Stanley, Mike Elswick, Rufford Howell, Ben Combs, Jim Duty, John Jacobs, Greg Moore, David A. Thacker, Noah Slone, Onis Smith, David May, Ostel Smith, Robbie Worrix, Raymond Stanley, Victor Quick, Elbert Church, Paris Blackburn, Woodruff Dulin, and Gale McGuire.

NOTE: Memorial Services will be held the first weekend in April.

PLEASANT HILL: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 2000. Elders to attend: David A. Thacker, Jim Duty, David May, Kenny Chapman, J. C. Hager, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Hesker Gillium, Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, Tim Brewer, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Onis Smith, Estil Hackney, Elbert Church, Lonnie Worrix, Raymond Stanley, Ted Floyd, and we also invite all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers in our fellowship.

**NEW HOPE:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 2000. Elders to attend: Noah Slone, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, David Thacker, Mike Smith, David May, Greg Moore, Randal Thornsbury, John Jacobs, Bobby Blackburn, David Jacobs, Onis Smith, Paul Varney, Mike Elswick, Raymond Stanley, and all ordained Mates Creek Ministers, Brothers, and Sisters are invited.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes and that <u>Elder Mike Elswick</u> prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 2,000 minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following:

BROTHERS: Elder Don Hatfield, Elder J. Quincey Stanley,
Marvin Dotson, Sylvanis Church, Junior Casey, Johnny A. Goff,
James H. Varney, Chester Blackburn, Billy Blevins, Joseph
Andrew Clevenger, Andy "Peanut" Coleman, Raymond "Dock"
Hatfield, Elster Thacker, Vergil E. Maynard, Lora Slone.

SISTERS: Viola Varney Slone, Alfred and Geraldine Smith,
Tommy, Cindy and Brittany Renee Lester, Thelma Varney,
Bobbie Jean (Ball) Ratliff, Eddust Slone, Dixie Faye Wood
Barton, Isabelle Thacker, Laura Elizabeth Newsome, Emalene
Warrix Click, Rebekah Dawn Robinson, Sadie Thorpe, Mary
Lee Gillum, Ethel M. May, Jane Smith Dotson, Martha Ann
Hager Smith.

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  Amount received from churches  Amount for obituaries  Donations	487.00
TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$8,034.53
CASH PAID OUT: Paid For 1998 Minutes Gave Moderator Gave Assistant Moderator Gave Clerk Gave Assistant Clerk Printing By George	50.00 50.00 50.00 50.00 14.59
TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	\$1,364.59
BALANCE LEFT ON HAND	

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 to be held with the John's Creek Church of Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 o'clock, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2000. Elder Kenny Chapman was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Raymond Stanley to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed by prayer by Elder Curtis Heath, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

# SUNDAY MORNING, September 5, 1999

INTRODUCTION: Elder Victor Church of the Washington Association was blessed with song and prayer.

- 1. Elder Garnell Gilbert preached from Isaiah of the power, blessings, and peace of God.
- 2. Elder J. C. Hager delivered a message of a rest and joy to the people of God.
- 3. Elder Mike Smith was blessed to preach and close the Association with love and unity.

Elder Willie Branch dismissed.

Elder Arnold Childress held grace at the table.

#### Circular Letter

To the brothers and sisters of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association on the One Hundred Forty-Seventh Annual Session, when they convene with Samaria Church.

With love I will try to write the circular letter. In hope's that

God will bless me for I feel to be the least of my brethren.

The thoughts that come to mind are on salvation or deliverance. Salvation, O the name I love, which came by Christ the Lord above, surprising wisdom, matchless Grace which reached my low and helpless case. When I was sinking in despair, filled with an awful gloomy fear, my Saviour came to my relief, eased my pain and bore my grief.

How sweet the word Salvation sounds in a believer's ear.

Christ who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son.

For He hath saved us and called us with a holy calling not according to our works but according to His purpose and grace which He hath given us before the world began.

For He saith, I have heard thee in time accepted, and in the day of Salvation have I secured thee, behold now is the day of Salvation.

Moses said to Israel, Fear not, stand still and see the Salvation of the Lord for the Egyptians you see you will see no more forever.

Salvation is free for you and me but cost our Elder Brother

(Christ) His life.

For ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's.

Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that

is in Christ Jesus.

Now Brethren, you cannot lose your salvation, for it is in Christ, but you can lose the joys of it.

Through your disobedience you can lose the joys of your

salvation.

He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also to walk as He walked.

I thank God from time to time our Father will bless us to drink from the wells of Salvation which our Forefathers have dug.

I see a river of water that flows from the throne of God making

glad the city of God.

In hopes that you will receive this letter with love. In hope of eternal life.

**Elder David May** 

# MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

LOUISA: Ireland Adkins, Joseph Slone, Bradley Worrix, Jr., Kenn Slone

LOUISA'S ALTERNATE: David Coleman, Jr.

OLD POND: Mike Scott, Clifford Hunt, Earl Scott, Walter Rutherford

OLD POND'S ALTERNATE: Cecil Hatfield

BIG CREEK: Tom Chapman, Elmer Thacker, Onis Smith, Lawrence Elswick

BIG CREEK'S ALTERNATE: Sid Fleming

RACCOON: Monroe Justice, Richard Tucker, Joe Slone RACCOON'S ALTERNATE: Paul Dean Justice

PETER CREEK: Daris Kender, Wade Ratliff, Stirl Smith,
Randy Smith
PETER CREEK'S ALTERNATE: Randy Kender

SULPHUR SPRING: Ronald Moore, Tommie Lester,
Arthur May, Junior Blackburn
SULPHUR SPRING'S ALTERNATE: Homer Blackburn

LITTLE HOPE: Frank Ball, Bobby Blackburn,
Mitchell Blackburn, J. B. Ball
LITTLE HOPE'S ALTERNATE: Virgil Smith

GRAPEVINE: Noah Slone, Donald Justice, Elmer Goff, Bradley Coleman
GRAPEVINE'S ALTERNATE: Timothy Slone

SAMARIA: Millard Whitt, Everett Smith, Lonnie Simpkins, Berlin Dotson

SAMARIA'S ALTERNATE: Dennis Dotson

LITTLE UNION: Ricky Blair, Ernest Blair, Bradley Coleman, Leon Adkins

**LITTLE UNION'S ALTERNATE:** Donald Justice

JOHN'S CREEK: Shawn Dotson, Carl Coleman, Darnel Dotson, Roger Dotson JOHN'S CREEK'S ALTERNATE: Larry Coleman

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

<u>CALVARY'S ALTERNATE:</u> Mike Elswick

DRY FORK: Harold Cline, Roger Deel, Ralph Street,
Darrin Compton

DRY FORK'S ALTERNATE: Carl Vandyke

FRIENDSHIP: Martin Childers, Troy Wheeler, Arnold Hicks, David May FRIENDSHIP'S ALTERNATE: Michael Elswick

COLUMBUS: Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Howard Waggoner, Bobby Kennedy COLUMBUS'S ALTERNATE: Ray Dotson

DEERFIELD: Danny May, Harold Blackburn, John Holyfield, Donnie Jackson DEERFIELD'S ALTERNATE: Luther Minnix

PLEASANT HILL: Junior Barton, Greg Moore, James Tennis Dotson, Gale McGuire PLEASANT HILL'S ALTERNATE:

NEW HOPE: William Dotson, James Hackney, Junior Thacker, Kenneth Chapman 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
Sulphur 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
John's 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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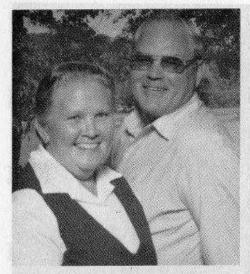
Elder Don Hatfield, Moderator of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, died Thursday, July 22, 1999. Born October 17, 1926, at Hardy, Kentucky, he was a son of the late Sherman and Bessie Hatfield. Also preceding him in death were one sister: Virginia Stanley; and one brother: Russell Hatfield. He was an Army Veteran and retired Norfolk and Southern Railway employee, with 37 years of service as shop employee, carman and gang foreman.

Brother Don united with the church October 21, 1951. He was given license to exercise in the stand on July 19, 1958, and was ordained to serve as an Elder on September 22, 1963, making his service in the ministry over 41 years. An humble man, gifted in prayer, he was faithful in his ministry, especially to the sick and elderly. He walked steadfast in the old path, and was well loved and respected among Primitive Baptists and others wherever he traveled.

Brother Don was survived by his wife, Delores Stanley Hatfield of Hardy; sons, Tim and Shane Hatfield of Hardy, Kevin Hatfield of Lexington; daughter-in-law, Jonie Hatfield of Hardy; granddaughter, Jessie Hatfield of Lexington; brothers, Frank and Clifford Hatfield of Hardy, Clinton, Sherman and Floyd Hatfield, all of Columbus, Ohio; sisters, Gaye Hatfield of Hardy, Ruby Severt

and Gayle Ferrell of Columbus, Ohio; and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held 1:00 p.m., Sunday, July 25, 1999 at Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Belfry, Kentucky. Elders officiating were Mike Smith, Raymond Stanley and Paris Blackburn. Pallbearers were Clifford Hunt, Ron Cisco, Donald Thacker, Mike Scott, Walter Rutherford, Earl Scott, Cecil Hatfield, Lonnie Simpkins and Woody Larder. Honorary pallbearers were Elders and Deacons of the Mates Creek Association. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home, with burial at the family cemetery at Hardy.



# ELDER J. QUINCEY STANLEY The Obituary Of J. Quincey Stanley

It is with gladness in my spirit, for our Heavenly Father called one of His beloved saints to their eternal home. I consider it to be a great honor that Brother Quincey thought and loved me, where as it was his request that I should write this obituary.

Brother Quincey was born on August 21, 1920 and departed this life on April 19, 1999. The son of the late Joe and

ELDER J. QUINCEY STANLEY Lizzie Stanley, who were beloved and

inspiring parents to their children.

He was wed to his first wife, Bessie Gannon Stanley, who preceded him in death in 1990. Also preceding him in death were three brothers, Frinnie, Willie, and Joseph Ferrell Stanley, and

one sister, Eula Marie Stanley.

Brother Quincey and Sister Bessie were married in 1942 and to this union were born six children: four sons, Darrell Stanley of Winchester, Ky., Grafton Stanley of Belleville, Mich., Carl and Larry Stanley, both of Canada, Ky.; two daughters, Wanda Turner of Huntington, Ind., and Jemima Hall of Harold, Ky. They were blessed to be together 48 years, to fill their lot in life by serving God, rearing their children by instruction and example and being an inspiration to all that were blessed to know them.

After God had called sister Bessie to her eternal home, He gave Brother Quincey another help mate, his dear wife, Sister Thelma Woods Lowe Stanley, who survives. We who were about them witness how God had anointed their marriage with His good spirit and the happiness that each brought to the other with this blessed union. Brother Quincey was given three step-sons, Larry and Michael Lowe, both of Turkey Creek, Ky., and Daniel Lowe of Faith, N.C.; and one step-daughter, Dottie Rollins of Turkey Creek, Ky.

In addition to his dear wife, children and step-children, Brother Quincey is survived by two brothers, Landon and James Stanley, of Canada, Ky.; and two sisters, Mary Stanley of Sidney, Ky., and Ruby Mammo of Kennebe River View, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren.

Brother Quincey was a highly-decorated U.S. Army Veteran, having served in the World War II Conflict, receiving the Purple Heart, Silver Star, two Bronze Medals and several other recognitions for his commitment to bravery and excellence of

service to this noble cause.

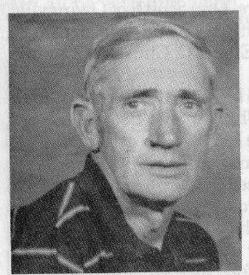
Brother Quincey was an Elder of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church of Jesus Christ. He united with the church in 1979 and was ordained an Elder in 1984. He served the church faithfully until sickness would not allow him to attend the last few months of his life. I speak for the church, take your rest, dear brother, until Jesus comes, you'll be missed but not forgotten.

Brother Quincey was a retired member of the United Mine Workers of America, Local Union 5737, an employee of Eastern Coal Corporation where he was blessed to work for several years, where he was blessed to provide for his family the things that

they needed for a good quality of life.

I speak to the family, sorrow, not as others which have no hope, for if we believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, even them which are asleep in Christ will God also raise at the Great and Glorious Day of the Lord. Be good to one another, love one for the other, love will overcome all things, even this thing called death. Stay united as a family, trust in God with all your heart, serve Him all the days of your life, lean not unto your own understanding, casting all your cares on the Lord for He careth for you. Then you will have true peace, to say as I say, sleep on Dad, take your rest until we meet again.

Written by one who loved him for Christ's sake, Elder Michael Elswick



# MARVIN DOTSON

It is with much sadness we feel in our hearts as we try to write the

Obituary of Marvin Dotson.

He was born March 8, 1928. He was of the Baptist faith, and a member of United Mine Workers of America. He was called home Feb. 26, 1991, making his stay with us 62 years, 11 months, and 10 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andy and Viola (Wolford) Dotson; a son, Jason Todd; and four

brothers, Don, Bud, Claude and Willis. He is survived by his wife, Norma (Hager) Dotson; five sons, Ricky, Sammy, Don, George, and Steven; three daughters, Betty, Jo, and Jennifer; one brother, Dennis Dotson; one sister, Ocie Coleman; nine grandchildren; and

three great-grandchildren.

Dad is greatly missed by his wife and all his children, especially his grandchildren, which he held so close to his heart. All the wonderful memories we have will remain in our hearts as we continue to wait for the day God calls us home to join him in Heaven.

> Sadly missed by: Family and Friends Written by: Daughters-in-law, Sherri and Pam, and Daughter, Betty Sue



#### SYLVANIS CHURCH

With great sadness, I am going to try to write the Obituary of my dear brother and son. Sylvanis was born March 15, 1945, and died Sept. 15, 1998. That would make his time here on earth 53 years and 6 months.

Sylvanis was preceded in death by his Dad, Newman Church, and one brother, William F. Church, and one niece, Mary Ann Church. Survivors are his wife, Ellen Church of Ashland, Ky.; one daughter, Melanie Church of Ashland.

SYLVANIS CHURCH daughter, Melanie Church of Ashland, Ky.; four sons, Elbert James Church and Allen Church, both of Ashland, Ky., Sylvanis Newman Church and Sylvanis Church the 4th; his mother, Mae Church; two sisters, Ona Smith of Owingville, Ky., and Stella F. Thacker of Ransom, Ky.; and two brothers, Truman J. Church of Evert, Mich. and Elbert C. Church of Canada, Ky.

Sylvanis was baptized August of 1998 by the New Hope Primitive Baptist Church. His brother, Elbert Church, and brother-in-law, Junior Thacker, were blessed to baptize him. Words cannot express what a wonderful day that was. The Lord just poured His blessings down on the family. Sylvanis had cancer, and two years from the day he was baptized. The doctors had only given him six months to live in their medical opinion, but the Lord gave us two years with him. The family is so thankful for that time and to be able to see him baptized. We praise the Lord for His blessings.

Sylvanis was a Veteran of twenty-some years in the Army. He spent three different terms in Vietnam. He was also in the Korean War. He was devoted to his country.

Sylvanis lived the last few years of his life in Ashland, Kentucky, working in the U.S. Post Office, and that is where he raised his

family. That is also where he died and was buried.

His family misses him very much, but as bad as I miss him, I would not want him to come back to this world, he has already crossed over, and I pray that some day the Lord will bless me to join him.

Written by:

His Sister and Mother, Stella F. Thacker and Mae Church



# JUNIOR CASEY

Sharlene Taylor.

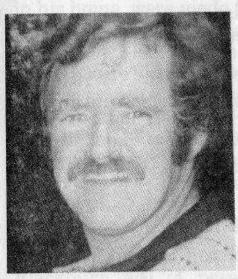
## JUNIOR CASEY

It is with a sad heart I try to write the Obituary of my dear brother, Junior Casey. He departed this world February 20, 1998.

He was a son of the late Anderson and Lena Stump Casey. He left behind seven brothers and three sisters to mourn our loss. His seven brothers are Earl Casey, Ernest Casey, George Casey, Glen Casey, Clinton Casey, James Casey and Clifford Casey. His three sisters are Hazel Smith, Sadie Thorpe and

Since the death of our dear Dad in 1958, Junior was like a second Dad to all of us. We could always go to him for help. He was always there for all of us. I know he is in a better place and some day we will all be with him again.

Written by his Sister, Ms. Sadie Thorpe



### JOHNNY ATHERTON GOFF 1952-1999

It is with a saddened, broken, and sorrowful heart, even still with tears, we will attempt to write an Obituary of our dearly beloved husband, father, and brother.

Johnny was born November 21, 1952 to the late Blake and Flora Goff, making his stay on earth 47 years, 1 month, and 23 days.

He married Emogene Justice on **JOHNNY ATHERTON GOFF** January 4th, 1975, to whom we can say stayed by him during his afflictions till his death. To this union they have one son, Steven.

He also leaves to mourn four brothers, Elmer, Paul and Vernon of Raccoon, Ky., and Carnes of Akron, Ohio; two sisters, Colleen Bevins and Brenda May, both of Raccoon, Ky.; and a host of nephews and nieces.

Johnny was a wonderful and kind person, helping anyone he could.

He worked a few years in Ohio, then came back home and worked as a mechanic and equipment operator for 23 years for Red Oak Trucking until his death.

He was also known by the name of Mechanic. When the mudbogg was at Elkhorn he helped in getting it ready, then he became an owner/driver. He became Champion in points several times, winning many trophies. In this time he made many friends, especially the children.

Johnny had cancer which he endured very patiently with the sorrow and pain. He would hardly ever mention pain, yet he would always have a nice smile. During his affliction he said he would just like to go to sleep. So on the morning of January 13,1999,

while in the hospital, God granted him that.

He united with the Pikeville Freewill Baptist in November, 1998. This brought about a change in him. He became even more humble. Even before this he loved to hear singing of Hymns. *Old Ship of Zion* was his favorite song.

Blessed are they that do die in the Lord. Henceforth, they do rest from their labors. Not forgetting those who attended his funeral which were so many, we dearly love to thank you so much for whatsoever you said or did and for your presence.

Though Johnny knows not this is written, but God knows that

he was our beloved brother - we miss him.

Awaiting for the time to come and hear, Awake and sing ye that dwell in the dust.

Written by:

His brother in Christ, Elmer, along with his Wife and Son

My days here,
Come to end,
Hereafter shall he no end,
Earth reclaims its dust,
This do, it must,
Sleep still for a while,
Awake eternally-God's child,
To God's Own,
He calls welcome home,
On the Resurrection Day,
Home forever to stay.

#### JAMES H. VARNEY

James H. Varney died Feb. 13, 1999 at home. He was a resident of Ragland, W.V. Brother James was 55 years old and was born on August 28, 1943. He was the son of the late Elder Willie Varney and the late Pealee Justice Varney of Ragland, W.V. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ronald Varney and Johnny Ray Varney.

Brother James was a disabled Veteran and a member of the United

JAMES H. VARNEY Mine Workers of America. Brother James was a member of the New Hope Primitive Baptist Church,

Pinson Fork, Kentucky.

His survivors include his wife, Helen Stumbo Varney, and his daughter, Lisa Renee Varney, both of Ragland, W.V.; his stepsons, Walter and Michael Cooper; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Hanna Evette and Mrs. Tommy Wicker, both of Varney, W.V.; his brothers, Donald Lee Varney, Pataskla, Ohio, and Clayburn Varney, Ragland, W.V.; his sisters, Mrs. Raymond Sleeper, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Mrs. Raymond Gilman, Ladeville, Ohio, Dottie Varney, Ragland, W.V. and Mrs. Neal Roberson, Delbarton W.V. Brother James had three step-grandsons and three step-granddaughters.

Brother James was a very sick man, and never got to attend the New Hope Church. By the grace of God we will meet him on that appointed day. We, the New Hope Church, who were blessed to be in his home, were made to feel welcome and greeted with love.

Our Moderator, Elder Elbert Church, and our Assistant Moderator, Elder Kennie Chapman, and Deacon, Brother William Dotson, were blessed to baptize him and to be there. Brother Elbert Church said that would be a day he would remember as long as he lives. Brother Elbert said it was wonderful, and by the grace of God, he hopes to meet him again.

Sadly written by:

Clerk of New Hope Church, Stella F. Thacker

#### CHESTER BLACKBURN

With a broken heart and much sadness our Dad, Chester Blackburn, age 74, passed away December 29, 1998. He was a member of Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church before coming to Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church.

Dad was the son of Elder John Blackburn and Marah Wolford

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Blackburn.



Surviving are wife, Gladys Blackburn; three sons, Chester Paul and wife, Pamela, John Dale and wife, Julie, and Steve and wife, Debra, of Linden, Michigan; three daughters, Diane Marie and husband, Joseph Smotherman, of Fenton, Michigan, Lisa and husband, Jeff Holth, of Orion, Michigan, and Linda and husband, Richard Tinker, of Lindon, Michigan; four brothers, Charles and wife, Ruth Blackburn, Harold and wife, Mabel Blackburn, of Fenton, Michigan,

CHESTER BLACKBURN Grover and wife, Lillian Blackburn, Luther and wife, Emogene Blackburn, of Hurley, Virginia; one aunt, Ida Blackburn Wilburn of Hurley, Virginia; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Where do we begin with this? How can we put into a few words

what has taken a lifetime to create?

Our Dad meant so much to so many people. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend. He was a strong and hard-working, yet sensitive and loving man. He has simple beliefs all centered around family and the Lord.

For his wife, our mother, he would have laid down his life. He would have done the same for any one of his children. How he loved us all, and how he has shown it over the years. Nothing extravagant, simple gestures of genuine love, dedication, commitment and support. Something as small as taking one of our cars downtown on a cold day to fill it up with gas or making sure Mom had her hat and gloves when she went walking.

Every ounce of his energy, every bone in his body, every aspect of his life was for all of us, and how grateful we are. Even at this

terribly painful time, we give thanks to God for this man.

We are a family that is truly blessed, truly lucky. At this, the hardest time in our lives, we have each other. Our Dad is a part of each of us, and all of the glorious gifts he has given us, all the invaluable things he has taught us are helping us to support each other and love one another through this time.

All of our successes, everything we are made of, everything we have as a family, is because of him and our mother. Together, they

have built this strong family.

Thank you all for your prayers and for your support. We are all grieving and suffering from a great loss. However, each of us here

was blessed by Chester Blackburn. Let us be grateful to God for that. Let us always remember him and take comfort that he is now with the Lord, something he had prepared for his entire life.

May God bless our Dad and welcome him into heaven. May He bless everyone here. May He give us all hope, peace and strength!

THE FAMILY OF CHESTER BLACKBURN



#### **BILLY BEVINS**

It is with much sadness and the help of God, I will attempt to write the Obituary of a dear friend and Brother in Christ, Billy Bevins, of Lower Pompey Road, Shelbiana, Ky. He was born on December 1, 1930 and departed this life on June 16, 1998, making his stay here on Earth 67 years, 6 months and 15 days.

Brother Billy was the son of the late Preston and Caroline Coleman Bevins. He was a retired Coal Miner. Brother

BILLY BEVINS He was a retired Coal Miner. Brother Billy united with the Louisa Church on August 5, 1995, and was baptized on August 6, 1995, by Elder David Coleman, Jr., and Elder Clifford Thacker and Brother Elmer Goff.

Brother Billy was preceded in death by three brothers, Nathaniel, Steve and Phillip Bevins. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Myrtle Ruth Bevins; one daughter, Jackie Branham of Robinson Creek, Ky.; one son, Billy Robert Bevins of Millard, Ky.; four sisters, Molly, Vicy, Lola, and Francis; four brothers, George, Earnest, Claude, and Floyd Bevins; six grandchildren, Misty, Shandi, and Wesley Bevins, and James, Stephen, and Susan Branham.

Brother Billy is sadly missed by his family and friends, but we feel our loss is Heaven's Gain. Sleep, on, Brother Billy, I hope by God's Love and Shed Blood of Jesus Christ to meet you in the air and be taken Home to live forever.

Written by:

Elder Noah Slone, Sr., by the request of Jackie Branham

#### JOSEPH ANDREW CLEVENGER

I will try by the help of the Lord to write the Obituary of my dear Dad, Andrew Clevenger. He was born Sept. 7, 1924 at Brushy, Ky. He deceased this life on July 28, 1999. He was the son of the late Leonard and Lizzie Clevenger. He was preceded in death by a

son, two brothers, and a sister.

He made his stay on Earth 74 years. He is survived by his wife, Ethel, whom he was married to for 49 years. He is also survived by one son, Clyde, and a daughter-in-law, Eilene, and two brothers and a host of friends.

He was of Primitive Baptist faith. He loved to go to church when he was able. He was a good husband to Mom and an excellent Dad. The old home place isn't the same since Dad is gone.

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He is asleep in Jesus now, waiting for JOSEPH ANDREW CLEVENGER that homecoming day. We all hope to meet him in Heaven some sweet day. His sweet face and loving smile will always be remembered and his presence missed by myself, Mom, and friends. The only thing I can say now is, "Sleep on, Dad, for a little while. By the grace of God I hope to meet you where no sickness, sorrow, pain, nor death can enter there."

Sleep on, Dad, while taking your peaceful sleep your memory and your love will always remain a part of us. I feel that our loss is

Heaven's gain.

Written by His Loving Son, Clyde Clevenger



#### ANDY "PEANUT" COLEMAN

With much sadness and a broken heart that I write this Obituary of my precious and loving Daddy. Andy "Peanut" Coleman, 67, of Ransom, Kentucky, died April 27, 1999 at Saint Jude's Hospital in Lexington, Ky. Funeral was April 30 at the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, Ky.

He was the son of Butler and Ocie Coleman. He is preceded in death by

ANDY "PEANUT" COLEMAN his precious wife, Kansas Marie Coleman, two sisters, three brothers, and his father.

He was a retired coal miner at Eastern Coal and was of Baptist

faith.

Survivors include a son, Roger Dale Coleman; three daughters, Lassie Hatfield, Rita Jewell, and Charlotte Coleman, all of Ransom, Kentucky; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren, who all loved him so much.

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He was loved by all the people who knew him. He is deeply missed by his family. He was so special to me. I know that his pain and suffering is all over now. Daddy, I miss you so very much, but I know that we'll see your sparkling eyes, your smile, your big and kind heart in Heaven some day. I know that our loss is Heaven's gain - another special angel.

You weren't just my Daddy but also my best friend. You will

always have a special place in my heart forever.

Your Daughter, Lassie Hatfield



# RAYMOND "DOCK" HATFIELD

With loving memories I will try to write the Obituary of my beloved husband, Raymond "Dock" Hatfield. He was born on August 24, 1914 in Pike County, Ky. and departed this life on August 23, 1998, making his stay on Earth 84 years. He was the son of the late John and Annie King Hatfield. He had been a resident of Pike County all of his life and was a member of Samaria Primitive Baptist Church and a

RAYMOND "DOCK" HATFIELD disabled coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Hatfield. He has three daughters, Anna Mae Runyon of Chula Vista, California, Bobbie Hatfield and Mary Hatfield, both of National City, California; two sons, Bruce Hatfield and Barry Hatfield, both of McAndrews, Ky.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He is gone 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 Wife and Children



ELSTER THACKER

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With great sadness we will try to write the Obituary of our Daddy and Husband.

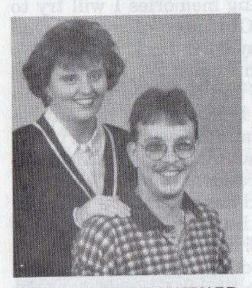
He was born on August 28, 1941. He was the son of Priscilla Pinion Thacker and the late Erie Thacker. He departed from this life on January 22, 1999. He made his stay on Earth fifty-seven years, four months, and twenty-five days.

He was survived by his wife, Lillian May Thacker; two sons, Jimmy Thacker and Billy Thacker; two daughters, Sandra Hopkins and Patty Pinson; one son-in-law, Ransy Pinson; and three grandchildren, Deanna Thacker, Joseph Thacker, and Matthew Thacker.

Daddy was a retired coal miner, bus driver, and timberman. He enjoyed being outside, and was always willing to help others.

Our lives have changed since Daddy's been gone, but we will always remember him. Daddy's at peace now, and he will feel no pain or sorrow.

Written by his Wife and Children



### IN REMEMBRANCE OF VERGIL EDWARD MAYNARD

It is with much sadness that I write the Obituary of my loving husband and friend, Vergil. He was born on January 13, 1971 and passed from this life on December 21, 1998, making his stay on Earth 27 years, 11 months and 8 days.

Vergil and Renea (Tucker) were united in marriage July 2, 1994. Besides his wife, he is survived by his parents, Raymond and Betty Maynard; one

VERGIL EDWARD MAYNARD brother and sister-in-law, Timmy and Stephanie; a niece, Mckenzi; Mother and Father-in-law, Elder Richard and Elouise Tucker; and Brother-in-law, James Tucker; and a host of family and friends.

Vergil was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church. He was a humble man and firm believer in Christ and had a love for everybody. He served in the Brotherhood of Pike Association of Southern Baptists, part of World Changers Organization, and part of the Audio/Visual Committee at Immanuel.

Vergil was a 1989 graduate of John's Creek High School, 1994 graduate of Kentucky College of Business, and was employed in the Operations Dept. of Community Truck Bank.

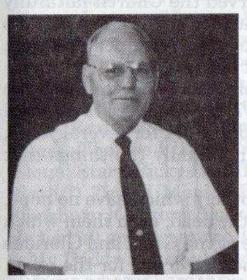
He set an example for those his age in his faith, for it was strong.

He was faithful in the Lord and his family.

Although his life was short, he lived it to the fullest. Vergil taught me the meaning of unconditional love and though life has its ups and downs, putting God first will see you through. His pain and suffering is over. I look forward to the wonderful day that we can be reunited.

We will never forget you, Vergil, your sweet smile and pleasant look. Time will never heal our grief. We followed you as far as we could, but God went all the way.

Love You Babe, Your Wife, Renea



# THE OBITUARY OF QUINCEY STANLEY

It is with gladness in my spirit for Our Heavenly Father called one of His Beloved Saints to their Eternal home. I consider it a great honor that Brother Quincey thought and loved me, where as it was his Request that I should write this obituary.

Brother Quincey was born on August 21, 1920 and departed this life on April 19, 1999. The son of the late Joe and Lizzie Stanley, who were beloved and

QUINCEY STANLEY

He was wed to his first wife, Bessie Gannon Stanley, who preceded him in death in 1990. Also preceding him in death were three brothers, Frinnie, Willie, and Joseph Ferrell Stanley, and

one sister, Eula Marie Stanley.

Brother Quincey and Sister Bessie were married in 1942 and to this union were born six children: four sons, Darrell Stanley of Winchester, Ky., Grafton Stanley of Belleville, Michigan, Carl and Larry Stanley, both of Canada, Ky.; two daughters, Wanda Turner of Huntington, Ind., and Jemima Hall of Harold, Ky. They were blessed to be together forty-eight years, to fill their lot in life by serving God, rearing their children by instruction and example and being an inspiration to all that were blessed to know them.

After God had called to her eternal home, He gave Brother Quincey another help mate, his dear wife, Thelma Woods Lowe Stanley, who survives. Brother Quincey was given three step-sons

and one step-daughter who survives.

Also, Brother Quincey is survived by two brothers, Landon and James Stanley, of Canada, Ky.; and two sisters, Mary Stanley of Sidney, Ky., and Ruby Mammo of Kennebe River View, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren.

Brother Quincey was a highly-decorated US Army Veteran, having served in the World War II Conflict, receiving the Silver

Star, two Bronze Medals, The Purple Heart and several other recognitions for his commitment to Bravery and excellence of service to this noble cause.

Brother Quincey was an Elder of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church of Jesus Christ. He united with the church in 1979 and was ordained an Elder in 1984. He served the Church faithfully until sickness would not allow him to attend the last few months of his life. I speak for the Church, take your Rest, dear Brother, until Jesus comes, you'll be missed but not forgotten.

Brother Quincey was a retired member of the United Mine Workers of America, Local Union 5737, an employee of Eastern Coal Corporation where he was blessed to work for several years, where he was blessed to provide for his family the things that

they needed for a good quality of life.

I speak to the family, sorrow not as others which have no hope, for if we believe that God raised from the dead, even them which are a sleep in Christ will God also raise at the Great and Glorious Day of the Lord. Be good to one another, Love one for the other. Love will overcome all things, even this thing called death. Stay united as a family, Trust in God with all your heart. Serve Him all the days of your life, lean not unto your own understanding, casting all your cares on the Lord for He careth for you. Then you will have True Peace, to say as I say, SLEEP ON DAD, TAKE YOUR REST UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. WE LOVE YOU!

Written by One Who Loved Him for Christ's Sake, Elder Michael Elswick



#### LORA AND VIOLA (VARNEY) SLONE

#### Lora Slone

It is with the greatest sorrow and with an aching heart that I attempt to write my dear loving Father's Obituary.

Lora Slone, 77 years of age, of Lower John's Creek, died at 5:13 am. on Tuesday, October 18, 1994 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was born in Pike County on March 26, 1917, a son of the late Epp

LORA & VIOLA SLONE Slone and Betty (Varney) Slone. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Corbet Slone, born April

2, 1940, died March 4, 1944, buried in Goff Cemetery of Raccoon, and Freddie Slone, born February 10, 1952, and died the same day

and is also buried in the Goff Cemetery of Raccoon.

He is survived by his wife, Viola (Varney) Slone; two sons, Garland Slone of Sidney, Ky., and Clayton Slone of Raccoon, Ky.; three daughters, Nancy Marie (Slone) Ratliff of Kimper, Ky., Vesta (Slone) Justice of Lower John's Creek, and Barbara Sue (Slone) Blackburn of Belfry, Ky.; two brothers, Leonard Slone of Raccoon, Ky., and Jim Slone of Kimper, Ky.; two sisters, Stella (Slone) Justice of Raccoon, Ky., and Lerlie Marie (Slone) Bartley of Shelbiana. He had 15 grandchildren and they are Judith Ann (Justice) Maynard, Ruby Dean (Justice) Wallar, Dennis Eugene Justice, Sandra (Slone) Etters, Thomas Clayton Slone, Clifford Douglas Slone, Garlena (Slone) Starr, Ricky Ratliff, Donna Gale (Ratliff) Adkins, Rhonda (Ratliff) Taylor, Monica Denise (Blackburn) Coleman, Bradley Blackburn, Gregory Blackburn, Clayton Thomas Slone, T. Slone. He had 10 great-grandchildren.

My Daddy is missed so very much, but he is resting in the arms of Jesus where there is no more pain, no more tears, and no more sorrow. My Dad saw a vision of a white horse and five women the evening before he died. He said he heard Jesus calling him. He said, "Come and get me, Jesus." Just before he passed away, he saw a light, and I knew my Daddy was going home. I know he is a beautiful flower in God's bouquet, because he loved the Lord so much and gave such a wonderful testimony every time he talked about God. He loved everybody and would talk of how much he loved his sisters and brothers in the Primitive Baptist Church. My Dad was buried in the Varney Cemetery on Varney's Branch, Kimper, Ky. My sorrow lasts, but I know in my heart that Dad is

rejoicing in the Lord.

With great love and precious memories and a great hope that I will be with my Father in Heaven someday. We will be together again. So until that day, I want to say I love you very much. We miss you so.

Written by your Daughter, Vesta Justice

### Viola (Varney) Slone

This is the saddest time of my life, trying to put into words of how much we all miss our dear and wonderful Parents.

Viola (Varney) Slone, 81, of Pikeville, Ky., died Sunday, April

11, 1999, in Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

She was born March 20, 1918, at Kimper, Ky. She was the daughter of John Varney and Emma (Hess) Varney.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lora Slone, and two

sons, Corbett Slone, died March 12, 1944, and Freddie Slone, died

February 10, 1952, and six brothers and seven sisters.

She was a homemaker and member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church for 19 years. Survivors are two sons, Garland Slone of New Market, Tenn., and Clayton Slone of Raccoon, Ky.; three daughters, Nancy Marie Ratliff of Kimper, Ky., Vesta Justice of Pikeville, Ky., and Barbara Sue Blackburn of Belfry, Ky.; one brother, John Varney, Jr. of McAndrews, Ky.; 15 grandchildren;

and 18 great-grandchildren.

Her resting place was beside her loving husband in the Varney Family Cemetery at Kimper, Ky. Mom was very sad after Dad left her. No one knows this sadness as well as I. I tried so hard to keep my Mother happy. She loved to see her children come to visit, but it was so sad for her when they left. My Mother had not cooked a meal in years until about a month before she died and my brother, Garland, was coming home to see her and she said to me, "I want to cook him a big supper." The food was so good it made me think back to the days when we were growing up at home. I believe Mom knew her time here on Earth was coming to an end because of the things she seemed to want to get done, and she wanted to do them herself. She had six great-grandchildren born in less than a year, and she said she hoped that God would let her live long enough to see them. She got to see them all and one week later God called her home.

I miss her so much, but I know that God is taking care of her now better than I ever could. There isn't enough words to tell anyone how much my Mother truly meant to me. I feel so lost without her. My days were filled with something to do everyday, now I sit and study what am I going to do today. I feel like a door has been closed, and I can't ever open it again. I miss you so much,

Mom. I pray I'll see you again someday.

Your sad and loving Daughter,
Written by Vesta Justice

### IN MEMORY OF:

## Tommy Jr., Cindy Renee, and Brittany Renee Lester

Today as I sit here to write the Obituary of our dear son, brother, and his family, it is a struggle to hold back the tears as it is each day. On October 23, 1998, Tommy Jr., Cindy Renee, and Brittany Renee Lester along with her cousin, Ashley Dawn Stiltner, passed away in a house fire.

### Tommy Lester, Jr.

Tommy Jr. passed away on October 23, 1998 at his home at Big



TOMMY JR., CINDY RENEE & BRITTANY RENEE LESTER

Rock, Va., making his stay here on Earth 26 years, 8 months, and 23 days. Tommy Jr. was born on January 30, 1972. His only daughter, Brittany also passed away on this day. He is survived by his parents, Tommy and Lillian Lester. He is also survived by three brothers, George Thomas, James C. and Michael W.; four sisters, Barbara, Connie, Teresa, and Lizzy; also, many nieces, nephews, and friends. Tommy Jr. loved Old Baptist people and the doctrine they stood for.

### Cindy Renee (Stiltner) Lester

Cindy Renee passed away on October 23, 1998 at her home at Big Rock, Va.,

making her stay here on Earth 20 years, 2 months, and 24 days. Cindy was born on July 30, 1978. Her only daughter, Brittany, also passed away on this day. She was followed in death by her Daddy, Ronnie Stiltner, on July 5, 1999 of a massive heart attack. She is survived by one sister, Sarah Jane; two brothers, Donald and Ronald; also, nieces, nephews, and friends.

### **Brittany Renee Lester**

Brittany Renee passed away on October 23, 1998 at her home at Big Rock, Va., making her stay here on Earth 4 years, 5 months, and 6 days. Brittany was born on May 17, 1994. Her parents, Tommy Jr. and Cindy, also passed away on this day. She is survived by her grandparents, Tommy and Lillian Lester, aunts, uncles, cousins, and her friends in her Pre-K class at Big Rock Elementary.

Many people remember Tommy Jr. for his quiet turn, and he was the most special son, brother and uncle to us all. We remember Cindy for her giggle and her smile that will never leave our memory. The memory of Brittany is one of a shy, precious little girl who no one will forget. Her way and her love is what will remain in our memory. She always wanted to help her papaw feed the ducks.

We have problems understanding why they were taken away from us, but the Father owns us all. We believe they were chosen because they were kind, never bothered anyone. They were loved by all who knew him. "God Takes the Best", so Heaven's gain is our loss.

We love them dearly. We miss them and must look to our memories and families for comfort. We look forward to the day we will meet them again.

Written by: Dad, Mom, and Sister

# ALFRED & GERALDINE SMITH

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### Alfred Smith

It is with much sadness I'll try to write the Obituary of my beloved deceased Husband, Alfred Smith. He passed away on May 9, 1999 and was born September 12, 1923, making his stay on Earth 75 years, 9 months, and 8 days.

He belonged to the Primitive Baptist

Church for years.

### Geraldine Smith

Geraldine was a very special child. She was born on May 4, 1944, and passed away on October 11, 1998, making her stay on Earth 54 years, 10 months, and 11 days.

My home is so lonesome. We miss them so much. We hope to

meet them again. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by: Wife and Mother, Hazel Mae Smith



ETHEL M. MAY

### ETHEL M. MAY

Ethel Mae Smith May, 66, of Newtown, W. Va., died Thursday, Feb. 26, 1998, in Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson, Ky.

Born Nov. 15, 1931, at Ransom, Ky., she was a daughter of the late Butler

and Judy Smith.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and five sisters.

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

Survivors include her husband, Fonso May; her sons, William B. May, Hardy, Fonso L. May, Newtown, W.Va., and Teddy G. May, Varney, W.Va.; her daughters, Judy Sipple, North Matewan, W. Va., Della Coleman, Rockhill, S.C., and Mary Conley, Catlettsburg; her brother, Ballard Smith, Ransom; her sisters, Bertha Duty, Columbus, Ohio, Polly Crawford, Ransom, and Melda Coleman, Honaker, Va.; and nine grandchildren.

Her funeral was at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, 1998, at Rogers

Funeral Home, Belfry, with Don Hatfield and Bobby Worrix

officiating. Burial was at Mountain View Memory Gardens, Huddy. Her pallbearers were her sons and nephews. Visitation was at the funeral home with a service at 7 p.m. with Mike Smith officiating.



### THELMA HAGER VARNEY

Thelma Hager Varney, 75, of Canada, Ky., died Monday, March 15, 1999, in Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born Oct. 14, 1923, in Pike County, Ky., she was a daughter of the late Thomas and Flora Dotson Hager.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Rudolph Varney; her son, England Varney; her foster mother, Louisa Hager; and her brothers,

THELMA HAGER VARNEY Lawson Hager and Virgis Cook.

She was a retired businesswoman and a member of Big Creek

Primitive Baptist Church.

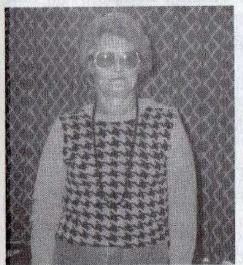
Survivors include her sons, Paul William Varney, Kimper, Ky., Bobby Leon Varney, Huntington, Ind., Rudolph Varney, Jr., Meta, Ky., and Paris Rufus Varney, Taylorville; her brothers, Everett Thompson Ward, Pikeville, Ky., and James Ward, Kimper, Ky.; her sisters, Mary Mickey, McVeigh, Ky., and Barbara Harris, Kimper; 15 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Calvary Primitive Baptist Church, Varney Branch, with Elders Mike Smith, Elmer Thacker, Raymond

Stanley and J. C. Hager officiating.

Thelma is missed by her children and everyone that knew her. We trust that by the grace of God we will meet her again.

Written by her family and Elder Paul W. Varney



BOBBIE JEAN (BALL) RATLIFF

### **BOBBIE JEAN (BALL) RATLIFF**

It is with great sadness and grief that we write the Obituary of our Mother, Bobbie Jean (Ball) Ratliff. The Lord called Mommy Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1998, at the Williamson Memorial Hospital, following a heart attack.

Mommy was born Oct. 29, 1931 at Pinsonfork, Ky., to the late George Robert (Bob) Ball and Luna (Stanley) Ball. She married George Ratliff on Sept. 10, 1954. To this union, were born five children, Kaye Ratliff of Ransom, Ky., Roger Dale who departed this life Oct. 3, 1992, Luna Mae and Rita Marie of Ransom, Ky., and Delores Gay of Huddy, Ky. Mommy also leaves behind seven grandchildren whom she adored, Nicholas, Everett Allen, Jason, Jessica, Jordan, Tyler and Aaron. She is also survived by three sisters, Llleyn, Leola, and Glenna, and one brother, J. B. Mommy was laid to rest at the Dotson Family Cemetery beside

of hers and Daddy's only son.

Daddy and all of us girls know that when Jesus comes again we will be a family again. The family circle will never be broken again, but rejoicing in Jesus and being together as a family again.

Written by The Girls



### EDDUST SLONE

With much sadness we will try writing the Obituary of our loving, precious Mother who passed away at the age of 82 on April 14, 1999 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Ky.

Mom was born June 11, 1916 at Fishtrap, Ky., Pike County. She was the daughter of the late Clarence Harris, Sr.

and Ivy Blackburn Harris.

Mom was a wonderful Mother and homemaker and a longtime member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church.

Mom married Elder Joe Slone, Jr. on Jan. 31, 1934, who preceded her in death. To this union were born five children. One daughter, Delsey Slone, preceded her in death. Mom leaves four children to mourn her loss: two daughters, Delphia Chaney, London, Ky., and Ercie May, Dearborn Heights, MI; two sons, Joe G. Slone, Mouthcard, Ky., and Ned Slone, Nicholasville, Ky.; five grandchildren, Billy Chaney, London, Ky., Della Chaney White, London, Ky., Danny J. May, Canton, MI, Larry D. May, Dearborn, MI, Seth Slone, Nicholasville, Ky.; two great-grandchildren, Jeannie Chaney Griffie, London, Ky., and Caleb Daniel May, Canton, MI.; three sisters, Myrtle and Marie Thacher, Kimper, Ky., Bertha Maynard, Lexington, Ky.; two brothers, Clarence Harris, Jr., Fishtrap, Ky., and Ralph Harris, Fedscreek, Ky.; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends who loved and adored her very much.

Mom's faith and hope was strong that one day she would live with sweet Jesus, the one who died for her on the cross. We, too, have that hope of a glorious day coming that we can sleep in the arms of Jesus, like Mom. We feel confident that when Mom was finally so richly blessed to fall asleep in Jesus, she was granted by her Savior, Jesus Christ, the wish she always hoped for. Rest, Mother, you are so deserving; truly you suffered so long in this life; you will never have pain and suffering again. How so very happy you must be. We miss you so very much.

A Rose was taken from us today, A Rose we truly wanted to stay, It faded away before our eyes, God, you truly have glorious prize.

Written by the Children, Delphia, Ercie, Joe and Ned



### MAXIE FAYE WOOD BARTON

In memory of Maxie Faye Wood Barton of Piquia, Ohio, who departed this life May 13, 1999 at the age of 79. She was born February 6, 1920, the daughter of Andy Floyd Wood and Lula Ann Stanley Wood of Dickenson County, Virginia.

Maxie was united in marriage to the late James Kermit Barton on June 6, 1935, to whom she was married for 54 years.

She is survived by four sons, Elder MAXIE FAYE WOOD BARTON Tivis K. Barton, Jr., of Piquia, Ohio, Arlie Barton of Homer, La., Cecil J. Barton of Dayton, Ohio, Sammie C. Barton of Dayton, Ohio, and Robert L. Barton (deceased).

She is also survived by five sisters and three brothers. She leaves to mourn her 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren of whom were all special to her.

Maxie was a member of the Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church of Urbana, Ohio, for which she was a faithful member for 25 years.

Maxie put her family above all else. She loved to see the boys and their families come and have dinner with her and just sit and visit. She also loved to quilt and was an animal lover. Also, she loved to go to church and hear the preaching and visit with the members.

Maxie had faith in her God, and she knew she was going home to be with Him. In our talks she told us about seeing Him and what a beautiful place her new home in Heaven was going to be.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Our loss is Heaven's gain.

With All Our Love, The Family



### SISTER ISABELLE THACKER

I will try to write an Obituary of our dear Mother, Isabelle Thacker. She was born Aug. 23, 1910, and departed this life June 5, 1999, making her stay on Earth 88 years, 10 months, and 14 days.

Mom was the daughter of the late Ulysses Grant and Polly Blankenship Coleman. She took the hand of John Dewey Thacker on Feb. 19, 1931, to be her devoted husband until his death on Oct. 18, 1969. To this loving union was

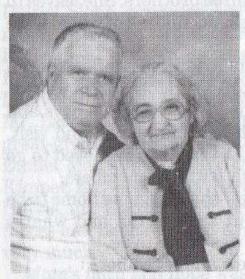
SISTER ISABELLE THACKER born ten children. Two preceded her in death, Thelma Butcher and Polly Louise Thacker. Left to mourn her loss are four sons, Alvin, Earl, Ballard, and Terry Thacker; and four daughters, Alta Pierce, Judy Woods, Kathy Thacker, all of McArthur, Ohio, and Riney Frasure of Bainbridge, Ohio; also, 29 grandchildren; 8 step-grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 9 step-great-grandchildren.

Mom joined the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church on June 17, 1958. Mom attended the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church. She believed

strongly in our Lord, our only hope.

"Miss me, but let me go, for this is a journey
We all must take and each must go alone,
It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on
the road home. Miss me, but let me go."
"Our Loss is Heaven's Gain. We Love You, Mom."

Written by Her Children



### LAURA ELIZABETH NEWSOME

It's with a sad and aching heart that we try to write the Obituary of our dear Mother. She was the daughter of the late Effie Scott Charles and James Allen Charles. She was called by the Lord on March 16, 1999, making her stay on this Earth seventy-four years, two months, and fourteen days.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Raccoon, Kentucky.

She was married to the late David LAURA ELIZABETH NEWSOME Newsome who preceded her in death on October 7, 1977. She is leaving to mourn her loss two sons and

five daughters, John Allen Newsome, Robert Newsome, Joyce Hall, Lois McCoy, Loretta Robinette, Avonell Carter and Barbara Hunt. Mom was a loving grandmother leaving behind seventeen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind two brothers, J. B. Charles and Glen Charles.

We will miss Mom and Dad, but by the grace of God, our family

will all meet again in Heaven someday.

Barbara Hunt



### **EMALENE WARRIX CLICK**

It is with much sadness that we will try to write the Obituary of our dear beloved Mother, Emalene Coleman Warrix Click. Mom was born December 6, 1926, the daughter of William Thomas and Darcus Thacker Coleman. She left us on October 7, 1998, making her stay on Earth 71 years, 10 months and 1 day. She was a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church.

On March 23, 1949, she was united

EMALENE WARRIX CLICK in marriage to Erman Wade Warrix (deceased). To this union was born six children: Delbert Gene (deceased), Erman Gene, Edith Jeralene, John Matthew, William Alex and Fayetta Darcus.

On January 3, 1980, she was united in marriage to Isaac Richard

Click (deceased).

She had 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She also left behind five brothers, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Coleman, Perry Coleman, Lundy Coleman, and Danville Coleman; six sisters, Utha Thacker, Ova Thacker, Lois Ann Damron, Ledna Mae Presley, Avonelle Wardrup, and Lucy Pearl Justice; and many nieces and nephews.

Mom brought us up in a home filled with love and laughter and

left us with so many precious memories.

Written with love by her daughters, Fayetta and Jeralene

### REBEKAH DAWN ROBINSON

With a broken heart and loving memories I will try to write the Obituary of my loving daughter, Rebekah Robinson. Becky was born on February 2, 1982, the only child of Walter and Reta Coleman Robinson. She was taken from this Earth on May 7, 1999, making her stay on Earth 17 years, 3 months, and 5 days. She



passed away at the University of Kentucky Medical Center as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile

accident.

Becky is also survived by her grandparents, Jenis and Mavis Coleman, of Raccoon, and Katherine Robinson Lamb of Pikeville. Becky's great-grandfather is Rufus Gorf, of Raccoon. She left behind a bunch of aunts and uncles who love her very much.

She was a Junior at Shelby Valley High School where she was a member REBEKAH DAWN ROBINSON of the Prom Committee, the National Beta Club, and she was named Who's Who of America. She left behind a host of friends who miss her very much. Becky loved them all and tried to help them in any way that she could.

No words can ever express how much we love and miss her. She will live forever in our hearts, and by the grace of God we hope to

meet her again where our family circle will be complete.

I love you, Becky.

Written by her Mom



### SADIE THORPE

With the most precious memories a son could ever possibly dream of, I write the Obituary of my angel, my Mother, Sadie Thorpe. Mom was 67 years old.

She was the daughter of the late Anderson and Lena Casey of Smithfork of Phelps. Mom was born February 23rd, 1932, at Smithfork. She was preceded in death by her husband, Burlen Thorpe, who passed away on November 1st, 1989, after a lingering illness with cancer.

SADIE THORPE Survivors include one son, Terry Lee Thorpe, who spend 40 wonderful years at home with Mom; four daughters, Joan Lester, Carol Ann Johnson, Loraine Gibson, and Arlene Dove; one daughter-in-law; and three sons-in law. She had 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

She had been saved by the Lord Jesus Christ. I trust in the

Lord Our Savior I'll meet her in Heaven when that great Resurrection Day comes.

Her loving son, Brother Terry Thorpe



### MARY LEE GILLUM

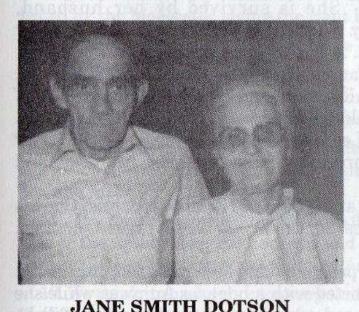
Mary Lee Gillum, age 92, passed away on Wednesday at Pataskala Oaks Care Center. She was a member of Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Urbana.

She is survived by her daughters, Dorothy L. Young and Marie (Richard) Arthur; her sons, Paul E. (Ann) Gillum, Donald R. (Barbara) Gillum, Ira R. (Fran) Gillum, Alben J. (Linda) Gillum and Ralph (Judy) Gillum; 19 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild; her brother-in-law, Ira

MARY LEE GILLUM great-grandchi Wilson; her sister-in-law, Gertrude Gillum.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Isom Richard Gillum, her daughters, Bertha Maxine and Juanita Jean, and her son, William Howard.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Evans Funeral Home, 4171 E. Livingston Ave., with Brother Woodruff Dulin officiating. Interment was at 2 p.m. at Rose Family Cemetery, Boyd County, Ky.



### JANE SMITH DOTSON

Jane Smith Dotson, 81, of Ransom, Ky. died Saturday, Sept. 5, following a lingering illness.

Jane was born Aug. 4, 1917 in Pike County. She was a daughter of the late Leonard and Gladys Runyon Smith.

She was also preceded in death by sisters, Jean and Hines Hager and Melda

Dotson; brothers, Kenny George and Earnest Smith; infant daughters, Doris Jean and Pauline; and one grandson, Jackie Dotson.

She was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 47 years, and loved filling her seat for as long as her health allowed her to.

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Jane was married to Willis "Bill" Dotson to whom she had been married for 62 years and whose anniversary was the day of her death.

Jane is survived by five children: Jack, Jim, Leon, George, and Linda Lou; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; four daughters-in law;

a son-in-law; one sister; and one brother.

Jane and Bill were loved by the young and the old, and were loving, dedicated parents. Although our hearts ache for the loss of our Mom and Dad, we still get comfort from knowing they shared 62 years of their lives together here on Earth and now they'll share a Home in Heaven.

Greatly Loved and Sadly Missed.

By the Children, Jack, Jim, Leon, George and Linda Lou



### MARTHA ANN HAGER SMITH

With many fond memories in our minds and much sadness in our hearts we will try to write the Obituary of a precious wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.

Ann, known to some as "Bootie", was born February 26, 1945 and passed from this life February 13, 1999. She was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Emma Whaley Hager, and a brother, Russell Jr.

MARTHA ANN HAGER SMITH She is survived by her husband, Landon Smith of Ransom, Ky. where they were married and lived for thirty-eight and a half years. Also surviving are their four children: Lana (Rick) Blankenship, Tammi (Randy) Jones, both of Ransom, Susan (Dean) Coleman of Raccoon and Chad (Sarah) Smith of Winchester, Ky.; five grandchildren, Brandi and Nicholas Fields, Justin and Tori Jones, and Emma-Lee Coleman; one great-grandson, Tyler Fields; four sisters; three brothers; several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were held at the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church and her body was laid to rest at the Willie Jake Hager Cemetery,

Ransom, Ky.

Several of the family have passed on and loneliness fills our hearts. But we believe and are comforted with a hope, as Ann was while she lived, that someday, praise god and thank you, Jesus, we will be together to part no more.

Written in sorrow, love, and hope.

By her husband and niece, Landon Smith and Barbara Holyfield

### 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 maybe 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 rife 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 ulti-mately 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.

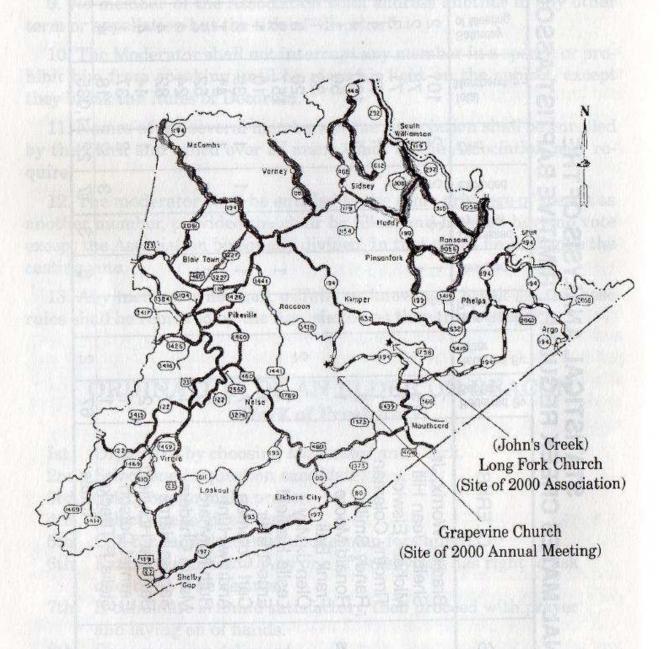
- 6. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
- 7. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
- 8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during 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)

- Ist 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 Presbytery 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.

# ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE RAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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### **DIRECTIONS**

### DIRECTIONS TO JOHN'S CREEK CHURCH, KIMPER, KY. FOR THE MATES CREEK ASSOCIATION MEETING IN 2000.

- FROM PIKEVILLE: Take 119 North for 9 miles to Route 194 E.

  Continue on Route 194E. for approx. 10 miles to

  Route 632 E. Follow Route 632 E. for 4 miles to

  Junction 1758. Go 2 3/10 miles to the church on your
  right.
- FROM WILLIAMSON, W.V.: Take 119 S. for 19 miles to Route 194 E. at Meta and follow the preceding underlined directions.
- DIRECTIONS TO GRAPEVINE CHURCH, PHYLLIS, KY. FOR THE MATE'S CREEK ANNUAL MEETING, 4TH WEEKEND IN MARCH 2000.
- FROM PIKEVILLE: Take 119 North, go 9 miles to Junction 194 East, go 17 miles, Church is on the right.
- FROM WILLIAMSON, W.V.: Take 199 South, go 19 miles to Junction 194 East, go 17 miles, Church is on the right.
- FROM JENKINS, KY.: Take U.S. 23 North, go 25 miles to Junction 460 East, go 22 miles to Junction 1499 South, go 6 miles to Junction 194 West, go 5 miles, the Church is on the left.
- FROM GRUNDY, VA: Take U.S. 460 West, go 19 miles to Junction 1499 South, go 6 miles to Junction 194 West, go 5 miles, Church is on the left.

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