

***Minutes  
of the  
One Hundred Fiftieth  
Annual Session  
of the  
Original Mates Creek District Regular  
Primitive Baptist Association  
Organized in 1849***

---

***Held with  
Columbus Primitive Baptist Church  
Columbus, Ohio  
August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002***

---

**Next session convenes with the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church located on Meathouse Fork of Big Creek, Canada, Kentucky, starting Friday before the first Sunday in September 2003.**

---

**Directions to Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church:**

From Pikeville, Kentucky travel 19 miles north on U.S. 119 to Meathouse Fork (KY-3154); turn right up Meathouse Fork, go approx. 3/10 mile to Big Creek Church house on the left. From Williamson, West Virginia, travel 11 miles south on U.S. 119 to Sidney exit; at the bottom of the off-ramp, turn left on old U.S. 119, go 1.5 miles to Meathouse Fork on the right, follow directions above.

---

**Officers:**

**Moderator**Elder..... Randal Thornsburry  
..... P.O. Bo x 154, Huddy, KY 41535. Ph.: 606-353-9234  
**Assistant Moderator** ..... Elder David A. Thacker  
..... 747 Hurricane Road, Kimper, KY 41539. Ph.: 606-631-9176  
**Clerk** ..... Deacon Leslie D. Hatfield  
8380 State Hwy. 1056, McCarr, KY 41544-8302. Ph.: 606-427-7305  
**Assistant Clerk** ..... Deacon Lonnie Simpkins  
..... HC 81, Box 40B, Meador, WV 25682. Ph.: 304-426-8279



## PROCEEDINGS

Of the Original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Columbus Church, Columbus, Ohio.

**FRIDAY MORNING, August 30, 2002.**

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Brian Moore.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Steve Kender. Text: Jesus, our treasure in Heaven, with whom we are heirs and joint heirs, who is our life and our resurrection.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from Feds Creek Church, formerly Little Union Church, was read. Motion seconded to receive the letter from Feds Creek Church as satisfactory in reference to the absence of a letter from them last year. The letter from Columbus 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 Lundy Coleman serve as Moderator pro-tem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Brother Roger Blackburn serve as Clerk pro-tem for the election of officers.

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

<u>ELDER RANDAL THORNSBURY</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>
<u>ELDER DAVID A. THACKER</u>	<u>ASSISTANT MODERATOR</u>
<u>DEACON LESLIE HATFIELD</u>	<u>CLERK</u>
<u>DEACON LONNIE SIMPKINS</u>	<u>ASSISTANT CLERK</u>

Newly constituted churches called for: NONE

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

Correspondence from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

**SAND LICK:** Elders Joshua Viers, Arnold F. Childress, Henry Price Viers, Deacon Fayne Viers, Brother Wayne Fleming.

**BURNING SPRINGS:** Elders Larry Stanley, Emerson Montgomery, Frank Gullett.



**ST. CLAIR DISTRICT:** Elder Curtis Heath.

**LITTLE YADKIN RIVER:** Elder Vance Jones.

**MT. ZION:** None.

**NEW LIBERTY:** None.

**WASHINGTON:** None.

**UNION:** Elders Dallas Adams, Jr. and Roy L. Adams.

**FISHER'S RIVER:** Elder David A. Edwards.

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

**SAND LICK:** Sisters Diane Owens, Pat Viers, Lou Ellen Fleming.

**BURNING SPRINGS:** None.

**LITTLE YADKIN RIVER:** Sister Hulda Jones.

**ST. CLAIR DISTRICT:** None.

**UNION:** None.

**FISHER'S RIVER:** Sister Carleen Edwards.

**MT. ZION:** None.

**WASHINGTON:** None.

**BETHEL CHURCH:** None

**MT. ENON ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA:** None.

**MIAMI PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, Dayton, Ohio:**  
Elder Hesker Gillum.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Elder John Jacobs and Deacon Carl Coleman, together with all the Deacons from the Columbus Church, were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

- A. Friday morning at Columbus Church: Frank Gullett and Hesker Gillum.
- B. Friday afternoon at Columbus Church: Carmen Gillum and Emerson Montgomery.
- C. Friday night at Columbus Church: David Edwards, Larry Stanley, Curtis Heath, Vance Jones.



- D. Saturday morning at Columbus Church: Joshua Viers, Price Viers, Arnold Childress, Vance Jones, Robert Worrix.
- E. Saturday afternoon at Columbus Church: David Coleman, Jr., J.C. Hager.
- F. Saturday evening at Pleasant Hill Church: Robbie Worrix, David Jacobs, David Edwards, Randal Thornsby.
- G. Sunday morning at Columbus Church:

**Committee on Arrangements** was appointed as follows:

Joseph Slone, Walther Rutherford, Onis Smith, Monroe Justice, Daris Kender, Ronald Moore, Raymond Stanley, Robert Worrix, Larry Chapman, Carl Coleman, David May, Lundy Coleman, John Holyfield, James T. Dotson, William Dotson, Donald Justice.

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

**SAND LICK**: Brian Moore, Ron Moore, Paul Smith, Wade Smith, Tom Chapman, Raymond Stanley, David May, Timothy Slone, Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, Monroe Justice.

**UNION**: Onis Smith, Timothy Slone, Wade Smith, Noah Slone, James Hackney, Tom Chapman, John Jacobs, Joseph Slone.

**ST. CLAIR DISTRICT**: Paul Smith, Monroe Justice, Noah Slone, Brian Moore, David May.

**BURNING SPRINGS**: Joseph Slone, Monroe Justice, James T. Dotson, Daris Kender, Timothy Slone, Rufford Howell, Noah Slone.

**LITTLE YADKIN RIVER**: Monroe Justice, Jim Moore, Paul Smith, James T. Dotson, Tom Chapman, Noah Slone, Wade Smith, David May, Rufford Howell.

**MT. ZION**: Larry Slone, Elmer Goff.

**NEW LIBERTY**: Larry Slone, Elmer Goff.

**FISHER'S RIVER**: John Jacobs, Tom Chapman, David May, David A. Thacker.

**WASHINGTON**: Brian Moore, Paul Smith, Ron Moore, Tom Chapman, Wade Smith, Noah Slone, Joseph Slone.

Moved and seconded that the association be adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

\* \* \* \* \*



## **SATURDAY MORNING, August 31, 2002.**

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

Prayer by Elder David May.

Roll called and absents marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

The Committed met at Columbus Church House and was called to order by the Moderator.

- #1. Recommend that we omit the reading of the church letters before the committee.
- #2. Called for the circular letter written by Elder Shawn Dotson. The letter was read and recommended for approval by the full body of messengers on Saturday morning. Brother Raymond Stanley was chosen to write the next circular letter.
- #3. Recommend that Peter Creek Church host the Annual Meeting for 2003.
- #4. Recommend that Big Creek Church host the Association for 2003.
- #5. Recommend that we carry on our work on Saturday in the usual manner.

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

Moved and seconded that our Annual Meeting be held with Peter Creek Church beginning Friday before the last Saturday in March, 2003.

Committee on preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and prayer by Elder Larry Stanley

1.) Elder Curt Heath, St. Clair District

2.) Elder Arnold Childers, Sand Lick

3.) Elder David A. Thacker, Mates Creek

Song and prayer by Elder Josh Viers

Called on Union Meetings appointees to report. They reported and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused. Union meetings and their appointees for 2003 are as follows:



**LOUISA:** 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, Rufford Howell, John Jacobs, Monroe Justice, Barry Thacker, Brian Moore and Michael Smith.

**OLD POND:** Old Pond Church invites all Primitive Baptist elders of our faith and order to our union meeting.

**BIG CREEK:** Mike Smith, Greg Moore, Paris Blackburn, Monroe Justice, J.C. Hager, Noah Slone, David Coleman, Jr., Glen Vipperman, Jimmie Lee Smith, Ernest Blair, Elmer Brown, Kenneth Chapman, Bobby Blackburn, David Lee Jacobs, Barry Thacker, Robert Worrix, and all orderly Primitive Baptist elders of the same faith and order.

**RACCOON:** Ellis Lynn, Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, Robert Worrix, Elmer Brown, Ernest Blair, Michael Elswick, Mike Smith, and all others that may want to attend are welcome.

**PETER CREEK:** Paris Blackburn, Jim Moore, Shawn Dotson, Harrison Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Elmer Thacker, Steve Kender, Mike Smith, Paul Varney, Jimmie Lee Smith, Jeff Dotson and Brian Moore.

**SULPHUR SPRING:** Estle Hackney, John Jacobs, Elmer Thacker, Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Randal Thornsberry, Mike Smith, David A. Thacker, Shawn Dotson, J.C. Hager, Paul Dean Justice, Noah Slone, Elmer Goff, David Jacobs, Raymond Stanley, Robbie Worrix, Jimmie Lee Smith, Steve Kender, Robert Worrix, Harrison Smith and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

**LITTLE HOPE:** Walter Sullivan, Raymond Stanley, Michael Elswick, David May, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Kenneth Chapman, Paris Blackburn, John Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, Onis Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, J.C. Hager, Harrison Smith and all others that may want to attend are welcome.

**GRAPEVINE:** Paul Smith, Elmer Thacker, Robert Worrix, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Varney, Elmer Brown, Ernest Blair, John Jacobs, Monroe Justice, Jimmie Lee Smith, J.C. Hager, Greg Moore, Junior Adams, David Jacobs, Estle Hackney, Steve Kender, Paul Dean Justice, Raymond Stanley and Brian Moore. All orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.



**SAMARIA:** Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Eddie Harris, Raymond Stanley, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, J.C. Hager, Walter Sullivan, Kenneth Chapman, Bobby Blackburn, Paris Blackburn, Jimmie Lee Smith, Steve Kender, and Randal Thornsberry. All orderly Primitive Baptist elders are invited.

**FEDS CREEK (Formerly Little Union):** We invite all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers to attend our union and communion meeting to begin the first Saturday in May, 2003.

Note: By motion and second, the membership agreed to change the name of Little Union back to the original name FEDS CREEK CHURCH, which it was named in 1905.

**JOHNS CREEK:** Noah Slone, Greg Moore, Walter Sullivan, Steve Kender, Raymond Stanley, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Jimmie Lee Smith, Onis Smith, David Coleman, Jr., J.C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, Randal Thornsberry, David Jacobs, Kenneth Chapman, David May, Mike Elswick, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.

**CALVARY:** J.C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, Mike Smith, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, David Coleman, Jr. John Jacobs, Harrison Smith, Ernest Blair, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsberry, Elmer Thacker, Onis Smith, Kenneth Chapman, David May, Bobby Blackburn, Greg Moore, Paris Blackburn, Walter Sullivan, Jeff Dotson and Steve Kender. All orderly ministers are welcome.

**DRY FORK:** Arnold Childress, Ked Stacy, Harrison Smith, Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Jimmie Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Franklin Viers, Elmer Thacker, Bobby Arrington, David A. Thacker, Robbie Worrix, J.C. Hager, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Brian Moore, Garnell Gilbert, Elmer Brown, Paul Smith and Don Stacy. All orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.

NOTE: Memorial service for the Martha Street family are held on Sunday of our July meeting on Balldwin Mountain. Memorial service for the Boyd Jackson family are held on the last Sunday in August at Boyd Ridge at the shed. Dry Fork meeting in August on Sunday will be held at the Nuckles and Hess cemetery on Fletcher's Ridge.

**FRIENDSHIP:** Greg Moore, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Walter Sullivan, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Noah



Slone, R.T. Thacker, Kenneth Chapman, John Jacobs and Steve Kender.

**COLUMBUS:** Robert Worrix, Randal Thornsburry, David Coleman, Jr., Noah Slone, John Jacobs, David A. Thacker, Jim Moore, Onis Smith, David Jacobs, David May, Robbie Worrix, J.C. Hager, Ernest Blair, Raymond Stanley, Greg Moore, Hesker Gillum, Jimmie Lee Smith, Michael Elswick, Elmer Thacker, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, James T. Dotson, and all other Mates Creek elders, brothers and sisters are invited to attend.

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

**DEERFIELD:** Mike Elswick, Rufford Howell, Jim Duty, John Jacobs, Greg Moore, Noah Slone, David A. Thacker, Onis Smith, David May, Shawn Dotson, Robbie Worrix, Victor Quick, Raymond Stanley, Jeff Dotson, Paris Blackburn, James T. Dotson, Bob Mayhorn, Randal Thornsburry, Billy Cook and Burl Williams. All orderly Primitive Baptist elders are invited.

NOTE: Memorial service to be held the first weekend of April.

**PLEASANT HILL:** David May, J.C. Hager, David Jacobs, Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Michael Smith, Elmer Goff, Estle Hackney, Hesker Gillum and David A. Thacker.

**NEW HOPE:** Bobby Blackburn, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, David A. Thacker, Paris Blackburn, Greg Moore, Raymond Stanley, Onis Smith, Noah Slone, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Mike Smith, Mike Elswick, Randal Thornsburry, David May and David Coleman, Jr. All orderly Primitive Baptist ministers and brothers and sisters are invited.

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

Agreed that we have 2000 minutes printed, and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith, and the obituaries of the following:

**BROTHERS:** Fonso May, Allen Stanley, Orion Michael May, Deacon Donnie Jackson, Emzie Smith, James Woodrow Chapman, Alex "Ed" Scott, Roy Coleman, Charles R.



"Co-Co" Thompson, John D. Thacker, Arthur Thacker, Ray D. Harlow, William Howard Worrix, David Arley Webb, Lamuel B. Coleman, Jerry Richard "Dick" Stegall, William (Bill) Sturgill, Larry Michael Taylor, Harold Thacker, Emmet Coleman, and Robert Lee Coleman.

**SISTERS:** Mary Alice (Stacy) Mullins, Lottie Yates VanDyke, Ines N. "Sug" Cline, Bonnie Myrtle Edwards, Effie Pacific, Ida Francis Varney, Maudie West Blackburn, Zella Coleman Smith and Eileen Varney.

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 .....	\$7,598.27
Amount received from the churches this year .....	1,747.50
Amount received for obituaries this year .....	285.00
Donations received this year .....	109.00
<b><u>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</u></b> .....	<b><u>\$9,779.77</u></b>

**CASH PAID OUT** since last Association:

Paid for the 2001 Minutes .....	\$1,431.56
Gave Moderator .....	50.00
Gave Assistant Moderator .....	50.00
Gave Clerk .....	50.00
Gave Assistant Clerk .....	50.00
Gave Calvary Church to reimburse for portable toilets ..	190.00
Paid for postage .....	14.24
Gave cash to visiting ministers .....	500.00
<b><u>TOTAL CASH PAID OUT</u></b> .....	<b><u>\$2,335.80</u></b>
<b><u>BALANCE LEFT ON HAND</u></b> August 31, 2002 .....	<b><u>\$7,443.97</u></b>

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Big Creek Church, of Canada, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2003. Elder Brian Moore was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Jimmie Lee Smith is to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed by prayer by Elder David Lee Jacobs, the adjourned until the time of our next Association.



Signed by Elder Randal Thornsby, Moderator  
Elder David A. Thacker, Assistant Moderator  
Deacon Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk  
Deacon Lonnie Simpkins, Assistant Clerk

The Association gives thanks to God, and extends our highest thanks and appreciation to the brothers and sisters of Columbus Church for their hard work and love manifested in their hosting of the Association.

### **SUNDAY MORNING, September 1, 2002.**

INTRODUCTION: Elder Larry Stanley introduced the service with song and prayer amid much shouting and rejoicing.

1. Elder Curt Heath was well blessed amid much shouting and praise.
2. Elder Arnold Childers, taking as his text Galatians 4:4 (*God sent forth his son...*), was well blessed in delivering the doctrine.
3. Elder David A. Thacker closed out the Association amid much shouting and rejoicing.

Elder Josh Viers dismissed the Association with prayer.

### **Circular Letter**

To my brothers and sisters in Christ:

Having been asked to write the circular letter for the Mates Creek Primitive Baptist Association for the year 2002, my prayers have been that we might be found in peace and love and one accord. I have been in much prayer that God would give me liberty to write to you concerning our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life. For ye know the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich. Brothers and Sisters, if you have Jesus in your heart, you are the richest people in the world. Psalms 40:17: *I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou are my help and deliverer.* So the things of this world will shortly pass away, but that which God has put in your heart will abide with you forever.



My thoughts are upon Isaiah 53:5: *He was wounded for our transgression, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his striped we are healed.* Praise his blessed name! If we feel to be healed from all our sins and iniquities, it is through and by our Lord Jesus Christ. Brothers and Sisters, we have a friend in Jesus, praise his name, who will stick closer than a brother, and promised that he will never leave us nor forsake us, go with us even unto the end of the world. That is why we can rejoice, though in the world we have tribulations and face many storms in our lives. Jesus will see us through, for he has overcome the world. So when troubles and sorrows come, and there is no one to help, cast all your cares on Jesus, for the careth for you.

Brothers and Sisters, some say that Jesus came only as a spirit: Hebrews 10:5: *Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offerings thou wouldest not, but a body has thou prepared me.* Jesus was born in this world in a body of flesh, yet without sin. That is why he came: that he would be made sin for the atonement for our sins. The just for the unjust, Jesus came into the world to die and save his people from their sins. That is why Paul could say in I Timothy: 1:15: *This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.* Some would even say they killed him, but that is far from the truth. Jesus said he had power to lay his life down, and power to take it up again. This commandment he received of his father. He once said to the Jews: *Tear down this temple and in three days I'll raise it up.* They thought he was talking about their temple that was forty-six years in the building, but he was speaking of his own body. This is why Paul could say in Philippians 2:8: *And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.* Zechariah 13:1: *In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.*

Jesus went to the cross of Calvary to die and shed his precious blood for the remission of our sins: praise his holy name! And while hanging on the cross, he said "*it is finished,*" and bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. He was laid in a borrowed tomb, praise God that it was only borrowed, for had he not risen, our hope would be lost. But we read some great news: that there were



sisters on their way before the break of dawn to the tomb where Jesus was laid, to anoint his body; but on their way they began to wonder who would roll the stone away from the sepulcher. My heart leaps for joy to think upon these scriptures. Behold! There was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from Heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. When they arrived they found the stone had been rolled away. The angel said unto the women, *"fear not ye: for I know ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He's not here, but he is risen."* Glory to God! This is why Paul could say in Romans 6:9: *Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.*

Brothers and Sisters, Jesus rose from the dead for our justification, and entered into Heaven itself, and hath obtained eternal redemption for us. For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. He left us a glorious promise that someday He will return to take us home where there shall be a great reunion for the whole family of God. So let everything that has breath praise the Lord! And ending this letter, let us always remember Hebrews 12:2: *Looking unto Jesus the author and 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.* May God bless you all.

**Love, your brother in Christ**  
**Elder Shawn Dotson**

**MESSENGERS REPRESENTING**  
**THE SISTER CHURCHES**

**LOUISA:** Joseph Slone, Robbie Worrix, Ricky Worrix, Keen Slone.

Alternate: Robert Worrix

**OLD POND:** Walter Rutherford, Michael Elswick.

Alternate: None

**BIG CREEK:** Tom Chapman, Onis Smith, John Jacobs,  
Wade Smith.

Alternate: David May

**RACCOON:** Paul Dean Justice, David Coleman, Jr., Monroe  
Justice, Donovan Blackburn.

Alternate: None



**PETER CREEK:** Daris Kender, Randy Kender, Steve Kender,  
Floyd Coleman.

Alternate: Shawn Estep

**SULPHUR SPRING:** Ronald Moore, Brian Moore, Paul Smith.

**LITTLE HOPE:** Virgil Smith.

Alternate: None

**GRAPEVINE:** Donald Justice, Timothy Slone, Leon Adkins, Todd  
Thacker.

Alternate: Gary Slone

**SAMARIA:** Raymond Stanley, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson,  
Larry Slone.

Alternate: None

**FEDS CREEK:** Ernest Blair, Ricky Blair, Robert Worrix.

Alternate: None

**JOHNS CREEK:** Carl Coleman, Harrison Smith, Kermit Smith,  
Larry Coleman.

Alternate: None

**CALVARY:** Ricky Ratliff, Barry Thacker, Larry D. Chapman,  
Roy Owens.

Alternate: None

**DRY FORK:** Ralph Street, Roger Deel, Daren Compton.

Alternate: Harold Cline

**FRIENDSHIP:** Elmer Thacker, David May, Troy Wheeler,  
Martin Childers.

Alternate: Arnold Hicks

**COLUMBUS:** Lundy Coleman, Earl Thacker, Arthur Coleman,  
Ervin Adkins.

Alternate: Bobby Kennedy

**DEERFIELD:** Danny May, John Holyfield, Jackie Davis,  
Travis Cornell.

Alternate: Estle Hackney

**PLEASANT HILL:** James T. Dotson, Dean Moore, Jim Moore.

Alternate: George Thompson

**NEW HOPE:** William Dotson, James Hackney, Kenneth  
Chapman.

Alternate: None



## VISITING ELDERS

Larry Stanley  
125 Strickland Road  
Piketon, OH 45661

Emerson Montgomery  
1139 Pleasant Hill Road  
Waverly, OH 45690

Roy L. Adams  
110 Dallas Drive  
Eolia, KY 40826

Vance Jones  
3460 Highway 268  
Pilot Mountain, NC 27041

Curt Heath  
32077 Omega Lane  
Meadowview, VA 24361

Henry P. Viers  
Rt. 1 Box 334 BC  
Vansant, VA 24656

Frank Gullett  
1331 Carrs Run Road  
Waverly, OH 45690

Joshua P. Viers  
22343 Greenspring Road  
Abingdon, VA 24211

Dallas Adams, Jr.  
968 Sergeant Road  
Whitesburg, KY 41858

David A. Edwards  
179 Upchurch Lane  
Lambsburg, VA 24351

Arnold Childress  
15242 Peaceful Valley Road  
Abingdon, VA 24210

Hesker B. Gillum  
5538 Tallawanda Drive  
Fairfield, OH 45014

### CHURCH

Louisa  
Old Pond  
Big Creek  
Raccoon  
Peter Creek  
Sulphur Spring  
Little Hope  
Grapevine  
Samaria  
Feds Creek  
(Little Union)  
Johns Creek  
Calvary

### MODERATOR

Robert B. Worrix  
Michael Elswick  
Elmer Thacker  
Paul Dean Justice  
Jimmy Lee Smith  
Elmer Brown  
Bobby Blackburn  
Noah Slone  
Michael Smith  
Robert B. Worrix  
  
Paul Varney  
Michael Elswick  
David A. Thacker

### COMMUNION

August, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
June, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
August, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
July, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
June, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
August, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
July, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
May, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
June, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
May, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
  
April, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
June, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday



**CHURCH**

Dry Fork  
Friendship  
Columbus  
Deerfield  
Pleasant Hill

New Hope

**MODERATOR**

Elmer Brown  
David May  
Lundy Coleman  
J.C. Hager  
James T. Dotson  
Greg Moore  
Kenneth Chapman  
Walter Sullivan

**COMMUNION**

May, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
August, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
April, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
June, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
April, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
May, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday

**NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS**

Opa Thacker ..... 2405 St. Rt. 131, Goshen, OH 45122  
513-625-7705

Michael Smith ..... 249 Stratton Fork, Canada, KY 41519  
606-353-7757

Lundy Coleman ..... 14230 Havens Corner Rd., Pataskala, OH 43062  
740-927-4603

Elmer Brown ..... Rt. 1 Box 476, Vansant, VA 24656  
276-597-8404

Glen Vipperman .... 1174 Upper Johns Creek Rd., Kimper, KY 41539  
606-835-4469

Robert Worrix ..... 1087 Burning Fork Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501  
606-432-1752

Paul Dean Justice ..... 4656 Raccoon Rd., Pikeville, KY 41557  
606-437-6937

Elmer Thacker ..... 948 Coeburn Hollow, Huddy, KY 41535  
606-353-7106

Rufford Howell ..... 2892 Lowell Dr., Columbus, OH 43204  
614-276-4730

David Coleman ..... 2497 Lower Pompey Rd., Shelbiana, KY 41562  
606-437-6829

John Jacobs ..... 16 Thornsbury Lane, Canada, KY 41519  
606-353-0622

Arthur May ..... P.O. Box 308, Hurley, VA 24620  
276-566-8030

Paul Varney ..... 3460 Long Fork Rd., Kimper, KY 41539  
606-835-4370



## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Harrison Smith ..... 48 Cow Branch, Phelps, KY 41553  
606-456-3567

R.T. Thacker ..... HRC 75, Box 4540, Wellington, KY 40387  
606-768-3894

Paris Blackburn ..... 13290 Trenton Rd., Galena, OH 43021  
740-965-1484

William B. Blackburn ..... Hardy, KY 41531  
606-353-7518

Ernest Blair ..... 405 Laurel Fork Rd., Steele, KY 41566  
606-835-4815

Walter Sullivan ..... P.O. Box 46, Pinsonfork, KY 41555  
606-353-4753

Jimmy Lee Smith ..... Phelps, KY 41553  
606-456-7827

J.C. Hager ..... 7138 Brittwood Ln., Flint, MI 48507  
810-232-4173

Noah Slone ..... 842 Red Creek Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501  
606-437-7551

David B. May ..... 2155 Stratton Fork Rd., Canada, KY 41519  
606-353-8045

Stirl Eddie Harris . 4345 Long Branch Rd., Turkey Creek, KY 41514  
606-237-4879

Greg Moore ..... 8881 Canoe Dr., Galloway, OH 43119  
614-870-6307

Onis Smith ..... 2664 Meathouse Rd., Canada, KY 41519  
606-353-9373

Virgil Smith ..... Pinsonfork, KY 41555  
606-353-4761

Randal Thornsbury ..... P.O. Box 254, Huddy, KY 41535  
606-353-9234

Fred Burton ..... RR2, Box 4888, Crawfordville, FL 32327

David A. Thacker ..... 747 Hurricane Rd., Kimper, KY 41539  
606-631-9176

Michael Elswick ..... 106 Stanley Lane, Canada, KY 41519  
606-353-4207



## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Luther Minnix ..... 2265 Murray Rd., Danville, MI 48819  
517-623-6449

Lonnie Worrix ..... 53 South Powell Ave., Columbus, OH 43207  
614-351-0230

Jim Moore ..... 3107 S. Parsons Ave., Columbus, OH 43207  
614-491-6742

Allen Coleman ..... Raccoon, KY 41557  
606-432-6184

David Jacobs ..... 4620 Pineridge Dr., Stow, OH 44224  
330-929-7533

Monroe Justice ..... Canada, KY 41519  
606-353-7326

Richard Tucker ..... Raccoon, KY 41557  
606-432-0245

Paul Smith ..... Box 40, Big Rock, VA 24603  
276-530-7257

Kenneth Chapman ..... P.O. Box 52, Pinsonfork, KY 41555  
606-353-9292

Frank J. Ball ..... 519 Ball Fork Rd., Pinsonfork, KY 41555  
606-353-7257

James T. Dotson ..... 9400 Crawl Rd., DeGraff, OH 43318  
937-585-2955

Argle Kendrick ..... P.O. Box 3334, Pikeville, KY 41502  
606-432-6014

Estle Hackney ..... 385 Flannery Br. Rd., Mouthcard, KY 41548  
606-835-0129

Raymond Stanley ..... 2507 Road Fork Rd., Sidney, KY 41564  
606-353-0810

Steve Kender ..... 86 Cow Branch Rd., Phelps, KY 41553  
606-456-0947

Junior Barton ..... 77 Miami Conservancy Rd., Piqua, OH 45363  
937-773-2327

Robbie Worrix ..... 1111 Burning Fork Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501  
606-437-6084

Todd Thacker ..... 456 Pine Fk. Rd., Shelbiana, KY 41562



## **NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS**

Jeff Dotson ..... 2275 Left Fk. Blackberry Rd., Ransom, KY 41558  
606-427-9066

Shawn Dotson ..... 3625 Left Fk. Blackberry Rd., Ransom, KY 41558  
606-427-7274

Brian Moore ..... Rt. 4, Box 331, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609  
276-964-0522

Elmer Goff ..... 313 Fifty-Eight Br. Rd, Raccoon, KY 41557  
606-432-3857

Barry Thacker ..... 751 Hurricane Rd., Kimper, KY 41539  
606-631-1490

Carmen Gillum.. 761 Cartro Rd., Franklin Furnace, OH 45629-8733

## **LICENTIATES**

Ricky Worrix ..... 201 Left Penhook Rd., Harold, KY 41635  
606-478-5337

Kermit Smith ..... 8807 Ridgeline Rd., Phyllis, KY 41554

## **DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES**

### **LOUISA**

Bradley Worrix, Jr., Clerk  
P.O. Box 344, 35 Cross Road  
Allen, KY 41601..... 100

### **OLD POND**

Shelby Jean Hill, Clerk  
P.O. Box 001  
Forest Hills, KY 41527..... 100

### **BIG CREEK**

Wade Smith  
2003 Pigeon Roost Road  
Canada, KY 41519-8312..... 100

### **RACCOON**

Timothy Coleman, Clerk  
182 Slone's Branch Road  
Raccoon, KY 41557 ..... 200

### **PETER CREEK**

Randy Smith, Clerk  
c/o Smith Mounument Co.  
HC67  
Phelps, KY 41553 ..... 75



**SULPHUR SPRINGS**

Ronald Moore, Clerk  
HC67, Box 16A  
Oakwood, VA 24631-9607 ..... 40

**LITTLE HOPE**

Frank J. Ball, Clerk  
519 Ball Fork Road  
Pinsonfork, KY 41555 ..... 80

**GRAPEVINE**

Donald Justice  
13593 Grapevine Road  
Phyllis, KY 41554 ..... 60

**SAMARIA**

Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk  
8380 State Hwy. 1056  
McCarr, KY 41544 ..... 125

**FEDS CREEK**

Ernest Blair, Clerk  
405 Laurel Fork Road  
Steele, KY 41566 ..... 25

**JOHNS CREEK**

Carl Coleman, Jr., Clerk  
3243 Long Fork Road  
Kimper, KY 41539 ..... 85

**CALVARY**

Andrew Hunt, Clerk  
3549 Long Fork Road  
Kimper, KY 41539 ..... 80

**DRY FORK**

Ruth Maynard, Clerk  
Route 3, Box 198  
Grundy, VA 24614 ..... 85

**FRIENDSHIP**

Gwynda Travis, Assistant Clerk  
411 Airport Road  
Hager Hill, KY 41222 ..... 25

**COLUMBUS**

Sandra Harris, Clerk  
14250 Haven's Corner Road S.W.  
Pataskala, OH 43062 ..... 125

**DEERFIELD**

Barbara Holyfield, Clerk  
4474 Center Road  
Linden, MI 48451 ..... 75

**PLEASANT HILL**

Ann Barton, Clerk  
77 Miami Conservancy Road  
Piqua, OH 45356 ..... 60



**NEW HOPE**

William Dotson, Clerk  
637 Ball Fork Road  
Pinsonfork, KY 41555 ..... 40

**MINUTES TO CORRESPONDENCE****MT. ZION**

Deacon Finley Ratliff  
Rt. 1, Box 111-A  
Union, WV 24983 ..... 25

**UNION**

Corbin Hampton  
HD67, Route 932  
Eolia, KY 40826 ..... 25

**BURNING SPRINGS**

Jerry Brown  
11472 Highway 172  
West Liberty, KY 41472 ..... 25

**SAND LICK**

Johnny Viers  
Haysi, VA 24256 ..... 25

**LITTLE YADKIN RIVER**

W.H. Johnson  
Route 4, Box 696  
East Bend, NC 27018 ..... 25

**ST. CLAIR'S DISTRICT**

Blaine Owens  
103 Jefferson Drive  
Bristol, VA 24983 ..... 25

**MOUNTAIN**

Roy L. Truitt  
103 Gentry Street  
Galax, VA 24333 ..... 25

**NEW LIBERTY**

Elizabeth Jennings  
235 B. Walters Street  
Ripley, WV 25271-1542 ..... 25

**FISHER'S RIVER**

David A. Edwards  
179 Upchurch Lane  
Lambsburg, VA 24351 ..... 25

**WASHINGTON**

Darrell Davis  
140 Wampler Road  
Bristol, TN 37620 ..... 25

**PINEY GROVE**

Ray Young  
1136 Nina Woods Road  
Danbury, NC 27016 ..... 25



**MOUNT ENON**

Bob Kilpatrick  
1617 Stephane Lane  
Lakeland, FL 33813 ..... 25

**MINUTES TO INDIVIDUALS****Moderator**

Elder Randal Thornsby  
P.O. Box 154  
Huddy, KY 41535 ..... 25

**Assistant Moderator**

Elder David A. Thacker  
747 Hurricane Road  
Kimper, KY 41539 ..... 25

**Clerk**

Deacon Leslie Hatfield  
8380 State Hwy. 1056  
McCarr, KY 41544-8302 ..... 56

Vernon Napier  
8519 Old Stage Road  
Waynesville, OH 45068 ..... 12

Margie Lester  
P.O. Box 275  
Feds Creek, KY 41524 ..... 25

Floyd Coleman  
1515 Calloway Branch  
Phelps, KY 41553 ..... 12

Doris Thacker  
1743 River Hurricane Branch  
Raccoon, KY 41557-8954 ..... 15

Linda Taylor  
753 Hurricane Road  
Kimper, KY 41539 ..... 25

**TOTAL MINUTES TO DISTRIBUTE****2000**



## OBITUARIES

### **ORION MICHAEL MAY**

02/08/01 – 02/27/02



It is with a broken heart that I'll try to write the obituary of my precious grandson, Orion Michael May, born February 8, 2001, died Wednesday, February 27, 2002 at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville, KY.

He is survived by his parents, Charles DeWayne and Kimberly Pruitt May, a twin brother, Gabriel DeWayne May, and an older brother, Joseph Anthony May, all of Tutor Key, Kentucky. Paternal grandparents: Raymond and Freda Stanley of Sidney, Kentucky; Charles Dale and Kathy May of Louisville, Kentucky; Maternal grandparents: Raymond and Pam Allen of Tutor Key, Kentucky; Maternal Great-Grandmother: Fannie Pruitt of Tutor Key, Kentucky; Paternal Great-Grandparents: Charlie and Greetis Stanley and Dewey and Hazel Dotson. Greetis Stanley preceded Orion in death by only a few hours. Maternal Great-Grandfather: Floyd Andy Pruitt.

Our loss is Heaven's gain. He is sadly missed but not forgotten by a host of family and friends.

*—Written by his Papaw and Mamaw,  
Raymond and Freda Stanley*



### **ALEX "ED" SCOTT**

With tearful eyes and an aching heart, we'll try to write this for our beloved one who left this world to be with our Lord and Savior on September 6, 2001. His short stay in this life was 71 years, 9 months, and 23 days. Thank God he humbled himself

before man and submitted his heart and soul January 31, 1999 to



serve Jesus Christ and took membership with the brothers and sisters of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church at Belfry, Ky. One comfort to us in knowing that our loss was Heaven's gain.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Lear (Coleman) Scott of Hardy, Ky., a nineteen-year-old grandson, Darby Daniel Reed, in 1992, a brother, James L. Scott, and two sisters: Mary E. Hatfield, and Billie Joyce Adkins.

He leaves behind Vondell, his wife of 52 years, seven children, eleven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, two sisters: Edna Grace Wellman and Verdie Adkins, and a host of family and friends.

He made is living as a coal miner for almost 30 years, and was a member of UMWA Local #5737. He liked to ride and train horses, play a good game of horeshoes and rook, and he enjoyed family reunions because he loved his family so much. He had a great sense of humor: for instance, he liked to play jokes on April Fool and New Year days. Christmas was his favorite time of year. He also enjoyed gospel music. A couple of his favorites were "I'll Fly Away," and "Amazing Grace."

He has left us with some wonderful memories and a strong desire to reach Heaven. He set a lot of good examples: his best example was to serve God so we can all be together again. Praise God.

*—Sadly missed by wife, Vondell Scott and children:  
Larry, Gary, Judy, Danny, Vicki, Tommy and Rodney*



### **WILLIAM (BILL) STURGILL**

With much sadness I attempt to write the obituary of my beloved husband. William (Bill) Sturgill was born August 1, 1917 and departed this life December 3, 2000 at his home in Canada, KY. He was the son of the late Crawford Sturgill and Ida Joseph Sturgill. His mother passed away when he was only an infant. Nora Risner Sturgill was his step-mother who raised him as her own. He was born in Michigan and raised in Floyd County, Ky. His first wife and two of his four children preceded him in death. All his children were grown, except one,



when their mother passed away. He also raised three other children not his own, but loved them as though they were.

Some years later we met and married. I was a widow with five children between the ages of 5 and 18 years. This mattered not to him, because he always loved children, and often said that all the children are ours. They in turn grew to love him and trusted him to protect and care for them.

After we married, his youngest son came to live with us. A few years later we were blessed with a daughter. She gave him joy and he was blessed to see her grown, even though he was ill in health soon after her birth. He was always good and kind to all the children and treated them equal. They in turn loved him and all helped to care for him. He had a godly compassion for the smallest of God's creatures. He always fed the birds and his pets. He also wanted anyone who came to visit to eat.

After he was diagnosed with a terminal illness, never once did I hear him ask "Why me?" He only asked for mercy and begging the Lord to come and take him home. He did believe in God and saw angels almost daily. We were married 32 years. He was my best friend. We were very close and loved each other dearly.

His funeral took place at Rogers Funeral Home with Primitive Baptist ministers officiating. He was laid to rest at Canada, KY in the Thacker family cemetery.

Loved and sadly missed.

—Written by your wife, Hazel Sturgill



## **LARRY MICHAEL "CHYSTER" TAYLOR**

Honey, you brought a lot of sunshine and laughter into all our lives, you are sadly missed by your loving wife and companion. My beloved husband Larry Michael "Chyster" Taylor was born in Pike County, KY on August 3, 1951, and departed this old troublesome world on October 2, 2001. Four months after he fell from a 30' highwall, he passed on with a massive heart attack.

Larry was married to Linda Thacker Taylor on Thanksgiving



Day, November 24, 1994; he had a step daughter, Michele Smith. Larry loved Michele as his own, and she thought of him as Dad.

Larry was the son of Charles Taylor of Michigan and Mae Webb Taylor Corbiere of Ontario, Canada. He had one sister, Jeanie Stone of Wisconsin, one half-brother and six half-sisters; Larry always considered them his brother and sisters, and loved them all the same.

Larry had a special place in his heart for kids, and would always entertain them at Christmas with hand flute. We feel we have lost a very special loved one, "one of a kind," as my Dad would say. There will always be a void in our hearts and lives, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Larry was of the Primitive Baptist faith; he loved going to church and helping out any way he could. He was well respected in the community, and always willing to lend a helping hand, even for a stranger; he loved everyone.

Honey, you will always have a very special place in our hearts and lives. One sweet glorious day I hope to meet again to be parted no more. I've asked God "Why didn't you take me first?" It pleased God to call his spirit home. Honey, when you departed from this old world, this song came to mind: "He's My All and All...every time in get in trouble on Him I call." God, I know without your help in our time of sorrow and pain, we wouldn't have got through. I would like to say "thank you Lord, thank you Lord." Until we meet again one glorious day in Heaven, we say "sleep on, sleep on, you will have no more suffering and pain."

*—Sadly missed by your loving wife, daughter,  
family and friends. "We love you."*

### **EMMIT COLEMAN**

It is with much sadness that we try to write the obituary of our brother in Christ, Emmitt Coleman, who passed from this life August 26, 2001.

Born January 12, 1928, he was the son of the late George H. and Ida Coleman.

Married, he had two sons: Bradley Allen and Richard James. He is survived by two brothers: Bradley and Jenis Coleman, two sisters: Frankie Jane Prater and Mary Coleman; and five grandchildren.



Emmit belonged to the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church since October 11, 1980. He will be missed by the church and family, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

—*The family*



## HAROLD THACKER

It is at my family's request and with the Lord's help that I attempt to write the obituary of my uncle, Harold Thacker. Born April 7, 1929, he was 72 at the time of this death on December 29, 2001.

Harold was the son of the late Elder Joe B. and Ether (Fuller) Thacker. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson and one brother, J. B. Thacker.

Harold was a retired security guard, a World War II veteran, and a member of the Moose Lodge #1613, a Kentucky Colonel, and was of the Primitive Baptist faith. He is survived by one son, Harold Thacker, Jr. of Detroit, Michigan; three daughters: Tammy Thomas of Trevor Wisconsin, and Gloria Leach and Brenda Lovelady of Detroit Michigan; a brother, Clifford Thacker of Tucson, Arizona; five sisters: Hazel Sturgill, Joyce Fleming, Dixie Smith and Marie Jacobs of Canada, Kentucky, and Polly Bishop of Cincinnati, Ohio; 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 1, 2002 at the Thacker Family Cemetery on Meathouse Fork at Canada, Kentucky, with Primitive Baptist ministers officiating.

I have now written all of the factual things about my Uncle Harold's life; but these facts don't paint a picture of the man we love—the man he really was. He was kind and gentle natured, with a slow easy smile. He loved to read; but more than that, he accepted people they way they were, never trying to change them in any way. He loved everyone in spite of their faults, and sometimes because of them. He "understood" people in way that they often didn't understand themselves: it was as if he could see into their hearts.



Uncle Harold once told me that he never felt so free and so close to God as when he was roaming in the mountains. It was there, high on the mountain, that he found peace and comfort that he couldn't find anywhere else. When I grieve for the loss of this man I loved so well, I find comfort in this verse:

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free; I'm following the path  
God laid for me*

*I took His hand when I heard Him call; I turned my back  
and left it all*

*If perhaps my time seemed all to brief; Don't lengthen it now  
with undue grief*

*Lift up your heart and rejoice with me; God wanted me now;  
He set me free.*

—Written by Carletta T. Bogar Robinette



### **ROBERT LEE COLEMAN**

It is with a deeply saddened heart that we write this obituary of our brother Robert Lee Coleman. He was born April 26, 1951, at Phelps, Kentucky. His parents, Elsie and Tavie (Wagner) Coleman, and a brother, Roger Lee Coleman, preceded him in death.

He went to be with the Lord February 5, 2002, making his stay here on earth 50 years and almost ten months. He is survived and deeply missed by his wife, Jennifer (Sewell) Coleman, and a daughter, Jenny (Baby Jenny) Coleman, three years old, of Sunbury, Ohio; a daughter, Rosa Lee Dotson of Phelps, Kentucky, and a son, Michael Coleman of Columbus, Ohio, and three grandchildren of Phelps, Kentucky. He is remembered and mourned by four brothers: Floyd Coleman of Phelps, Kentucky, Lee Craig Coleman of Hardy, Kentucky, Larry Joe and Raymond Coleman of Inman, South Carolina; three sisters: Mildred Spears of Radnor, Ohio, Patty Hamby of Phelps, Kentucky, and Tammy Robinette of Inman, South Carolina.

Robert was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He was always the practical joker of the family; his



personality was one that everyone liked. His family meant everything to him and he expressed this at all times. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered for as long as his family remains. We will always remember his laugh, his sense of humor, and his caring nature. He will be missed by all.

—Written by:

*Patty Hamby and Mildred Spears*



### ALLEN STANLEY

With a sad aching heart, I will try to write the obituary of my precious father-in-law, Allen Stanley. He was born the son of the late Ken and Lennie (Bevins) Stanley on December 27, 1926. He died February 24, 2002 at Appalachian Regional Hospital, making his stay on earth seventy-five years, two months and three days.

Allen was a disabled coal miner, a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, a member of the Belfry DAV Chapter 141, and a member of Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, Kentucky.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a son, Johnny Stanley, a brother, Franklin Stanley, and three sisters: Ruby Stanley, Ethel Cornett and Bessie Chambers. Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Lorene Burke Stanley of Ransom; two sons: Jeffrey Stanley and James Stanley, both of Ransom, Kentucky; three sisters: Myrtle Chapman of Hardy, Kentucky, Reba Stanley of McAndrews, Kentucky, and Irene Slone of Williamson, West Virginia; four grandchildren: Carrie Stanley, Cristin Stanley, Ethan Stanley, and Danita Harvit.

Allen was a kind-hearted person with many friends and loved ones. He found great pleasure in his children and grandchildren. He always loved to attend church and be among his brothers and sisters. He is sadly missed, but we know our loss is Heaven's gain, and that by the Grace and Mercy of our Lord and Saviour, we shall all be together one day.

—Written by daughter-in-law,  
*Denise Stanley*





## FONSO MAY

With a loving heart filled with sadness, and blessed with so many precious memories, I attempt to write this obituary.

Fonso May, 74, of Rawl, West Virginia, died Sunday, September 30, 2001 at Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, Kentucky. Born August 24, 1927, he was the son of the late

William J. and Lenore May.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Ethel Mae May, one son, David May, two brothers: Elmer and Lonzo May, and a grandson. He is survived by his second wife, Nadine Jude Whitt May of Rawl; three sons: William B. May of Hardy, Kentucky, Fonso L. May of Meador, WV, Teddy G. May of Varney, WV; one step-son: Julius Whitt of the home; three daughters: Judy L. Sipple of North Matewan, WV, Della Forney of York, SC, and Mary May of Huntington, WV; six brothers: Mayo, Tommy, Junior, Charles, Willis and Sam May; four sisters: Pauline Moore, Dorothy Cooper, Dollie Zappolo and Sadie Abbott; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. with burial following at Mountain View Memory Garden at Huddy, KY. Sons and sons-in-law served as pallbearers.



## DEACON DONNIE JACKSON

It is with much sorrow that I write these words in loving memory of my husband, Donnie Jackson. Donnie was born April 12, 1948, and went to be with our Lord on August 5, 2002, making him 54 years old. He was laid to rest on a beautiful slope in Tyrone Memory Gardens in Tyrone Township, MI. Elder J.C. Hager, Elder David Jacobs and Elder Estle



Hackney presided over the service.

Donnie had been a devoted member of Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church since October 17, 1993, when we were both baptized in Linden, MI. He was ordained as Deacon June 27, 1998.

Donnie and I were married November 5, 1966. We had three beautiful children: son David, wife Kim and their son David; daughter Connie, husband Kevin and their daughters: Katie and Kristina; daughter Billie, husband Frank and their children: Christopher, Tyler and Chelsea. He also leaves his mother Myrtle, brother David and sister Nannie. He was preceded in death by his father Dave and his sister Jessie.

For the last several years of his life, Donnie devoted himself to the work of the church and worshiping the Lord. Often he would sit in church on Sunday morning during services and would just become filled with the spirit, and would rejoice in the spirit of the Lord! He had bypass surgery July 29, 1989, at which time the doctors gave him little chance of surviving surgery and even at best only about one year to live. But the Lord had other plans for him! Donnie's favorite songs that he lived by were "Lord You're the Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me" and "Beautiful, Blessed Forever." He could often be heard humming the tune "On the Wings of a Dove."

Every Wednesday like clockwork he would drive out to the church and take care of the cleaning and yard work. He would stand by the back door of the church house on Sunday mornings and greet his beloved friends; his brothers and sisters in Christ. Then he would climb the stairs and greet each one again as they came in to worship the Lord. When I knew he didn't feel well and I was concerned about him going to the church to clean, I would try to convince him to stay home, but he would say, "I love the Lord and this is what I want to do. It is my service to Him; it will be O.K."

Donnie was getting tired and didn't feel well most of the time in the past few months. We enjoyed camping together, with our children and friends. We bought a small motor home early this year and it was during those camping trips that he felt the best.

The children, grandchildren and I will have cherished memories until we can all be together again with our Lord in Heaven!

—*Loving wife and children: Lois Jackson,  
David Jackson, Connie Ogle and Billie Francisco*





## EMZIE SMITH

It is with a sad and broken heart that we try to write an obituary of our precious Dad, Emzie Smith, who departed this life Thursday, June 13, 2002, making his stay on earth 84 years, 2 months and 5 days. Dad was born in Pike County April 8, 1918, a son of the late Floyd and Annie (Hess) Smith. Dad was a retired coal miner, a member of the United Mine Workers of America, and a member of the Johns Creek Primitive Baptist Church on Long Fork.

Dad was married to Pearlie (Hunt) Smith; to their union were born four children: two boys and two girls. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Pearlie (Hunt) Smith, and one son, Mackie Smith. He is survived by one son, J.C. Smith of Knoxville, TN, and two daughters: JoAnne (Smith) Charles of Raccoon, KY, and Irene (Smith) Varney, of Kimper, KY; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, and a host of friends. Dad will be sadly missed by his children.

We love you so much, Daddy. I thank God Dad's pain and suffering is over, but Oh! How we miss him. It's not the same any more, Daddy fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. Sleep on, Daddy, 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 feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

—Written by his children



## JAMES WOODROW CHAPMAN

We will try by the help of the Lord to write the obituary of our Dad, James Woodrow Chapman. We feel his suffering is over; Dad left us a lot of good memories. He was born April 20, 1915 in Pike County to the late Tilden and Etta (Varney) Chapman. He departed this life on November 2, 2001, making his stay on earth 86



years, 9 months, 13 days.

Dad was married to Nellie (Doyle) Chapman; to their union were born 13 children. One child preceded him in death. He is survived by seven daughters: Patsy (Chapman) Coleman of Sidney, KY; Judy (Chapman) Newton of Hilliard, OH; Emma (Chapman) Coleman of Stone, KY; Vickey (Chapman) Childress of Canada, KY; Lauraetta (Chapman) Hall of Virgie, KY; Jackaline Chapman of Belfry, KY; and Samanthia (Chapman) Chandler of Mt. Gilead, OH; six sons: James, Bruce and Freddie of Belfry, KY; Richard of Mt. Gilead, OH; Johnny of Sidney, KY; and Leslie Chapman of Williamson, WV. Additional survivors include 31 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

He was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church; he filled his seat in the church when he was able to attend. He was a good Dad; we all loved Dad, and hope to meet him in Heaven some sweet day. The home isn't the same since Dad's gone to be with Jesus. Dad is taking his peaceful rest waiting for Jesus to come again. Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a Dad, and that's what we had.

*—Written by his loving wife Nellie and children*



## ROY COLEMAN

It is with many loving memories that we write the obituary of our dear brother and uncle, Roy Coleman. Roy was born June 7, 1940 at Millard, Kentucky, a son of the late Dave and Pearl Coleman; he died Saturday, September 8, 2001 at Saratoga Springs, New York.

Roy served in the U.S. Navy for more than twenty years and co-owned and operated the Point Breeze Marina on Saratoga Lake. He was a member of VFW Post 358 in Ballson Spa, New York, and Ballston Spa Elks Lodge 2619.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Corbett Coleman, and two sisters: Shirley Mae Coleman and Faye Allison. He is survived by his wife Sharon Thompson Coleman; two sons: Roy D. Coleman of Portland, OR, and Michael D. Coleman of Melrose,



MA; one daughter, Nicole D. MacMillan of Saratoga Springs; three brothers: David Coleman of Hartsville, TN; Allen Coleman of Raccoon, KY, and Riley Coleman of Pikeville, KY; four sisters: Marie Coleman of Pikeville, KY; Eathel Slone of Frenchburg, KY; June Anderson of Albert Lea, MN; Blanche Sanders of Montgomery, AL; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Armer Funeral Home, with burial following in the Saratoga National Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Armer Funeral Home of Ballston Spa. Military graveside rites were conducted.

It was with much love and emotion that his son Danny spoke at the graveside service. "Dad was an avid hunter. He loved his family and he loved life!" Roy had a great sense of humor and an outgoing personality. He was like by everyone who met him because he shared his sense of humor and his love of life.

Roy is sadly missed. It is our most sincere hope to meet him once again in Heaven.

—Written by his sisters and niece:  
*Marie Coleman, Eathel Slone and Wanda Ratliff*



### **CHARLES R. (CO-CO) THOMPSON**

It is with emptiness and sadness, but with wonderful memories that I write this remembrance of my husband, Charles Thompson. He was born in Pike County, July 30, 1946, the son of the late Verl and Josephine Thompson.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and the owner of Thompson's Market at Raccoon, where on November 21, 2001, he lost his life to a robber's bullet.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his brother Ronnie of Raccoon, sisters Audra Young of Winchester, and Brenda Collins of Raccoon, his nephews Duanne, Chris, Heath and Michael Boyd (Duanne's son). He was preceded in death by one brother Kelly of Richmond, KY. Coke and his family were very close; they too were



robbed of a precious part of their lives.

Funeral services were held November 24, 2001 at the Community Funeral Home with Grassy Freewill ministers officiating. Graveside military rites were conducted by the Johns Creek DAV, Chapter 166 at the Annie E. Young Cemetery, where Coke was laid to rest.

We were married January 26, 1983 at Clintwood, VA. I am thankful for the 18 years and 10 months that we had together and the memories and love God gave us.

Coke was a hard worker and totally devoted to his parents. He, along with his brother and sisters, helped to care for them during their lengthy illnesses. He was also a great help to my mother. I have heard her say several times since he left us, "If Coke was here, he'd take care of it."

He loved being outdoors. He loved to do what he called his "projects": building, landscaping and manicuring his lawn, etc. He always tried to help anyone who asked. The small children who came to the store really loved him. One child had gotten a new puppy and would not hush until his mother took him to the store to show Coke. He looked up at his Momma and said, "See, momma, Co-Co did want to see my puppy." Coke left us so tragically, and we all miss him so very much.

—We love you, Coke. Carol



### JOHN D. THACKER

With a heart that seems to be broken into a thousand pieces, with a loss so great that I cannot put into words, we attempt to write this letter about our beloved father, John D. Thacker.

He was born May 15, 1929, the son of Matthew and Ollie Worrix Thacker. Daddy was a retired coal miner. He was a kind and gentle man, who taught his children about life and how one is supposed to live it.

Daddy leaves behind a wife, Tilda Thacker, six children, two grandchildren. He departed this life on April 29, 2002.

I believe Daddy's in Heaven, waiting on his little family to join



him and Jesus, and become a part of God's great family. Daddy we miss you and will always love you.

—*Written by the family*



## **ARTHUR THACKER**

Arthur Thacker, 80 years old, of Sidney, Kentucky, died at home October 7, 2001. He was the son of the late Lozzie Smith and Martin Thacker. He was one of twelve children, all deceased but one brother Oscar.

He was retired from the Ford Motor Company in Ohio, where he lived for 31 years. In 1991 he moved back here, where he attended and believed in Primitive Baptist faith. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Margaret Ann Billiter, and four children: Wonda Sue Pullin; Linda Murry, and Ronnie Thacker, all of Ohio; and Gary of Sidney, KY. He has four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. We all miss him so much. By the grace of God we'll meet again one day.

—*His wife and children*



## **RAY DEWARD HARLOW**

It is with tearful eyes I write this obituary of my Papaw, who is also considered my best friend.

Ray Deward Harlow was born December 5, 1927 in Pike County, Kentucky. Papaw was called to the arms of the Lord on August 31, 2001 at 6:55 p.m. Friday evening

at his home.

Papaw was the son of the late John and Effie Harlow. He was preceded in death by three brothers: Carl, Robert, and Lloyd Harlow; and a grandson, Nathan Harold Helton.

He was married March 8, 1946 to Effie (Blackburn) Harlow. To their union were born one son: Ricky Harlow of Hindman, KY;



and one daughter Elaine (Harlow) Helton of Huddy, KY.

Papaw leaves behind his loving wife of 55 years, Effie (Blackburn) Harlow, his son Ricky (Liz) Harlow, daughter Elaine (Greg) Helton, brother Clyde Harlow, sister Louella Hurley, and five grandchildren: Darrell Keith and Jennifer Rae Helton, Ricky, Clinton and Justin Harlow, and two great-grandchildren: Whitney Brook Helton and Chase Harlow, and a very special friend, Janie Harlow.

He was a retired coal miner, U.S. Navy and World War II Veteran. Papaw was also a 30-year member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, where he also served as Deacon. He loved going to church at Old Pond, and fought for all he believed. Papaw is truly missed and loved by all of us. The lessons of God and the Bible he gave me I will carry with me until the day I die.

Papaw, we love and miss you every hour of every day, your hard working hands and golden heart are resting, waiting for us all to be with you again. By the grace of God we will meet again; our loss is just one great gain for Heaven and its Golden Streams.

—Written by his granddaughter, Jennifer Rae Helton



## **WILLIAM HOWARD WORRIX**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. It was the will of God to call William Howard Worrix from the shores of time to his celestial home on Friday, January 11, 2002. Howard, age 62, was born September 10, 1939 in Pikeville, KY. For several years he resided at Hamden, OH. He served in the armed forces during the Cuban crisis, and was an active member of Church on the Move, Wellston, OH.

Howard is survived by his wife, Deloris Kay Peck Worrix; daughters, Julia (Scott) Gilbert and Rhonda (Randy) Mace; nephews and a niece he raised: Paul (Kristen) Ousley of Massillon; Mark (Anita) Ousley and LeDora Ousley of Hamden; his step-mother, Effie Worrix; half sisters, Emogene Fields of Huddy, KY, Vada Jane Charles of Phyllis, KY, Martha Edith Moore of Huntington, WV, and Shirley Fay Worrix of Pikeville, KY; step-



brothers Marvin (Linda) Hunt and Cecil (Patricia) Hunt; eleven grandchildren and several great-nieces and grand-nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Julius Worrix and his mother Myrtle Justice.

Funeral Services were held Monday, 1:00 p.m. at the church, with Rev. David Collins officiating and military graveside services conducted at Lebanon Cemetery on Eagle Mills. Howard was a loving husband, father, brother and friend and always greeted each with smile. Sleep on for a little while 'till we meet again.

—Submitted by his family



### DAVID ARLEY WEBB

With the help of God I will try to write the obituary of my dear brother, David Arley Webb, 77, of Betsy Layne, Kentucky, formerly of Phyllis, Kentucky and Zion, Illinois, who died at his home June 14, 2002. He was the son of the late Landon and Golda Bevins Webb of Phyllis, Kentucky. He was born April 25, 1925. He was a retired factory supervisor and of the

Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his wife Geneva Elswick Webb, and one sister, Oakie Webb Ward of Phyllis, Kentucky. His is survived by three sons: Michael David Webb of Big Branch, KY, Ronald Dean Webb of Manassas, VA, and Ricky Arvin Webb of Oak View, CA; one daughter, Deborah Lynn Erickson of San Diego, CA; one sister, Doris Thacker of Racoon, KY, and one brother, Delanao Webb of Johns Creek, KY; seven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral was held at the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church, with Elders Noah Slone, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Dean Justice, Monroe Justice, and Brian Moore. He was laid to rest in Bevins Cemetery at Grapevine, KY. Rest in the arms of Jesus without pain, brother, until Jesus comes. I believe he will go home for that was his hope.

—Written by his sister Doris Thacker





## **LAMUEL B. COLEMAN**

It is with great sorrow that I try to write the obituary of my most beloved Lamuel B. Coleman, or as his friends called him, Zeak, who will be greatly missed by his brothers and sisters who met to worship with him at his most beloved Primitive Baptist Church, where he went all his life, taken there as a small boy by his mother, and later baptized by Elder Lundy Coleman in

January of 1971.

Born July 16, 1923, he was the son of David and Annie Madden Coleman. He died May 13, 2002 at Mount Carmel Hospital after a long illness. He is survived by his loving wife, Alice Marie Coleman, his loving sister, Mary (Howard) Dellinger, four children, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren who love and miss him.

Services were held at Schoedinger Northeast Chapel, with Elders Lundy Coleman, Rufford Howell and Paris Blackburn, buried in Mifflin Township Cemetery, Gahanna, Ohio.



## **JERRY RICHARD "DICK" STEGALL**

In Memory of My Beloved Husband  
June 24, 1943 - July 7, 2002

It is with a broken heart and precious memories I write this obituary for my beloved husband of 36 years, Jerry Richard Stegall. To have known Jerry was to love him. Jerry and Patricia were married July 2, 1966. Jerry went home to be with the

Lord July 7, 2002, leaving behind his loving wife, Patricia Gail (Adkins) Stegall, and two loving sons: Timothy Richard (Jill) Stegall and Jerry Allen (Cindy) Stegall. Jerry thought of Cindy and Jill as his own daughters, not daughters-in-law.

Jerry had three grandsons: Caleb Christian, Noah Jacob, and



Silas Isaiah. Jerry was the son of the late Allen Stegall and Margaret Stegall. He was preceded in death by father Allen and two brothers, William and Buddy Allen.

In addition to his wife and children, Jerry is survived by his mother, Margaret Louise, and two sisters: Janet (Vernon) Kinder and Mary (Brady) Harr of Columbus, OH; one brother, Terry (Barb) Stegall of Columbus, OH; father- and mother-in-law, Ervin Lee and Myrtle Marie Adkins of Columbus, OH, whom he thought of as father and mother; brother-in-law, Ronnie Lee (Diane) Adkins of Portsmouth, OH; sister-in-law, Connie Faye (Warren) Cox of Westerville, OH; several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Jerry was an auto glass installer for 34 years. He was a member of Columbus Primitive Baptist Church. He died at home with his loving wife by his side. He will be sadly missed by all of us who knew him. Jerry was buried at Fernwood Cemetery. It gives us great comfort knowing Jerry went home with his Lord and Saviour to suffer no more.

Funeral services were held at O.R. Woodyard, 1346 South High Street, Columbus, OH, on Wednesday, July 10, 2002, 10:30 a.m., Elders Lundy Coleman and Paris Blackburn officiating.

—Love, your wife Patricia,  
Tim and Jill, Jerry and Cindy, Caleb, Noah and Silas

## ERVIL TAYLOR

Ervil Taylor, 80, of Ransom, KY, died Monday, March 11, 2002 at his residence. Born July 11, 1921 in Pike County, Kentucky, he was a son of the late Tilden and Caroline (Sullivan) Taylor. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Grethel Hatfield Taylor, and a son, Tommy Taylor.

Ervil was a retired coal miner and member of the UMWA; he was also a member of Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ramsom, Kentucky. Survivors include a son, Tilden W. (Phyllis) Taylor of New Holland, PA; daughters, Shirley Taylor of the home and June (Jim) Dutton of Marion, OH; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2002 at Hatfield Funeral Chapel, with Elder Mike Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Alley Cemetery at Ransom, KY. Family and friends served as pallbearers.





## IDA FRANCIS VARNEY

With loving memories and saddened hearts, I write the obituary of a beloved wife, mother, grand- and great-grandmother.

Ida was born on May 4, 1926, in Pike County, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Cleve and Columbia (Hackney) Murphy, and was called home to her Heavenly Father on January 7, 2002, following a short illness.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one of her two sons, Ronnie T. Varney; two brothers: Woody and Joe Murphy; five sisters: Zettie Vipperman, Mary Blackburn, Bessie Layne, Annabelle Murphy, and Maudie Deskins. Also a short time following Ida's passing was her brother Ed Murphy

Ida was married to Roland T. Varney, who survives, for over 55 years. She is also survived by one son and his family, Danny J. and Rosemary Varney; three grandchildren: Chad (Regina) May, Krystal and Danielle Varney, and one great-grandchild, Emily Jean May.

Our lives and the lives of countless others were blessed to call her family, and friend. She may be gone from those she left behind, but she will never be forgotten. Her memories are with us wherever we turn, as well as in our hearts. Sleep on, Ida, for yet a while longer, for soon we will all be together again, united in Heaven's Kingdom. Ida attended and was devoted to Primitive Baptist Church for many years.

*—Written by Rosemary Varney,  
beloved daughter-in-law*





## **EFFIE PACIFIC**

In loving memory of Effie Pacific, born May 8, 1905 in Floyd County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late John and Helen Johnson Hall. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, August Pacific, a son Audrey Pacific, and several brothers and sisters.

She is survived by two sons: Earl (Red) McCown of Ragland, WV, and Gus Pacific of Cimeron, Kansas; a daughter, Gladys White of Belton, SC; a sister, Laura Yates of Reno, Nevada; eleven grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; a daughter-in-law whom she loved, Lola Nell Pacific, and a host of friends.

Effie was a homemaker, and former employee of General Electric of Columbus, OH.

She was a member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church. She loved her church and was a faithful member. She attended even when she was not able to sit through the service. We all miss Effie and feel she is in Heaven.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday December 29, 2001, with pastor Mike Elswick and others officiating. Burial followed in Lenore Memorial Gardens in West Virginia.

*—Written by a devoted daughter-in-law, Lola Nell Pacific,  
and her good friend, Eunice Williamson*



## **BONNIE MYRTLE EDWARDS**

In loving memory of our dear sister in Christ, Myrtle Edwards. Sister Myrtle was born January 3, 1908 in Birchleaf, VA. She was the daughter of Morgan and Martha Owens. Sister Myrtle came to Detroit, MI, where she married her late husband, Albert Edwards in 1929. Through that marriage the Lord blessed them with



three children: son, Charles, deceased, and daughters, Beverly, deceased, and Patricia of Port Huron, MI. She had 8 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Sister Myrtle was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was also a loving friend to all of her brothers and sisters in Christ, and to all who met and knew her.

Sister Myrtle loved her church and the old gospel songs, especially her Lord. She joined the Old Baptist in August of 1972, and was a true and faithful member until the Lord called her home May 23, 2002. She was 94 years old and the oldest member at Deerfield Church. Her life the last 5 years was spent in Evangelical Nursing Home in Port Huron, MI, completely bedridden, but she never forgot where her blessings came from. We will love and miss her dearly but we know our loss is Heaven's gain.

—Written by brother Jackie Davis

### INES N. "SUG" CLINE



Ines N. "Sug" Cline, 68 years of age, of Leemaster, VA, passed away November 28, 2001 at her home from an apparent heart attack. Born in Buchanan County, she was the daughter of the late Bennie and Rosie Street VanDyke.

She was a lifelong resident of Buchanan County, a member of Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church since 1972. She was a faithful wife, loving mother, grandmother and homemaker.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Harold Cline of Vansant, VA.; two sons: Robert G. and wife Donna Cline, Dacula, GA; and Calvin R. Cline and a special friend Marianne Bennett of Atlanta, GA; one granddaughter, Emma Grace Cline, Dacula, GA; five sisters: Fredia Yates, Salisbury, NC, Cleo Ratliff, Vansant, VA, Ola-Gay Jewell, Max Meadows, VA, Jean Goff, Atlanta, GA, Nola Everson, Loganville, GA; four brothers: Memphis (Shorty) VanDyke, Deerfield, VA; Virgil, Harold and Ray VanDyke, all of Vansant, VA, and several nieces and nephews.

She cared about other people, she would always send sympathy



cards to people who had lost someone dear to them, get-well cards to the sick, she would try to help anyone in need. She has been dearly missed by family, friends, and brothers and sisters in the church. "Sug" always said when it came time for her to go home with the Lord she would like to go in her sleep. God granted her that wish, so sleep on sweetheart 'till Christ comes back for those he died for. With his help and mercy we will meet again.

—Written by husband,  
Harold Cline



## LOTTIE YATES VANDYKE

Lottie passed away November 28, 2001, making her stay on this earth 70 years, sixteen days. Born on November 12, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Dewey and Ida Yates of Greenbrier.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Loretta Vandyke in October 1952, and one brother, Ernest Yates

in October 1990. Surviving members of her family are her husband, Estel Vandyke, three sons: Billy, Terry and Stevie Vandyke, seven brothers: Berlin, Lonzo, John Henry, Roosevelt, Vadie, Jerry and Elzie Yates; three sisters: Margie Breeding, Berchie Blankenship and June Hamilton; four grandchildren: Kelley, Kevin, Nicholas and Rachel Vandyke; one great-granddaughter Alana Vandyke.

Funeral services were held on December 1, 2002 at the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church.

She was a very kind and gentle woman who loved God and family more than life itself. The smile on her face and the laughter in her voice will always be seen and heard throughout her home. She left a loving touch to everyone she came to know.

—Sadly missed by her husband,  
sons and daughters-in-law





## MARY ALICE (STACY) MULLINS

Mary was born June 15, 1948 to Earsel Stacy and Matilda (Smith) Stacy. She departed this life July 30, 2002, making her stay 54 years and one month and fifteen days. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Mikey Mullins, one brother, Randy Stacy, and one nephew, Russell White.

Mary is survived by her ex-husband, Mick Mullins, one son, Mickey Mullins of Blacksburg, VA, one brother, William H. Stacy and wife Becky and son Shannon of Pounding Mill, VA; two sisters: Deloris (Stacy) Ward and husband Avon of North Tazewell, VA, with their two children Chris Ward of North Tazewell and Karen (Ward) Dardeau of Montgomery, AL; sister Sharon (Stacy) Barton and husband Gerald of Haysi, VA; daughter Stephanie (White) Coleman of Garden Creek, VA; two aunts: Christine Stacy and Thelma Daughten, both of Slate Creek; two special friends: Dale and Kelli Stiltner; and host of relatives and friends.

Mary was a person whom everyone loved. She loved to hear the Gospel preached; she was a believer in the mighty works of the Lord. She was a great help to her Aunt Tine; they spent time shopping together and just visiting. She also spent a lot of time talking to her Aunt Thelma.

—Written at the request of the family  
Elder Don Stacy and Avon Ward

## MAUDIE WEST BLACKBURN

Maudie West Blackburn, 95, daughter of the late Amos and Polly Smith West, was born on February 15, 1906 and departed this life on Thursday October 11, 2001, making her stay on earth 95 years, 7 months, and 26 days.

She was married to Roy Blackburn, who preceded her in death on February 12, 1987. Also preceding her in death were two sons, Harold and Millard Blackburn; seven brothers: Greenville, Perry, Finis, Kenny, Forrest and Marvin West; four sisters: Ollie Hall, Bethel Thacker, Orphia Mullins and Elva West.



Maudie was a homemaker and a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. She was baptized in August, 1969.

Maudie is survived by one daughter, Elizabeth Coleman of Canada, KY; four grandchildren that she raised as her own: Bobby Blackburn and Ann Thacker of Canada, KY, Jerry Blackburn of Columbus, OH and Janice Rhodes of Louisville, KY; four more grandchildren and a host of loving friends.

So weep not, children: for mother is only sleeping in Christ until he comes again to take his children home, where we will be in His presence forever. Sister Maudie believed in the doctrine Salvation by the Grace of God.

—Written by Deacon Wade Smith,  
Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church



### **ZELLA COLEMAN SMITH**

It is with much sadness and pain in my heart that I will try to write the obituary of my mother, Zella Smith. She was born January 31, 1910. Lord Jesus called her away February 22, 2002, making her stay on earth 92 years and one month. She was the daughter of Wilburn and Nancy Elizabeth Coleman.

My Mom was a homemaker and a member of the Johns Creek Primitive Baptist Church. She joined the church on October 2, 1949, and was a faithful member for 53 years. She loved to attend church and did so until she became too ill.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Noah Smith, and one son, Cecil Smith. Mom also had one daughter, Melda Layne, who passed away shortly after Mom on June 18, 2002. Mother and Dad had five sons: Jeffrey Sawyer Smith, Floyd Allen Smith, Wilber Wilburn Smith, Alfred Smith and Cecil Smith; three daughters: Melda Layne, Lassie Coleman and Fannie Layne. They also had 24 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren. I have the hope in Christ that we will be together again someday. Sleep on, Mother.

—Written by her heartbroken daughter, Fannie Layne





## EILEEN VARNEY

Through many tears and broken hearts, we will try to write the obituary of our loving mother, Eileen (Layne) Varney. Mom was born in Pike County on August 25, 1953, the oldest child of Lee and Fannie (Smith) Layne of Kimper, KY. She was united in marriage with Gordon Lester Varney on December 19, 1970. To their union were born Kristi Lea (Varney)

Weddington on November 29, 1977 and Gordon Lester Varney II on March 17, 1989. Dad, Gordon and I could never express in words how much Mom meant to us. She is also greatly missed by one son-in-law, Kenneth Kyle Weddington, three sisters: Madelene Colemand and Kathleen Pugh, both of Meta, and Geraldine Preece of Kimper; one brother Ronnie Layne of Kimper. She also leaves behind heartbroken nieces, nephews, and many, many friends.

Mom was very devoted to her family. Anytime that anyone in the family had a problem, Mom was called on for assistance. She helped everyone in any way that she could. She always made sure to take my grandmother and grandfather where they needed or wanted to go. Mom was also an excellent housewife; she never missed a morning of getting out of bed at 5:00 a.m. to get my Dad's lunch prepared and his clothes ready for work. She did any task around the house that needed to be done. Mom was especially devoted to her children; she always made sure that we had nice clothes and looked our best every day. She never missed a ball game or any school activity that we were involved in. Later in my life, she made sure that I had a college education and after my marriage, she made sure that I had a home to call my own. She strived to give me and Gordon the best she could. Mom was a very dedicated parent at Kimper Elementary School and was active the Parent-Teacher Association, Site-Based Decision-Making Counsel, and Parent Leadership Program. She wanted to help each child succeed in school and in the world, not only her own. She enjoyed being among people, and made sure to stand up for what she thought was right. We are all still so proud of her.

Mom was diagnosed with colon cancer, which had spread to



her liver, on September 26, 2001. No one, including Mom, could believe what the doctor was telling us. Only two weeks earlier, we were outside working in her flower beds. The doctor told us that Mom would be lucky to be with us at Christmas. We were all devastated, and in total denial; there was no way this could be happening. Mom kept up her hopes and always told us that she would be fine, and that she had to live to finish raising Gordon. She never lost her will to live through it all. Through many prayers, Mom was able to endure surgery and came home to stay with us for two weeks. During this time, she received many beautiful cards and flowers, and special visits from friends. She especially enjoyed the visit with Michael Smith, who sang her some songs, shared with her the Prayer of Jabez, and held prayer with her. Then things took a turn for the worse, she was hospitalized for two weeks, and on Friday we were told that Mom could go home on the following Monday. However, on Saturday Mom went into coma. She was placed in Intensive Care Unit, where she remained for the last month of her life. Although we were told that it was impossible, we know that the Lord allowed Mom to awaken enough to squeeze our hand, open her eyes, and nod her head when we talked to her. At times she would move her mouth in an attempt to talk. She was able one last time to tell us that she loved us. The doctors told us this was impossible; however, we know that with the Lord all things are possible. Mom fell asleep in Jesus' arms on December 4, 2001, surrounded by many family members and friends. We were by her bedside holding her hand during this tragic time.

Funeral services were held at Cedar Bottom Old Regular Baptist Church, with Paul Dean Justice, Michael Smith, Michael Elswick and others officiating. Mom was laid to rest on a small knob out from my house at Gabriel Creek of Kimper, which we now call Eileen's Garden of Rest.

Although I wish Mom did not have to go, and I would have taken her place any time, I am glad that she did not have to suffer for a very long time with the illness. I can still see her sitting up in her hospital bed singing alone with Paul Dean as he sang "He's My All and All," one of her favorite songs. And though Mom was called away at an early age, the lives she touched will never be forgotten, and she will live in our hearts forever. Mom is now our guardian angel watching over us as we tread through this old world.



Please continue to pray for us as we struggle to go on without her.  
We love you, Mom.

—Written by her heartbroken children, Kristi and Gordon

### OPAL SMITH

Opal Tamsy Smith, 76, of Delbarton, died December 20, 2001 in the Appalachian Regional Hospital. Born June 17, 1925, in Vulcan, WV, she was the daughter of the late Grover Cleveland and Louise McNeely McCoy. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence "Chicken" Smith.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, KY. She is survived by six daughters: Linda Mullins of Matewan, Phyllis Sexton of Lakeland, FL, Louise Diamond Curry of Elk Creek, Donetta Wright of Puritan Mines, and Paquita Copley and Ella Coleman, both of Delbarton; 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 23, 2001 at the Chafin Funeral Home with Elder Mike Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Stratton Cemetery at Delbarton.



## 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 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 into the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies received by him, and payout 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 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 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 give his light on the subject, except they break the Rules of Decorum.
11. Names of 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 willfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd 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. Anyone of the 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.



STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION											2002
CHURCHES	CLERKS	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RELATION	RESTORED	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	SATURDAY OF MEETING	Contributions of each Church
Louisa	Bradley Worrix, Jr.	1	0	0	2	4	5	3	71	2	\$100.00
Old Pond	Shelby Jean Hill	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	56	2	\$150.00
Big Creek	Wade Smith	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	59	3	\$100.00
Raccoon	Timothy Coleman	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	73	4	\$200.00
Peter Creek	Randy Smith	1	0	0	1	0	0		77	4	\$100.00
Sulphur Springs	Ronald Moore	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	36	1	\$50.00
Little Hope	Frank J. Ball	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	39	1	\$100.00
Grapevine	Olen J. May	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	24	3	\$60.00
Samarra	Leslie D. Hatfield	11	5	0	0	0	1	4	176	3	\$125.00
Feds Creek(Little Union)	Ernest Blair	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	8	1	\$50.00
Johns Creek	Carl Coleman, Jr.	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	27	2	\$100.00
Calvary	Andrew Hunt	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	36	1	\$100.00
Dry Fork	Ruth Maynard	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	53	2	\$127.50
Friendship	Martin Childers	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	4	\$25.00
Columbus	Sandra Harris	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	86	4	\$125.00
Deerfield	Barbara Holyfield	6	1	1	1	0	1	2	51	4	\$100.00
Pleasant Hill	Ann Barton	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	39	1	\$60.00
New Hope	William Dotson	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	14	4	\$50.00
18		29	10	3	8	6	19	32	947		\$1,722.50



- 54 -



## DIRECTIONS

### DIRECTIONS TO BIG CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE MATTER CREEK ASSOCIATION MEETING IN 2008

From Pineville, Kentucky, travel 18 miles north on U.S. 119 to  
Methuene Fork (KY-2154). Turn right up Methuene Fork for  
approx. 3.18 miles to Big Creek Church house on the left. From  
Williamson, West Virginia, travel 11 miles south on U.S. 119 to  
Sidney exit at the bottom of the off-ramp, turn left on old U.S.  
119, go 1.5 miles to Methuene Fork on the right, follow creek  
above.

### DIRECTIONS TO PETER CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE MATTER CREEK ANNUAL MEETING IN 2008

From Pineville, Kentucky, travel 9 miles north on U.S. 119 to  
junction of KY-194E at Mena. Turn right on KY-194E, travel 10  
miles to junction of KY-832 at Humber; go straight on KY-832  
10.5 miles to Smith Fork Road (KY-3419) on the right. Turn right  
across the bridge to Peter Creek Church house. From Williamson,  
West Virginia, travel 10.5 miles south on U.S. 119 to junction of  
KY-194E at Mena. Turn left on KY-194E, and follow stream  
above.



---

## **DIRECTIONS**

---

### **DIRECTIONS TO BIG CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE MATES CREEK ASSOCIATION MEETING IN 2003**

From Pikeville, Kentucky travel 19 miles north on U.S. 119 to Meathouse Fork (KY-3154); turn right up Meathouse Fork, go approx. 3/10 mile to Big Creek Church house on the left. From Williamson, West Virginia, travel 11 miles south on U.S. 119 to Sidney exit; at the bottom of the off-ramp, turn left on old U.S. 119, go 1.5 miles to Meathouse Fork on the right, follow directions above.

---

### **DIRECTIONS TO PETER CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE MATES CREEK ANNUAL MEETING IN 2003**

From Pikeville Kentucky, travel 9 miles north on U.S. 119 to Junction of KY-194E at Meta. Turn right on KY-194E, travel 10 miles to Junction of KY-632 at Kimper; go straight on KY-632 10.5 miles to Smith Fork Road (KY-3419) on the right. Turn right across the bridge to Peter Creek Church house. From Williamson, West Virginia, travel 20.5 miles south on U.S. 119 to Junction of KY-194E at Meta. Turn left on KY194E, and follow directions above.



