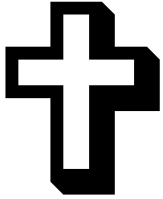
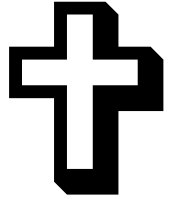


MEMORIAM



“PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD
IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS.”

– Psalm 116:15 –



We pause at this time to pay special tribute to our beloved people who have passed from among us since we last met.

“A person or loved one to us loaned;
Was ever by the Father owned;
Allotted time they’re ours to keep;
When God reclaims we’ll trust, not weep.”

Deep within our hearts will remain the sainted memory these our brothers and sisters in Christ. Their names shall be engraved on the pages of our BOOK OF MEMORIES – We honor them. This association at large mourns their passing.

ADKINS, Naomi Ruth
BREWER, Ronnie G.
CARTER, Juanita “Ruth”
COPE, Sherry Ann
FIELDS, Randy
HOLBROOK, Ruby Jean Sturgill
JOHNSON, Dorothy D.
KING, Christopher “Chris” Clarence
LAWSON, Dustin Eric
LAWSON, Pauline Osborne
MOORE, Gerald H.
O’DELL, Roma
PENLEY, Polly Gene Robinette
PUCKETT, Charles “Junior”
THACKER, Gladys Fields
VANOVER, Rose Rita (Workman)
WILLIAMS, Bennie
WILSON, Don Allen
WINSTEAD, Lawrence

BAILEY, Danny Kay “Bird”
BURKE, Bradley Tyler
CAUDILL, Dorce “Sonny”
EDENS, Christina
GILREATH, J.D.
IRVIN, Larry Keith
JOHNSON, Margaret Ann
LAMBERT, Linda Raymond
LAWSON, Maggie Ellen Lambert
LAWSON, Wilma Jean
MORRISON, Nancy Brooks
PALMER, JoAnn Jennings
PHILLIPS, Dennis
SPURLOCK, William G. “Bill”
VANHOOSE, Edith
WALLEN, Edsol
WILLIAMS, Lowell
WINEGAR, Elmer Wayne

NAOMI RUTH ADKINS, of Troy, OH, went home to be with Jesus on December 31, 2020, at the age of 64. Her devotion to family and her firm belief in God supported her struggle and ultimately gave her peace. Naomi was born to Joe and Emma Jean Robinette on February 16, 1956. She was immersed into the Christian faith by her loving parents at a young age. Naomi was a member of Fairview Primitive Baptist Church. She loved to sing and worship with her brothers and sisters.

Naomi was blessed with a large and loving family. She married her best friend, Reed Adkins, on June 29, 1997, in Jackson, OH. Naomi and Reed were a blessing to all who listened to them praise the Lord together in song throughout the years. Singing was a lifelong passion of Naomi's. She brought many people to Jesus over the years through her songs and testimonies. Her family and friends are sure to miss her light shining in their lives.

Naomi was preceded in death by her first husband, Carson Payne; one brother, Fred Robinette; her niece, Candy Johnson; and one great nephew, Kaden Johnson.

Naomi is survived by her loving parents, Joe and Emma Jean Robinette; her husband, Reed Adkins; five children, Christy (Stephen) Cook, Shannon Payne, Tyler (Cathy) Adkins, Mary (Chuck) Petersimes, and Matt (Bobby Jo) Adkins; two sisters, Donna Robinette and Joanne (Mike) Longacre, three brothers Kyle Robinette, Parmer Robinette, and Jason (August) Robinette. She also leaves behind a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins, who will miss her loving smile.

For more than 30 years, Naomi worked for Kroger. She was a manager with a servant heart. She often spoke of her fellow coworkers and friends there. She retired in February 2020.

-Written by the family

DANNY KAY "BIRD" BAILEY, 71, of Surgoinville, passed away March 3, 2021 after a brief illness. He was a member of Long Hollow Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clinton and Ellene Bailey; brothers Jephtha Bailey and Clinton Bailey, Jr. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the Vietnam War. He was loved by many and will be

greatly missed. Survivors include his daughters, Kimberly Danielle and Danielle Renee Bailey; son, Brendon Bailey; stepchildren, Travis Buckholz and Lacy Unroe; grandchildren, Zaelin Tucker Thomas Roberts, Brinley Unroe, and Emeri Jade Unroe; brother, James Richard Bailey; sister, Sharon (Dennis) Phipps; several nieces and nephews, and special friends, Brenda Renee Johnson, Bennie Williams, Patrick Mahoney, Ralph Lindsay, Lisa and Izak Griggs. Until we meet again in Heaven.

-Written by the family

RONNIE G. BREWER, age 68, of Sneedville, passed away February 18, 2021. He professed faith in Christ at the age of 15 and joined Swan Creek Baptist Church. Ronnie loved to sing. He was a very special husband, and he will be sadly missed. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harrison G Brewer & Hazel Perry Brewer; brother, Charles Brewer and his stepmother, Ora Hatfield Brewer

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Nancy Brewer; sisters, Mae Dean (Ralph) Sutton, Pauline King, and Argel Lee Seal; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and a host of other family and friends.

Ronnie had many beloved friends, neighbors, and brothers and sisters in Christ, all of whom are blessed by memories of his kindness and his faith. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but his loved ones are assured that he is resting peacefully with the Lord.

-Written by his wife, Nancy

CAROLYN ANN "ROBINETTE" BUCHANAN, age 80, of Medford OK, passed away Tuesday, July 21, 2021, at the Integris Bass Hospital in Enid, OK. Carolyn was born on May 21, 1941, in Bellbrook, OH. She was the daughter of the late Annie Sue "Walker" Beegle and Wesley Ellsworth Beegle. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Claude Ray Beegle; a sister, Jenny Sue Keeton; great-grandson, Landyn Wade Graham; son-in-law, Billy Eugene Whitt; and daughter-in-law, Regina Kerns Robinette.

On May 26, 1956, Carolyn married Roy Parmer Robinette. This union blessed them with four daughters and one son: Geraldine Whitt, Mary (Alvin) Ashcraft, Roy Daniel Robinette, Shirley (Jerry) Biby, and Ruth Ann (Kevin) Guinn. While living in Chandler, OK, Roy's life tragically ended in 1985.

On November 7, 1987, Carolyn married Calvin Jerry Buchanan where she was blessed with two step-sons, Roger (Cindy) Buchanan, and Danny Buchanan. After an extended illness, Jerry passed away in 2013.

Along with her children, she is survived by two brothers, Joel (Diana) Beegle and Mike (Shirley) Beegle. A host of friends, nieces, nephews, 12 grandchildren, and 21 great children will miss everything about her.

Carolyn loved her family more than anything. She looked forward to the big family gatherings where all of her family could be together. She also enjoyed her work with the Wheatheart Program in Medford right up until it closed in 2019.

-Written by the family

BRADLEY TYLER BURKE, age 87, of Sticklelyville, VA, passed away November 26, 2020. He was a member of Livingston's Chapel/Wallen's Creek and last attended Blue Springs Church in Sticklelyville. He was preceded in death by his parents, Zach and Mary Burke; brothers Champ, Jim Bruce, and infant brother John David Burke; sisters Fern Marcum, Zelma Bowens, and Francis "Wren" Tomlinson.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Judy Burke; two children, Deborah Hammonds and Larry Burke, sister Lois Page, five grandsons, and nine great-grandchildren.

Tyler was a meek and faithful servant of the Lord, which he openly expressed through prayers and testimonies. Although he is deeply missed by all, we find great comfort in knowing he is with his Savior in Heaven.

-Written by church family

JUANITA "RUTH" CARTER, age 97, of Waynesville, passed away Monday, April 19th, 2021, at Bethany Lutheran Village.

Ruth was born November 22, 1923, in Blackwater, Virginia, to Roberta (Stewart) and Ramon Victor Childress. She lived her early years in Kingsport, TN, before making her home in Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, William Carter in 1993, and more recently by sons, Terry and Garry. Ruth is survived by her daughter, Barbara Emrick (Donald), son Merrill, and daughter-in-law, Gynger Carter, grandchildren, Lindsey, Lauren, Amy, Matthew, Amber, Ryan, and Bradley, great-grandchildren, Hava, Titus, Carter, Ethan, Emily, Nicholas, Ashley, Elana, and Maliyah.

Ruth enjoyed church and was a loyal member of Fairview Primitive Baptist Church for decades. As a dedicated homemaker, she loved cooking, baking, sewing, crocheting,

quilting, and food canning, and often gifted apple butter and jam to family and friends. She had a large garden and grew her own vegetables and grapes, which she used to make grape juice and grape jelly.

-Written by the family

DORCE “SONNY” CAUDILL, 82, of Whitesburg, passed away August 22, 2021 at the Highlands ARH in Prestonsburg, KY. Sonny was the son of the late David and Dorothy Basham Caudill. He was the widower of Joyce Collier Caudill. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Betty Caudill.

Surviving are sons, Rick (Debbie) Caudill and Tim (Cheryl) Caudill; special grandchild, Kayla; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

He was a member of Little Cowan Primitive Baptist Church.

-Written by the family

SHERRY ANN COPE, age 60, of Sneedville, passed away December 1, 2020 at home with family. She was a member of Swan Creek Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Norma Jean Baker, Tyler Baker, and J.D. Collins; several aunts & uncles; father-in-law, Fred Cope; and brother-in-law, Lonnie Cope.

Survivors include her Husband, Fred Cope Jr.; daughter, Tasha (Michael) Gordon; grandchildren, Adren (Michael) Pruitt and Elijah Seal; great-grandchildren, Diesel Pruitt and Hallie Pruitt; sisters, Joyce (Carson) Bolden, Shirley (John) Willis, Tricia Collins, Delois Collins, Kathy Collins and Bernice Collins; and brothers, Venice Collins and Dennis Collins.

-Written by the family

CHRISTINA EDENS, 86, of the Cave Springs community, passed away on Saturday, February 27, 2021. She was born in Kentucky on Christmas day. She was preceded in death by parents Burley and Sudie Hall; husband Claude Edens; and several other close family members. Surviving are: her children, Sandy Edens, Debbie Thompson, Eugene Edens, and Sharon Shepard; her beloved grandchildren, Jared and Derek Edens; Chance and Cameron Thompson; Ashley, Jordan, and Cody Shepard; adorable great-grandchildren, Makayla, Kandice, Hadlee, and Lillian Edens; Brianna Thomas; Logan and Landon Light; brother Ronnie Hall; several nieces and nephews and in-laws.

Christina was a member of Valley View Primitive Baptist Church where she served as Sunday School Teacher of the Ladies' class for several year. There will be a joyous reunion in Heaven.

-Written by church family

ALLIA MAE ELDRIDGE, 89, left her earthly life on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 for her eternal home in heaven. Allia Mae was born August 7, 1932 to the late Earl and Eva (Wallen) Hall of Kyles Ford, TN. She called Blackwater, VA home after marrying the late Ralph Eldridge, where they lived and raised their family. After her health declined, she became a resident of Lee Nursing, Pennington Gap, VA.

During a revival in 1945, she gave her heart to the Lord and was saved on January 28th at Willis Chapel Primitive Baptist Church in Kyles Ford. She joined the church and was baptized in June of that same year. Allia Mae remained a faithful member of the church. Her health declined and she couldn't attend, but she never forgot her church and the desire to be there and hear the preached word of God. She loved her Lord and Savior and would reference his goodness many times during conversations. Allia Mae loved to sing. She spent many years with the Willis Chapel Quartet and choir as they sang in different churches and funerals. Allia Mae also taught a youth Sunday School class.

Allia Mae was a wonderful Christian mother. She loved her home and was an immaculate housekeeper. Her family was always taken care of and she loved her children to the fullest. She anxiously awaited each call and visit. She enjoyed gardening, canning and shopping. The impact she made on her children and the prayers that she showered them with will never be forgotten and her memory will forever live in our hearts. Allia Mae suffered great loss when her eldest daughter, Deborah Eldridge passed away in December 2020. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Yount.

To cherish her precious memory, she leaves behind her daughters, Karen Arnott and Genia (Eddie) Garrett; grandchildren, Travis (Carla) Arnott and Kita Eldridge; great-grandsons, Parker and Blake Arnott; and sister, Betty Yount.

-Written by the family

RANDY FIELDS, age 53, of Surgoinville, was born June 9, 1967. He passed away January 23, 2021. He was the son of the late Jean and Dub Fields. He was a member of Long Hollow Church.

Survivors are his daughter, Megan; son, Tyler; two grandchildren; brother, Jim Fields; sister, Amanda Bradley; several nieces, nephews, and cousins, and a host of dear friends.

-Written by the family

J.D. GILREATH, 86, passed away on December 18, 2020 at the Holston Valley Medical Center from complications of Covid-19.

Born May 5, 1934, he spent his boyhood years plowing fields, tending livestock, and rambling the countryside with his siblings. One memory he spoke of was as a very small child sitting under a tree playing with blocks his father would give him while his father helped build Mt. Mitchell Church.

He worked briefly as a florist before joining Kingsport Fire Department in 1957. For 34 years, he took pride in providing safety and security for the community.

His memory will remain kindled in the hearts of his sister, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren nieces, nephews, and many friends.

-Written by the family

RUBY JEAN STURGILL HOLBROOK, 64, went to be with the Lord on May 19, 2021. She was a member of Edwin Holbrook Memorial Church. She was preceded in death by daughter, Dean; son, Jonathon; and brother, Arco.

She is survived by sisters, Alice Baker and Geneva Collins; and nephew, Travis Baker.

She will be missed by family and friends.

-Written by friends

LARRY KEITH IRVIN, was born October 6, 1950 and went to be with the Lord May 28, 2021 at the VA Medical Center after a brief illness. Keith resided in Kingsport his entire life. He honorably served his country as a soldier in the US Army and fought in the Vietnam War. He retired from Eastman after 44 years of service. He was preceded in death by his mother, Marie Wilson Irvin.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Linda Irvin; his brother Elder Oscar Irvin and wife Priscilla; grandchildren Nathaniel Dishner, Joy Dishner, and Kimberly Trent; several nieces and nephews; special friend Roff Gheman.

Keith attended Poplar Grove faithfully until his passing and he is missed terribly by his church family and friends. We miss him but we are thankful for the hope that we will meet again. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Rest easy, Unkie!

-Written by his niece Tracy Graybeal

DOROTHY D. JOHNSON, age 48, of Morristown, TN, went home to be with the Lord on August 14th, 2021. She was a member of New Life Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Terry Johnson; and children, Brittany L. Johnson and Terry Zach Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred Freeman and Nancy Freeman. Also preceding her in death was her mother-in-law, Mary Ann Johnson Hodge; brother-in-law, Elder Donald Lowell Johnson; and many family and friends.

She was raised mostly by her grandmother Dorothy Wilbur and Roger and Loretta Manring.

-Written by church family

MARGARET ANN JOHNSON, age 70, of Sneedville, entered Heaven's gates to rejoice with her Savior and her heavenly family on September 14, 2020. She was a member of Swan Creek Baptist Church.

A loving wife, mother and grandmother, Margaret was a remarkable cook and enjoyed preparing meals for her family and friends, especially over the holidays. She will be greatly missed by all of her family and so many others who had the privilege of knowing her.

Margaret was preceded in death by her son, Elmer "Ray" Bunch; father, Edgar Helmick; mother, Bobbie Helmick; mother, Ina Self; sisters, Linda Wright and Janice Helmick; and brother, Rick Helmick.

She is survived by her husband, Junior Lee Johnson; sons, Johnny (Ann) Bunch, Jerry "Duck" (Angie) Johnson, and Jack (Carrie) Johnson; grandchildren, Taylor (Justin) Burke, Leigha (Tyler) Lee, Madison Johnson,

Tyler Johnson, Lillian Bunch, Hayden Johnson and Patrick Collins; brother, Nelson (Mary) Helmick; sisters, Becky Helmick & Pamela Cox; and several nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

-Written by the family

CHRISTOPHER “CHRIS” CLARENCE KING, born January 29, 1974, went home to be with the Lord on December 24, 2020. He loved the outdoors and hunting. Finding his true calling and passion in law enforcement, he began his career with the Hancock County Sheriff's Department. Along the way, he also worked as a community corrections officer for the Third District Community in Sneedville and also as an investigator with the Bean Station Police Department. He joined the LMU Campus Police and Security Department as the second in command in 2017. November 7, 2020, he was appointed Chief, where he had big dreams for the campus, staff and his family. Chris made many friends over the years of his career, and many he loved as brothers and family. He was preceded in death by his dad, Clarence King; and Bill Singleton, whom he loved as father.

He leaves behind his wife of 25 years, Sharon King; sons, Corey (Callie) King and Hunter King; mother, Pauline King; sisters, Diane (Danny) Lamb and Tina (Mark) McCoy; nephew, Michael (Stephanie) Lamb; niece, Ashley (Brandon) Duckworth; Sylvia (Grandmur) Singleton, whom he loved as a second mother; and many friends and extended family.

-Written by the family

LINDA RAYMOND LAMBERT, was born September 18, 1949 and entered into eternal rest and peace March 24, 2021.

Linda lived most of her life in Blackwater and Lee County, VA before moving to Weber City, VA. She was an active member of Osborne's Chapel Church and later at West View Church.

She remained a loyal servant of the Lord at West View as long as she was able. She loved her church families and neighbors. She checked in on friends often. She was a dedicated and hard worker all of her life.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, John C. Raymond and Nannie M. Fannon Raymond.

She is survived by her son, David W. Lambert III and wife Tammy Head Lambert; grandson, Cameron Dawson; sister, Margaret Raymond Wallen and husband Gary Wallen; and many nieces and nephews as well as her extended Lambert and Wallen families.

-Written by the family

DUSTIN ERIC LAWSON was born in Sullivan County, TN on January 24, 1981 and departed this life November 30, 2020 at the age of 39 years, 10 months and 6 days. He was the son of Daniel (Danny) and Rebecca (Becky) Winkle Lawson.

Dustin graduated from Sullivan Central High School in 1999 and from Northeast State Community College in 2011.

He married Tressa Ball on July 15, 2010 and to this union was born 1 daughter.

Dustin was saved in 2015 and joined Blackwater Lick Church. He was blessed with a wonderful strong singing voice and sang proudly for the Lord. He was a hard worker who loved to sing God's praise and help in any way possible for the church. He would give you the shirt off his back just to help.

He worked at various companies, mostly dealing with the cell phone industry; climbing cell phone towers and performing equipment audits all across America.

Dustin was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Elder Virgil Lee Winkle and Faye Sampson Winkle; and his paternal grandfather, Elder Carl Lawson; several aunts, uncles and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Tressa Lawson; 1 daughter, Darcy Makenna Lawson; 1 stepson, Casey Hartsell; his parents, Danny and Becky Lawson; 1 brother, Adam Lawson (Holly); his paternal grandmother, Pauline Osborne Lawson, who passed away 1 day after his passing, and a host of friends and relatives.

His greatest joy in this life was serving the Lord. Always willing to lend a helping hand, he touched countless lives over the years. His pain and suffering are finished, his knees and back do not cause him any pain now and he is home with the Lord.

- Written by his mom and dad

MAGGIE ELLEN LAMBERT LAWSON, age 89, of the Mountain View Community, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on August 28, 2021, at Ridgecrest Manor in Duffield, VA. She was a beloved mother, a longtime member of the Mountain View Primitive Baptist Church. She was a homemaker, who loved quilting, gardening and her flowers. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Ruby Lockhart Lambert.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Lawson; and daughters, Tammy Rivers Mooneyhan and Ruby Lawson.

She is survived by daughter, Angela Lawson; son, Ivan and wife Lana Lawson; grandchildren: Jessica and Jacob Lawson, Joshua Rivers, and Eric Lawson; great-grandchildren, Jacob Curtis Lee Rivers, John Paul David Rivers, Gracie Marie Lawson, Josie Lee Lawson and Mia Jerrell; sisters, Doris Burke, Thelma Welch, Mary Lou Woodard and Opal Muncy; brothers, Roy Lambert, Carl Lambert, and Harold Dean Lambert; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

-Written by the family

PAULINE OSBORNE LAWSON was born in Lee County, VA on February 18, 1922 and departed this life December 1, 2020 at the age of 98 years, 9 months and 13 days. She was the daughter of the late Orbin and Maxie Horton Osborne.

Pauline graduated from Blackwater High School and worked on the family farm before moving to Kingsport. She married Carl Lawson on February 7, 1947 and to this union was born 1 daughter and 2 sons.

Pauline was saved at an early age and joined Blackwater Lick Church. As a part of the Osborne Quartet, she was privileged to sing in many churches throughout the tri-state region. She lived her life serving the

Lord through her songs of praise and in any way she could help the church. She was a true example of the virtuous woman spoken of in Proverbs.

Upon moving to Kingsport, she worked at J.P. Stevens Cotton Mill and the Kingsport Press. She studied hard to obtain her cosmetology license, later working as a Hair Dresser.

She was the last remaining sibling of her family, being preceded in death by her parents, Orbin and Maxie Horton Osborne; her husband, Elder Carl Lawson; 4 sisters, Rubena Osborne, Nannie Kate Wallen, Madge Canter and Peggy Mellons; 2 brothers, Johnny and Delano Osborne, and 1 grandson, Dustin Lawson.

Survivors include 1 daughter, Betty Ann Baker (Hershel); 2 sons, Carl Lawson, Jr. (Linda) and Danny Lawson (Becky); 6 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

Her greatest joy in this life was serving the Lord. Always willing to lend a helping hand, she touched countless lives over the years. Her suffering is over, her legs are steady, and she is at rest with the Lord in that place she sung about for so many years.

-Written by her children

WILMA JEAN LAWSON, age 90, of the Dryden community went to be with her Lord and Savior on May 26, 2021, at her home. Jean was a loving and dedicated wife, mother, and daughter. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years Calvin Brownlow Lawson, her mother Golden Marie Morefield, and brother Vernon Morefield.

She is survived by her daughter, Judith Marie Lawson; grandson Jason Todd Hartsock and wife Julia; sister-in-law Sarah Elizabeth Lawson; special friends, Gene Smith; Susie and Joe Jones, Dorothy Hall; several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Jean was saved at Valley View Church where she was baptized and joined soon thereafter. She was a quiet, respected, and elegant lady who will be greatly missed.

-Written by the family

GERALD H. MOORE, known as Jerry or Gerrell to family and friends, died peacefully on October 25, 2020 after a brief battle with Covid-19. We are heartbroken and devastated by our loss, but we find strength and solace through our Lord and Savior and the promise that He made us, that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

He is survived by his loving and faithful wife of 51 years, Anita Huff Moore; daughter, Melanie Moore Deckard (Joey) and step-granddaughter Bethany; brother-in-law, Jim Huff (Pam); special nephew, Jacob Huff (Hollie) and daughter Johnna; sisters, Betty Casteel and Jackalo Garrison; sister-in-law, Yvonne Moore; and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family and loved ones.

Jerry was a kind and gentle Christian, born in Emboden, VA on February 10, 1937, to the late Clarence and Georgia Watkins Moore. He was also preceded in death by his two dear brothers, Buddy Moore and Scottie Moore, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lester and Gladys Huff.

Jerry loved to tell of his adventures in Cracker's Neck with his siblings, and he cherished the memories of singing with them in The Moore Family Singers throughout their childhood. This love of music never left him, and our entire church community still loved to hear him. The memories of his musical proclamation *It Is Well With My Soul* give us great comfort during this difficult time.

He loved and appreciated the simple things in life, such as being home with his wife after retiring from Eastman in 1991, and being a loyal member of Blackwater Lick Primitive Baptist Church, where he served as trustee and assistant song leader. His smile and gentle nature were a blessing to everyone who knew him.

-Written by his wife and daughter

NANCY BROOKS MORRISON passed away May 2, 2021 at age 79. Nancy was a member of Poplar Grove and attended faithfully as long as her health permitted. We always enjoyed Nancy's testimony. She loved reading her Bible, was a loving mother, grandmother, and sister.

She was preceded in death by husband, Gene Brooks; second husband, Howard Morrison; and brother, Jerry Caldwell. She is survived by daughter, Sara Simpson; grandson, Elijah Simpson; brothers, Cecil, Dennis and David Caldwell; stepsisters, Pat Hunter, Darlene Jackson and Kathy Duncan; and several nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

ROMA O'DELL was born December 1961 and left this life on February 13, 2021 for her Heavenly home. She was saved and joined Burke's Union Church when she was young.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Daphalene Bledsoe; and sister, Julia Cobb.

She is survived by sisters, Rena Moore, Margie Shepherd, and Mary Arnold; and brother, Stanley Bledsoe.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. So rest until that day when Jesus comes again.

-Written by the church

JOANN JENNINGS PALMER departed this life for her Heavenly home on July 9, 2021. Born the second daughter of nine children to Noah and Daphne (Kilgore) Stapleton in Scott County, VA, she lived most of her life there. She was married to Hobert (Doby) Jennings and had two sons, Paul and Terry. She was a member of Copper Creek (Addington Frame) Church for many years and faithfully attended until her passing. She was also an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She had five grandchildren, Amanda, Lori, Necole, Leighann, and Brian, and four great-grandchildren.

She was a quiet and gentle lady who gave of herself seeing after family and friends. She was a hard worker and retired from Eastman Chemical Company. She was a blessing to our family and loved by all who knew her. She was married to Roland Palmer in later years, and they enjoyed several years together. We miss her every day, and we know she is resting in

paradise awaiting the reunion of her four loving sisters, Nell Kendrick, Marie Addington, Flo Minton, and Carol Culbertson.

-Written by her sister, Flo Minton

POLLY GENE ROBINETTE PENLEY, age 90, of Greeneville, TN, went to be with the Lord on November 4, 2020 at Holston Valley Medical Center. She retired from North American Phillips (Magnavox) with 40 plus years of service and was a member of Marion Robinette Memorial Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Grover C. "Pete" Penley; parents, Carson and Clara Goan Robinette; brother, M.C. Robinette, Jr., and wife, Barbara; sisters, Eula Kate Sexton, Evelyn Jessee, and husband, Arnold, Millicent Thacker, and husband, Earl; and one great-grandson.

She is survived by her brother, Wayne Robinette, and wife, Shirley; special great-grandson, Zack Wilds, who resided with her; special daughter-in-law, Glenda Jones; two sons, Kyle and Warren Gene Penley; four grandchildren, Brandy, Alexander, Alisha, and Shane; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

DENNIS PHILLIPS, age 58, of Bulls Gap, passed away on June 23, 2021, in Bristol Regional Medical Center. He was a graduate of West Greene High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Broadcast Management and a Master of Arts degree in American History and European Studies from East Tennessee State University.

Dennis was a former disk jockey at WSMG radio station serving the Greeneville community and was an Adjunct Professor of History at Walters State Community College.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Peggy Self Phillips.

He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Joy Sexton Phillips; son, Larry Lawson, Jr. (Dayna); grandson, Jordan Lawson; sisters-in-law,

Dorcas Fairchild, Gloria McLain, and Minnie (Susie) Sexton; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

-Written by his wife, Joy

CHARLES “JUNIOR” PUCKETT, 78, went to be with the Lord on Monday, January 25, 2021 at his residence. He was born on December 6, 1942 in Scott County, VA, a son of the late Fannie and Lizzie (Thompson) Puckett. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in Germany. He was a loving husband, father, papaw and friend and will be dearly missed. Rev. Puckett pastored numerous local churches and was a member of Willow Chapel Primitive Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Kathleen Puckett; brother, Rev. Ronald Puckett and nephew, Shannon Rhoton. Surviving are his loving wife of 55 years, Sue Puckett, of the home; daughters, Kim Lee and husband Johnny, Ft. Blackmore, VA; Christine Burke and husband Adam, Kingsport, TN; grandchildren, Derrick (Jessica) Bowen, Sabrina Sawyer, Dalton Sawyer, Ashtin Burke, Haley Burke and Brandon Lee; great – Grandchildren, Gabe Lee, Mckiah Johnson, Mickey Johnson, Riley Bowen, Maddox Johnson, Ezruh Ashworth, Krestley Lee, Maverick Burke and one great grandchild expected in October; niece, Brenda Rhoton; nephew, Ronnie Puckett; several great nieces and nephews; very special friend, JM Dorton.

-Written by the family

WILLIAM G. “BILL” SPURLOCK, age 88, of Kingsport, TN, was born in Harlan County, KY on February 15, 1932 and passed away on October 29, 2020.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George L. and Senora Wilson Spurlock; two sisters, and two brothers.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his son, Roy Alan Spurlock; and two sisters and one brother.

He is survived by his wife, Jeweldean Short Spurlock; sons, Billy Spurlock and Alan (Annette) Spurlock; daughter, Vickie Spurlock;

granddaughter, Anna Marie Spurlock; special nephew, Sean Short; and special friend, Daniel Powell.

He was a faithful member, Deacon, and Church Superintendent for Poplar Grove Church. He attended faithfully as long as his health allowed.

His gentle soul and quiet spirit will be missed.

-Written by his wife Jeweldean and daughter Vickie

GLADYS FIELDS THACKER, age 76, of Rogersville, went home to be with the Lord on Monday May 3, 2021. She was a member of Long Hollow Church. She loved to spend as much time as possible with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John (J.C.) Thacker; daughter, Delois Lawson; son, John Curtis Thacker; grandson, Johnathan Earl Lawson; parents, Willie and Ruth Fields; brothers, Dub, John, Fred, and Lynn Fields; sisters, Dorothy and Louise Fields and Sue Laster; and special niece, Jamie Charles Miller.

She is survived by her daughter, Debbie Dalton (William); grandchildren, Toddy Stubblefield, Jesse Dalton, Emily Lawson (Justin), Sammatha and Austin Dalton; sister, Margie Charles (Woodroe); sisters-in-law, Linda, Brenda, and Kay Fields; brother-in-law, Raymond Laster; and special nieces and nephews.

She was loved by all and will be sadly missed by family and friends. Until we meet again, we hold sweet memories.

-Written by the family

EDITH VANHOOSE, age 96, of Wilmington, OH, passed away peacefully in her sleep July 10, 2021. She was born August 5, 1924 in River, KY where she was a member of the River United Baptist Church. Edith was an honorary member of Macedonia Church. She was a devoted Christian and faithfully served Richardson Chapel Church and the Ohio Primitive Baptist Churches. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and prayer warrior for her family.

Edith left behind one daughter, Connie Nelson; six sons, Danny (Sharon) VanHoose, Allen (Shari) VanHoose, Roger (Penny) VanHoose, Bill VanHoose, David (Pam) VanHoose, and Sam (Vicki) VanHoose; sister Betty Stapleton; 25 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Edith was preceded in death by her husband, Elder Claude VanHoose; five children, Lanceford Darrell, Denvil Keith, Gypsie Francis, Wanda Lou, and Brenda Kaye; one grandchild; and 14 siblings.

She has carried us in her heart all these years and now we will forever carry her in ours. We miss you every day, but rejoice in knowing that you are home and resting in the arms of Jesus.

-Written by the family

ROSE RITA (WORKMAN) VANOVER, 68, of Xenia, went to her eternal rest May 5, 2021. She was predeceased by her parents, George Workman and Edna Workman (Gregg); and her brothers, Robert, James, David, Roger and Wayne Workman (Buck).

She is survived by her children, Billy Vanover of Xenia, Christopher Vanover (Beth) of Xenia and Anna Lawson (Bill) of Wilmington; her grandchildren, Ashley McPherson (Dallas), Cody Lawson, Drake Lawson (Abby), Jesse Vanover, Breana, Deena, Harley Vanover, Shane Vanover and Jessica Vanover; her great grandchildren, Madilyn, Weston, Alayna, Landen of Adriana, KJ, Lane, Logan and Elizabeth; her siblings, Wanda Hatfield, Linda Sutton, Dorothy Hill (John), Richard Workman, Larry Workman (Sera), Mark Workman (Debbie), Qwendolyn and Patricia Workman; and her sisters-in-law, Marlene, Loretta Workman, Penny and Sarah Workman.

She was the 11th child of George and Edna (Gregg) Workman. Rose gave her life to Jesus and served the Lord unto death. Rose was a faithful member at Fairview until her health would no longer allow her to attend.

-Written by the family

EDSOL WALLEN, 80, of Yellow Springs, passed away Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at Hospice of Dayton. He was born August 12, 1940 in Rogersville, TN the son of Ernest and Bessie (Willis) Wallen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings: Charlise Rhodes; Wilma Yount, Nancy Johnson, Junior Wallen, Eldon "Sonnie" Wallen, Rogan Wallen and Clifford Wallen.

He is survived by his sisters: Barbara (Wayne) Johnson and Yvonne Wallen; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He had formerly been employed at Nicks Restaurant in Xenia and was a member of the Fairview Primitive Baptist Church.

-Written by the family

BENNIE WILLIAMS, age 72, of Rogersville, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 12, 2021 at Bristol Regional Hospital. She was a member of Long Hollow Church. Her pride and joy was her family. She retired from Jacob's Construction of 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hugh Edward Williams and Pauline Short King; sister, Kathy Pearson; and best friend, Danny Bailey.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Griggs (Eric); son, Michael Burton (April); grandchildren, Tiffany Burton and Izak Griggs; great-grandchildren, Aaliyah and Autumn Wambaugh; special little man in her life, Zaelin Roberts; stepchildren, Danielle and Brendon Bailey; brothers, Larry, James, and Fayne Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

-Written by the family

LOWELL WILLIAMS, age 79, went to be with the Lord October 22, 2020. He was saved at Pink Hill Church in April 1981 and was a member there until he passed away.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Clyde Edgar and Maude McPeek Williams; father and mother-in-law, Bill and Bessie Allen; and sisters, Thelma Chess and Dorothy Horton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Louella Allen Williams; sons, Anthony and wife, Jennifer Williams and Allen Williams; grandchildren whom he loved so much, Cooper and Adleigh Williams; sisters, Mary Lox Hickman and Bonnie Williams; brother, Woodrow and wife Janet Williams; and several half sisters and brothers, nieces, nephew, and cousins. He will be greatly missed by the family and everyone that knew him.

-Written by his wife, Louella

DON ALLEN WILSON, 65, passed away May 25, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Bertha Wilson.

Surviving is his wife, Beth Davenport Wilson; son, Jeremy Wilson; stepdaughters, Megan Davenport and Courtney Knorr; three step grandchildren; brother, Ed (Bonnie) Wilson; two aunts, one uncle, cousins, and a host of friends.

Gone from our lives, but never from our hearts. Rest on until we meet again.

-Written by the family

ELMER WAYNE WINEGAR, 77, left his earthly body to enter the arms of Jesus, on November 6th, 2020. He was a lifelong resident of the Robinette Valley Community. He drove a truck for Holston Builders for 30 plus years. He was also a member of the Virginia National Guard. Wayne accepted Christ at a young age and was a faithful attendant at Shelby Creek Primitive Baptist Church as well as Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Most days he could be found tending crops on his farm or sitting reading his old worn Bible.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Edellas Russell Winegar, and his brother, Michael Winegar.

Left behind to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 53 years, Patsy Matlock Winegar; his brother, Larry Winegar (Joyce); daughter, Michelle Hensley (Bobby); his three grandchildren, that were the joy of his life, Dillon Hensley and special friend Brandi Ramsey, Austin Hensley (Morgan) and Erin Hensley; great grandson, Thomas Hensley; several nieces, nephews and many friends that he loved dearly. His presence and fellowship will be forever missed by his Christian brothers and sister.

-Written by the family

LAWRENCE WINSTEAD, 72, of Kingsport, went to be with the Lord on August 10, 2021 due to Covid. He loved making music with his family band, Appalachian Strings. He attended Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist and Shelby Creek Churches.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Cora (Mossie) Winstead; 3 sisters and 8 brothers.

Lawrence is survived by his wife of 48 years, Dorothy Winstead; daughters, Cora Horne (Kevin) and Christie Gent (Brian); son, Mitchell Tomlinson (Beverly); sister, Juanita Head; 3 grandsons; 2 granddaughters; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He's playing with the Heavenly band. Until we meet again.

-Written by family and friends