

Let us never depart from what sayeth the word of God.

(1) Let younger brethren always be reminded that they are to be courteous, and to treat elder brethren as fathers.

(2) All churches and moderators should bear in mind that when a church is newly organized and has elected its officers, they become an independent working body.

(3) Be ye also reminded that all preaching brethren should be courteous and kind one to another, and to never, no never, be guilty of telling visiting brethren that you don't need their help. It's an open violation against you to do so.

(4) Let all our churches be reminded that they are not to lord anything over a sister church in regards to the way they take communion. If you do not feel right in taking the communion the way sister churches practice it, please excuse yourself quietly, and don't talk, or make remarks as to their failures, or the way they have been taught. Remember, it is still God's house and you may be held responsible to God for the remarks that you make concerning them or about them.

Dear brethren, if you meet with brethren who handle loose talk, or tell tales on other brethren, don't join in with them, lest you become as guilty as they. But rather shame them and kindly ask them not to talk and make remarks about the imperfections of their brethren. If a brother has aught against another let him do as the Bible says: "Go to them, and them alone." If you regard my advice as unselfish, and coming from the heart, you will obey it. I feel that if you will practice these simple rules it will help to bring about a great and unbounding peace to our association.

Humbly, your unworthy moderator—
Elder Baxter Osborne

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ARTHUR VANCE

Arthur Vance was born June 4, 1913, at Beaver, Kentucky in Floyd County. He was the eldest son of the late Sylvester and Mary Alice Vance. He was married to Rosa Mitchell on April 1, 1933 and to this union were born twelve children, one of whom preceded him in death, Arthur Austin Vance, Jr. The surviving children were six daughters: Loretta Horne, Valda Dawson, Gilberta Lutz, Lois Marcum, Peggy Kauffer and Saundra Vance. The surviving sons are: Glen, Wellmon, Julius J., Gary M. and Coy D. Vance. He is survived by 19 grandchildren, five sisters: Maudie Hall, Lena Sammons, May Hall, Myrtle Fraisure, Maggie Wheatley and two brothers: Ernest Vance and Noah Vance and many other relatives. Because of his intense love for people, his friends in this life are too numerous to mention.



Arthur joined the church at the Little Angel Union meeting in July, 1974. He was baptized in August, 1974 at the Little Angel Communion meeting. He loved the church so and was devoted to the work of the Lord. At the time of his death he was a Deacon at the Little Angel Church. He traveled long distances every Sunday to worship with his beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. He peacefully went to sleep and departed this life on December 28, 1977 at the Madison County Hospital in London, Ohio. When God called him to rest he was 64 years, 6 months, and 24 days old. His life's work included being a farmer, electrician and miner.

We, his wife and children, are so very thankful that the Lord blessed us with such a wonderful husband and father. Our hearts are full of treasured memories, and we recall wonderful times. We look forward to being reunited with husband and dad because we know he will be waiting open-armed for us, to light with celestial love, our pathway to eternity.

Written by his wife and children.

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OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
AUGUST 4, 5, 6, 1978

FRIDAY SESSION

As the sun of early morning began to move in, causing the darkness to flee, a cool breeze blew gently and the singing of birds in early morning could be heard. The Brothers, Sisters and the friends of the Old Regular Baptist faith began to assemble together from distances far and near, greeting each other with a warm handshake and smiles of gladness at being able to assemble once more. As the singing of the glorious songs of Zion began to ring out, one soon forgot the many miles they had traveled, to be among God's people.

Elder David Slone, in a meek-like spirit, introduced the services, telling the congregation, that he was "not ashamed of the man called Jesus." He said he was glad he could stand and represent Him, as a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of a storm, that Jesus was the door and the only one that can forgive sin. He was blessed with the holy spirit to beg men and women to meet the man called Jesus. Prayer by same.

Being chosen by the delegates at our 1977 session to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Paul Adkins approached the stand in a very humble spirit and began to preach. He said that if only in this life we had hope, we would be of all men most miserable, that Jesus was coming again, for us to watch and pray. The time was now at hand, he said, for men and women to get ready, that any way with the Lord won't do. There is a way, which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Prov. 14-12). He was blessed with the divine spirit to preach that Jesus was the only way from earth to heaven and after this life the inward man will live on and on.

Being dismissed from the stand, our beloved Moderator invited the delegates to gather at the church house where the business of the Association was to be conducted.

The delegates thus assembled, Elder Anthony Hamilton was called on to make remarks. By the expression on his face and the gladness in his heart one could see that he was thankful that God once more had blessed him to assemble with the brethren. He admonished the called men of God, that we need to preach the truth and set a pattern for young men and women to follow, that the world is in a sad condition, and if people would trust in the Lord, He would lead them in the right direction. He called on the assembly to lay a foundation and that Jesus was that foundation, a solid rock, a tried stone that was hewed out of the mountain and filled the whole earth. Prayer was offered by same.

After brief remarks from our beloved Moderator, the Association proceeded to do business as follows:

OTIS TRIPLETT

With good memories but much weakness, I will try to write the obituary of a brother in the Lord, but an uncle in nature. I feel too little and unworthy to do so. For those who know God, death is a joyful time, and we feel with all our hearts that Brother Otis Triplett knew the Lord. He so often said, we first must die before we live, and he wanted all his suffering here.

Otis was born August 17, 1910. He was the son of Zack and Eliza Triplett who preceded him in death. On August 8, 1935 he was married to Audry Wicker. Into this union was born eight children, one whom preceded him in death at infancy. Seven are still living: Bob, Bill and Brennon, all of Ray; Don of Chillicothe, Jo of West Virginia, Minnie of Florida, and Tom of Kentucky. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters: Savillis, Curt, Dave, Freddy, Reed, Creed, Edith, Mauda, Mary, Margaret and Lucille. He has one sister and three brothers who preceded him in death: Sister Girlie Warrens, Brother William Lee, Lacy and Mitchell.

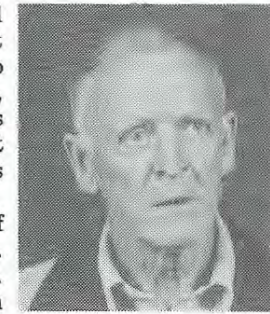
Brother Otis joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the third Sunday in August in 1977. He didn't get to go to church long before he came.

He had many good talks and instructions for all his children, neighbors, and friends, and there was always room in his home for all his people.

I know there is no words that can express the loneliness and the emptiness in his home now, but however, we feel he is a shining angel in glory where there are no more dreadful diseases. His suffering and his troubles are all over now.

My best wish is, "May the same love and spirit of our Lord lead his family through the same door in which Brother Otis came through, and I know it will if they will come as Brother Otis came!"

Written by a niece,
Sister Janice Graves



In a cold and lonely graveyard
Where over sweet Mother lays
Lies the body of our dear Poppy
Which we could not save.

Dear Poppy we wanted so much to keep you
We watched over you night and day,
Until at last with broken hearts
We saw you pass away.

You tried to laugh and joke with us
As long as God would spare
Then with tears streaming down our face
We watched you leave us here.

God was with you while you suffered
He knew you had your share
He gently closed your eyes
And took you in His care

Dear God take this message to Mom up above
Tell her and Poppy we miss their love
To us they were like a pair of singing doves
And please God, give them all our love.

A broken-hearted daughter,
Faye Rogers

ESTILL THORNSBURY

With a sad feeling I will try to write the obituary of my father, Estill Thornsbery, who was a member of the Mt. Zion Church of Old Regular Baptist Church in McGuffy, Ohio. He joined and was baptised into full fellowship on the third Sunday in August, 1960.

He was the son of Henry and Rachael Thornsbery. He was born to this union on May 6, 1925, passing this life on November 20, 1977.

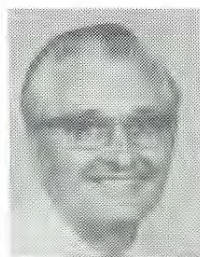
Early in life he married Delia Slone and to this union was born six children: a son, Philip, who died at birth; Mildred, Farley, Wilma, David and Douglas.

He served the Lord and the church faithfully for 17 years, and was a deacon of the Mt. Zion Church for a number of years.

Daddy had so much love for people and touched so many lives with this wonderful love. He was always willing to lend a helping hand.

He will be greatly missed by his most devoted wife, children, and grandchildren, his sisters and brothers and a host of friends and relatives.

Written by a broken-hearted daughter, Mildred Gilmore.



1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed into the Assistant Clerk. On motion and second the letter from the Little Rebecca Church was read by the Assistant Clerk, and found in order. By the same motion all the letters were received and the delegates seated. All queries and requests were referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist faith organized by electing the following officers to serve for the next 12 months:

Elder Baxter Osbourne	Moderator
Elder Roy Caudill	Assistant Moderator
Elder Hillard Newsome	Clerk
Bro. C.W. Turner	Assistant Clerk

3. On motion and second, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.

4. On motion and second, the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum were not read.

5. Called for legally constituted churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and none responded.

6. Called for Association of our faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence, and the following responded:

(a.) NEW SALEM — Represented by the following delegates: Ealis Cotton, Offie Bartley, Grover Adkins, Mitchell Chaffins, C.B. Smith, Cletis Messer, Jink Ray, Jimmy Hall, Ted Roberson, Bob Hunter, Preston Tackett, and J.B. Vanderpool. Letters in the hands of Elder Mitchell Chaffins.

(b.) UNION — Represented by the following delegates: Charlie Johnson, Emory Bartley, Fon Bowling, J.H. Mitchell, Delbert Sanders, Heber Burke, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Gary Sanders, Paul Mc. Clanahan, Sade Clevinger, Loyd Hall, Webster Bartley, Garlan Mullins, Amos Bartley, Frank Newsome and Karrel Addington. Letter in the hands of Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders.

(c.) PHILADELPHIA — Represented by the following delegates: Bill Bartley, Rush Stanley, Mack Ross, Lowell Adkins, David Gillium, Walter Morrison, W.C. Elkins, Clifford Colley, Virgil Fields, Paul Stapleton, Paul Boggs and Larry G. Stanley. Letter in the hands of Rush Stanley.

(d.) SARDIS — Represented by the following delegates: Edwin May, James Gannon, Clifford Maynard, Mike Sheppard, Delbert Kazee, Clyde Brown and W.H. Hale. Letter in the hands of Elder Clifford Maynard.

(e.) INDIAN BOTTOM — Represented by the following delegates: J. Nelson Seals, John Preece, Merle Smith, Ivan Amburgey, Leon Adams, Eddie Dean Sexton, Lonnie Sexton, Clifford Adkins. Letter in the hands of Elder Ivan Amburgey.

(f.) MUD RIVER — Represented by the following delegates: Wilburn Toppings, Floyd Matthews and Luther Ball Jr. Letter in the hands of Elder Luther Ball Jr.

(g.) FRIENDSHIP — Represented by the following delegates: David Lester, Lacy Justus, Leonard Coleman, Elzie Reed, Jimmie Walker, Denver Hunt, Hays Hatfield, Orville Street and Josh Justice Jr. Letter in the hands of Elder David Lester.

By motion and second, the delegates representing the above named Associations were given the right hand of fellowship and invited to be seated with us in council.

7. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of three delegates from the Little Rebecca Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches, to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday, who reported as follows: for Friday evening, Elder David Lester, Old Friendship; Elder Burl Stevens, Northern New Salem and Clifford Colley, Philadelphia. For Saturday morning, Elder J. Nelson Seals, Indian Bottom; Elder James Gannon, Sardis; Elder Edwin Grover Sardis; Elder Delbert Sanders, Union and Elder Grover Adkins, New Salem.

8. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order, and the following responded: Roy Caudill, Hiram Adkins, Paul Adkins, Alex Collier, Walter Mullins and Jackson Holbrooks.

9. By motion and second, the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond with the following Associations by letter and delegates: (a) NEW SALEM, (b) OLD UNION, (c) PHILADELPHIA, (d) SARDIS, (e) INDIAN BOTTOM, (f) MUD RIVER and (g) FRIENDSHIP.

10. Appointed a committee to arrange the agenda for Saturday consisting of one delegate from each church, together with the officers of the Northern New Salem Association transients and delegates from our Sister Associations. Committee to meet back at the house at 3:00 p.m. Friday evening.

(a) By a motion and second, the Association adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

(b) Committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday noon and completed its work on the bill of arrangements. Friday's session was opened by Elder David Lester, Old Friendship. After brief remarks, he led in prayer. Second was Elder Burl Stevens, Northern New Salem Association. Approaching the stand in such a humble spirit, one was reminded of the prophets of old. Elder Clifford Colley, Philadelphia, closed the services for the evening, removing all doubts that this was none other than the Family of God, on the way to Canaan's land. Through the divine spirit, Bro. Colley was blessed to warn men and women of the danger of living and dying in sin and the joy and happiness of repenting and living for the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1978

The delegates met pursuant to adjournment Friday evening, making a joyful noise unto the Lord, by singing the glorious songs of Zion in honour to the King of Kings, for his goodness and mercy toward the children of men. Elder Fon Bowling, Union Association, came to the stand in such a meek spirit. He began to beg the brethren to love one another. He was blessed to tell of the goodness of the Lord, how He stands by His children in this life and walks with them through the valley of death. He begged the delegates to stand up and aid the officers of this grand old Association, as Moses' sisters aided him. We were led in prayer by Elder Jr. Mosley, a prayer seasoned with the good spirit, that surely the Father accepted.

Business then proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees. By motion the committee on arrangements was discharged.

2. The Clerk read the bill of arrangements. By motion and second the bill of arrangements was received.

MAUDIE (HUDSON) TACKETT LAWRENCE TACKETT

It's with a sad heart and tear filled eyes I will try by the help of God to write the obituaries of my loving Mother and Father.

Mother was born December 28, 1906 and was called away November 6, 1976 making her stay on earth 69 years. Forty-nine of those years were spent serving God as a member of the Enterprise Church. She had a hard life but the love of our Savior overcame all hardships. She loved everybody and was loved by all. She was a beacon to her children and begged them all to live for Jesus. I remember hearing her sing those old time songs and then she would cry. I think she was homesick for Heaven.

Father was born September 7, 1899 and went to meet Mother February 21, 1977. He was also a servant of God and a member of the Enterprise Church.

They were married September 21, 1920 and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1970.

To their union was born four daughters: Vaughnie, who preceded them in death; Meffie Tackett of Lincoln Park, Mich.; Zettie Johnson of Virgie, Ky.; Faye Rodgers of Ecorse, Mich. Four sons: McDonald, who preceded them in death; Covis Tackett of Ecorse, Mich.; Troy Tackett of Ecorse, Mich.; Danny Tackett of Lincoln Park, Mich.

Also to mourn our loss are mother's four brothers: Roy, Sidney, Jimmy and Sollie Hudson; also, three sisters: Edna Burke, Nora Dotson and Heltha Holbrook.

Father left behind a brother, T.J. and a sister, Iva Tackett; 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

In closing this obituary, I've written a poem especially in memory of Mother and Father.



A treasure was added to Heaven one night
When the death angel called dear Mother in flight
The stars she has left, will shine like pure gold
The walk of her life, she's already told.

I can see her in Heaven in a long white robe
With a crown on her head of love and pure gold
She's finished her chores, God told her to do
And walked the straight path that you must walk too.

For us children she laid us a pattern
And showed us just what to do
Start begging and praying to Jesus above
And he will carry you through.

church. She said she learned of the Little Ettie Church and began going there. This dear old Sister has told me so many times of how Brother Jessie Osborn and Brother Squire Hamilton come to her and ask her why not start a church in her home. Maggie's Home Church was established on April 14, 1949 in her living room and the first communion was held there. Sister Maggie told me how Brother Shade Meeks, Sister Nancy Howell and herself would get out and work and strive to keep the church going.

She was true and faithful to her church. She always met everyone with a smile on her face and a handshake. She was the same person everytime you met her. When there was a death in the neighborhood, you would see Sister Maggie going with her apron, to cook and help out in time of need. She was always willing to lend a helping hand.

She demonstrated her trust in the Lord and her faith in the teachings of the Bible by getting the Elders to lay hands on her from time to time. She became afflicted in her last few years and couldn't drive. She had to depend on her friends, Brothers and Sisters and her children to take her to church and other places. She left these last few remarks written down to be read after she was gone:

"I pray that after I am gone, my Brothers and Sisters will keep Maggie's Home Church going and keep peace in our Associations. I have seen many a lonely night, but I'm going to Heaven someday, where I'll never have another pain or be lonely anymore. I want to say, I thank all my Brothers and Sisters who took me to church. God Bless all of you.

If any of you meet my children, advise and counsel them. Tell them if they haven't made peace with God, they will have to if they ever expect to see mommy again. I feel I have gone to a beautiful country where the sun will always shine."

Sister Maggie told me so many times how she loved the old song of "Jerusalem, My Happy Home". I feel with all my heart she has found that happy home. Maggie's Home has lost a good, humble, praying sister. Her seat she sat in so many years will be a vacant spot. We all loved her so much. She was like an Old Pilgrim Mother to all of us younger sisters. She has given me so much counsel and advice. I hope and pray her children will do as she ask them to and walk in her footsteps someday soon. Sister Maggie left a light hanging in the window for them to follow.

She did not ask to walk smooth paths,
Nor bear an easy load,
She prayed for strength and fortitude
To climb the rock-strewn road.
God gave her courage she could scale,
The hardest peaks alone;
And transformed every stumbling block
Into a stepping stone.

Written by a Sister-in-hope,
who loved her very much,
Sister Lenoris Baker

3. The Circular Letter written by Elder Walter Mullins was read by him. By motion and second the letter was received. By the same motion, Elder Joshua Hicks is to write a circular letter, subject to approval at the 1979 Session of the Association.

4. Appointed a committee on finance as follows: Elders Parris Tackett, Karrel Addington, W.P. Deel. They reported money received as follows:

Church Contribution	\$2390.00
Picture Contributions	290.00
Total money received	2,680.00

By motion and second the finance committee was discharged from their duties.

5. The Moderator called for the treasurer to report. He reported as follows:

Balance in bank Aug. 1976	\$ 875.21
Church Contributions 1977	2,155.00
Picture Contributions 1977	110.00
Total money on hand Aug. 1977	\$3,140.21

Expenses for 1977

Printer's fee	\$2,105.00
Secretary's fee	200.00
Typing paper	1.97
Legal pad62
Mailing labels98
Postage and Insurance	28.38
Envelopes	2.79
Printing of letters to church Clerks55
Printing of 500 Dismission Letters	14.96
Total expense for 1977	2,355.25
Money in bank for 1978	784.96

6. By motion and second the treasurer's report was accepted. By the same motion Elder Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 5,000 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.

7. By motion and second obituaries of deceased members and friends of the Northern New Salem Association are to appear in these minutes. They are to be typewritten and double spaced. A charge of \$10.00 for pictures was approved by the delegates. Also by the same motion, it was agreed the Association bear the expense of placing the picture of Elder Roy B. Akers in the current minutes. By motion and second by the delegates, this the 21st. annual session of the Northern New Salem Association be dedicated to Elder Roy B. Akers, in appreciation of his services as Clerk and the Moderator appoint a committee to write the dedication note. Committee appointed: Elder Baxter Osborne, Elder Parris Tackett, Elder Hiram Adkins and Elder Forest Osborne.

8. The committee on ministry chose the following Elders to preach Saturday evening and Sunday. Saturday evening; 1. Elder Loyd Ray, New Salem; 2. Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem; 3. Elder Mitchell Chaffins, New Salem. Sunday morning, 1. Parris Tackett,

Northern New Salem; 2. Karrel Addington, Union; 3. Baxter Osborne, Northern New Salem.

9. Called on brethren who agreed to attend union meetings and Associations last year to make their report. By a motion and second, it was agreed to omit item #9. Also called for brethren who would agree to serve as messengers to our Sister Association, and the following agreed to attend:

NEW SALEM — when convened with the following churches that agreed to host the Association being held in the permanent Association building, Minnie, Floyd Co., Ky. Beginning on Friday, before the fourth Saturday in September, 1978 and continuing the two following days. Names of the hosting churches: Ball Branch, Bethel Stone Coal, Coney Fork, Providence, Rebecca, Hollybush, Ball Fork and Little Zion. Delegates to attend: Hezekiah Osburn, Emmitt Tackett, Robert Wallen, Albert Hamilton, Walk Sturgel, Johnnie Newsome, Birchell Short, Amos Williams, Hershel Blevins, Conley Daniels, Forest Osborne, Birbage Howell Jr., Joshau Hicks, Floyd Newsome, Golden Newsome, Ray Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, Squire H. Watts, W.P. Deel, Parris Tackett, Ira Kendrick, John Mullins, Jackson Holbrook, David Slone, James Branham, Edgel Jones, Anthony Hamilton and Baxter Osborne. Letter in the hands of Bro. Emmitt Tackett.

UNION — when convened with the Darton Creek Church, Darton, Pike Co, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1978 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Hezekiah Osburn, Emmitt Tackett, Maynard Ratliff, Clarence Jenkins, Albert Hamilton, Walk Sturgel, Joshua Hicks, Floyd Newsome, Golden Newsome, W.P. Deel, Euel Ratliff, Parris Tackett, John Mullins, Ira Kendrick, David Slone, Buddy Carty and Baxter Osborne. Letter in the hands of John Mullins.

PHILADELPHIA — when convened with the South Fork Church, Melrose, Greenup Co., Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1978 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Forest Osborne, George Collins, Virgil Hicks, Amos Williams, Buddy Carty, Joshua Hicks, Floyd Newsome, Golden Newsome, W.P. Deel, Anthony Hamilton, John Mullins, Parris Tackett, Ira Kendrick, Johnnie Newsome and Baxter Osborne. Letter in the hands of Elder Parris Tackett.

SARDIS — when convened with the Bent Branch Church, Meta, Pike Co., Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1978 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Floyd Newsome, Joshua Hicks, Golden Newsome, Howard Parsley, Parris Tackett, Ira Kendrick, Buddy Carty, Baxter Osborne, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins and Squire H. Watts. Letter in the hands of Ira Kendrick.

INDIAN BOTTOM — when convened at the permanent building, Sassafras, Knott Co., Ky. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1978 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Hezekiah Osburn, Clarence Jenkins, Lawrence Day, Birchell Short, Conley Daniels, Squire H. Watts, C.W. Turney, Parris Tackett, Baxter Osborne, John Mullins and Euel Ratliff. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne.

Sister Alta joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, on the first Sunday in May 1963 and was baptised on the second Sunday in May, 1963. Although she said the Lord forgave her on Feb. 1st, 1962, she wanted to be sure. That was the way Sister Alta was. She wanted to be sure of everything she did. And that is to know for sure that you have Jesus in your heart.

I know you children will miss her, and Bro. Curt, I know you will see many lonely hours, but Sister Alta has just gone home. You children, be good to Daddy for you are all he has now. I know you all have done everything you could to make her comfortable. On Wednesday morning I had a dream. I believe the Lord let me see her go home.

I dreamed that my husband and I were standing in a river and the water was rolling upon us and I looked and saw a little girl standing on a chair. She was all dressed in white and she was so beautiful. When I saw her she had her hands lifted toward Heaven. I started to tell my husband and when he looks she was already gone. So I believe that Jesus let me see her take her final flight, and some day I hope to see her again. To her children she is the virtuous woman. She was the guiding light in her home. We shall rise up and call her blessed. She will be sadly missed by her dear companion, her family, her friends, the Little Memory Church and the several churches she visited and all that knew her. I know I will miss her because she was a dear friend and sister in Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

There is only one more thing I want to say. All our lives have been made richer because Sister Alta passed this way. If you want to see mommie again, please fall out with sin and make Heaven your home. I know Sister Alta will be watching at the gate. Her presence will always be felt. Just remember, Mother's not dead; she is just asleep awaiting the redemption of all the saints of God. To all her family you should not weep for her as one would for one that has no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and arose again, even so, them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him when He shall return to call the righteous home to everlasting peace in glory. I want to thank whomever got this information so I could write this obituary. I also want to thank the family for having enough confidence in me to ask me to write it for them. May God Bless all the children and grandchildren and especially Brother Curt.

Most humbly, your Sister in Christ,
Sister Georgia Miller

MAGGIE STEWART

It is with much sadness and an aching heart that I undertake to write an obituary of this wonderful, beloved sister in the Lord, Sister Maggie Stewart. She was born November 4, 1904 to John D. and Nancy Howell and departed this life June 14, 1978, making her stay here on earth 73 years, 7 months and 10 days.

She was married to Dock Morgan Stewart on April 2, 1921 and to this union was born five children. They are Chester of Colorado, Edward of Gallipolis, Ohio; Janie Ward of Wellston, Opal Davis of Jackson and Mary Lou Harper of McArthur. These children have lost a wonderful mother. Sister Maggie worked hard all her life but she joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Bethel, Jenkins, Ky. in August, 1936 and since then, she has been working hard for the Lord.

She moved to Dundas, Ohio in 1945, and she would get homesick to go to



We found out in 1977 that Fred had cancer. Everything that could be done was done for him. He was in Ashland and Mansfield, Ohio hospitals. No doctor could do anything for him, so we brought him home. There are so many good things I could say about Fred, but I don't need to tell the people that know. His life spoke for itself.

So this is getting lengthy, so children if you ever want to meet Dad again and I know you do, fall out with sin now and turn to Daddy's God while he may be found. Because if Daddy could call back one word it would be "You have one life to live, it will soon be past, only what you do for God will last." The clock of life is but once wound and no man has the power to know just when the hand will stop at late or early hour.

His daughter and wife,
Irene and Bertha

This is a poem that the Lord has put on my mind.

My darling companion, it seems that we had him for such a short while.
But my darling, on how I miss your sweet smile.
So sleep my darling it won't be long
until we can be together and sing our new song.
The Lord took the flower and left me alone,
but what a sweet day that will be, two roses around God's great throne.
So to his children, if daddy could say,
don't worry about your daddy just fall out with sin and come on this way.

Composed by Fred's lonely wife,
Bertha

ALTA (SLONE) SHORT

It is with much sadness and a heavy heart that I will try by the help of our Dear Lord to write Sister Alta's obituary.

On December 5, 1910, God seen fit to send a flower to Ida and Willie Slone at Leburn, Ky. And on July 19, 1978 he needed that flower for his Garden. So he came to the Dearborn County Hospital and took her home, this making her stay here 67 years, 7 months and 12 days.

She was married to Curt Short on June 27th, 1928 and unto this union was born 14 children, three sons and 11 daughters. Survivors are her dear companion Curt, two sons, Dencil and Carnell, and 10 daughters, Areeda, Arlene, Ruby, Una Faye, Racene, Loraine, Corine, Ida, Linda and Marletta. All of them live in Indiana, except Arlene who lives in Orlando, Florida. Also, her mother, Ida Slone of Garner, Ky., three brothers, Walter of Detroit, Mich.; Virgil of Pippa Passes, Ky. and Clifford of Columbus, Ohio. Also, 41 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death was a son Devon, a daughter Avanell, her father Willie, two brothers, Odis and Frank Slone, and two sisters, Vertie and Lillie Slone.

To the children I want to say you had an angel for a mother. She was one of the most humble sisters we had. When she was able to come to church she would pray and ask God to watch over her children. She would shout and give God all the praise. I know she was a shining light to me. She was a true daughter of Zion. She always had a smile and kind word for everyone she met. It would always please her to see her children come to church.



MUD RIVER — when convened with the Sarah Church, Foster, Boon Co., West Virginia. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1978 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Hezekiah Osburn and Baxter Osborne. Letter in the hands of Elder Hazekiah Osburn.

OLD FRIENDSHIP — when convened with the Little Dove Church, Hurley, Va. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1978 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Roy Caudill, Joshau Hicks, Floyd Newsome, Golden Newsome, Baxter Osborne and John Mullins. Letter in the hands of Elder Roy Caudill.

10. By a motion and second the Clerk shall take the names of ordained ministers from the church letters instead of the minutes, as requested by the Little Edna Church. Also to drop the name of Elder Kurby Perrigan from the list of ordained ministers, as he is no longer preaching under our patronage. Request granted.

11. By a motion and second the request of the Little Flock Church was granted in restoring the credentials of Elder Harrison Runyon and his name is to appear on the list of ordained ministers.

12. By motion and second the committee appointed by the Association at our 1977 session to investigate the Macedonia Church as they had applied for fellowship in the Northern New Salem Association, was discharged and by the same motion the Macedonia Church was received into our fellowship and the Association grant the ordain ministers credentials signed by the Moderator and Clerk of the Association.

13. By motion and second the committee appointed at our 1977 session to look into the feasibility of finding a permanent place to hold the Association was discharged, and to drop the idea of a permanent place for the present time.

14. It was moved and seconded that our next session of our beloved Association be held with in Little Ida Church, Ecorse, Mich. to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1979.

15. By a vote of the delegates present, Elder Johnnie Bentley is to preach the introductory sermon at the 1979 Session of our Association and Elder Walter Mullins is to be his alternate.

16. By a motion and second it was agreed to omit the reading of the current minutes.

17. By motion and second the Association agreed to adjourn to the time and place mentioned in the 14th item.

The Twenty-first Session of this grand old Association was closed by Elder Baxter Osborne who gave good advice and counsel and begged the brethren to love one another, to be good to each other that we may meet in peace, when we meet again next year. Elder Joshau Hicks led in prayer, which surely humbled the hearts of his believing children and caused each one to whipser a prayer, "Thank you Lord, I am among your people and able to eat once more, from the palms of your nail-scarred hands."

Done and signed by the officers of the Association.

Elder Baxter Osborne, Moderator
Elder Roy Caudill, Assistant Moderator
Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk
Brother C.W. Turner, Assistant Clerk

After two days of lonely weather and daylight had replaced the darkness of another night, a light mist began to fall as a large crowd of faithful believers and friends of the Old Regular Baptist faith began to assemble in the house of the Lord, greeting each other with that love that flows from breast to breast.

One could not but say, "Yes Lord, I am in the land of plenty, there's corn on the mountain, water in the fountain, and honey in the carcass of the lion, and my soul is satisfied, all because of you, Dear Lord."

Being feeble in body, yet strong in the Lord, Elder Jim Buck Vanderpool, New Salem Association, introduced the services, giving good advice and counsel, begging men and women to seek the Lord. He asked them to take heed to a light that shines in a dark place.

Elder Claude Ousley, Northern New Salem, led all in a prayer that surely was acceptable with the Lord and felt in the hearts of those in hearing.

Elder Parris Tackett, second on the stand, was blessed to declare that God was everywhere in this great universe, the greatest power on earth. The Lord established a better and living way, that would lead men and women to heaven. If they would obey that low, steel voice, they would become new creatures in Christ.

Approaching the stand a very meek and humble spirit, our beloved and highly respected Moderator, Elder Baxter Osborne, read from Psalm 37 Chapter, 3rd verse, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." Bro. Osborne was blessed to beg men and women to prepare for the coming of the Lord. He told of the Spirit, sharper than any two-edged sword. It can tell you all things, can show you the cross of Jesus, that leads to heaven. As a blessed old song; of Zion was being sung, bringing to a close another session of this grand old Association, those present gave each other a handshake for another year, with tear-dimmed eyes and a prayer in their hearts, thanking God for the peace and happiness for the last three days, going their separate ways, in hopes of meeting again, if not here, in heaven, where parting shall never come.

Thus ended the Twenty-first Session of the Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ.

Humbly,
Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk

To you, the members and friends of the Little Rebecca Church, words are inadequate to express to you our thanks and appreciation for your kindness shown to us during this Session. May God ever reward each and everyone of you who spent endless hours preparing for this great gathering. The food was of the greatest quality, as is your love and fellowship.

Also, to our friend Willard Manual, "Thanks, and may God richly bless you, for your many hours spent caring for the people. Surely somewhere sometime, God will remember you for being so considerate."

Humbly,
Bro. Newsome, Clerk

He was a faithful servant of our Lord
Right up to the very end
We've lost a wonderful brother
And the world has lost a dear friend.

Brother, Johnny just sleep on
Now you're free from all pain
Soon God's going to call all his children home
And we'll be together again.

God's great promise to his children
We'll never have to part no more
And we're going to live with Him
In peace forevermore.

It's surely worth living and dying for
To never know pain and heartache anymore
Soon life will be over and like you we'll be free
And just know joy, and peace throughout eternity.

Written by Ellaree Collins

FRED PARSONS

With much sadness I will try to write an obituary of our husband and father, Fred Parsons. He was the son of Freeman Parsons and Lizzie Stanford Parsons of Craynor, Ky.

Fred was born June 22, 1915 and passed away Jan. 18, 1978 making his stay on earth 62 years, 7 months, 17 days. On Dec. 14, 1939 he was united in marriage to Bertha Henderson. To this union was born three daughters, Juanita Williams of Grethel, Ky.; Irene Williams of new London, Ohio and Emogene Hunter of Ivel, Ky. Also, a son Bernard at home, a brother Noah Parsons of Printer, Ky.; two sisters, Nannee Spears of Honaker, Ky. and Fannie Tackett of Nova, Ohio; two half-brothers, Freeman of New London, Ohio and Ray of Kentucky. Also, two half-sisters, Sylva Lawson and Charlene Hunter, both of Honaker, Ky., and seven grandchildren to mourn his loss.

Fred joined the church April 10, 1971. He was baptised by Elders Bob Hunter and Robert Wallen. His fellowship was with the Little Pilgrim Home Church of Regular Baptist at Ruggles, Ohio. He lived a good, humble life as long as he lived. He was ordained as Deacon not long after he joined and fulfilled his duties as long as he was able to go to church. He wanted two favorite preachers in his funeral, Brothers Bob Hunter and Hershell Blevins.

Fred had a stroke in 1974 and wasn't very well any more; but he always tried to fill his seat in church, even asked the doctor to let him come home just for one day so he could go to church. Everyone loved Fred, his friends and a host of church members. He was good and humble to everyone. He would lay in the hospital bed and raise his feeble little hand toward heaven and beg the Lord to come and take him out of his punishing, saying "Oh Lord, take my home."



footsteps. He was loved by many people. I know I will miss that lovely handshake and will miss that lovely smile. You children and grandchildren will surely miss him. Home will not be the same. Sister Rhoda will miss him more than anyone. His seat will be vacant at home and at the Little Rebecca Church. His living voice has been made silent.

Tuesday morning about 9:00 a.m. that great monster called death claimed his body; but his spirit has returned to God and his soul to the paradise of God, to wait for the redemption of the body.

Dear children, remember daddy; make a start today and turn to the Lord. He will save you and you can meet daddy again where you will never have to say good-bye and you will be able to join him and sing that song, "I've been redeemed, 'I've been redeemed."

Written by his unworthy brother,
Elder H.N. Vanderpol

Just a little poem
for John Ousley

God gave us a brother and a friend
To share his life up until the end
He was a gentle man, who shared his love
But God must have needed a new light up above.

God saw fit to call him home
Very early in the day
I've heard him preach, so many times
I'm just waiting, there's nothing in my way.

He let his light shine for all the world to see
He wasn't afraid to show his love to you and me
We've all lost a brother to walk by our side
But his family can look back over his life with pride.

He was always ready to be a friend
No matter how big or small
The smile on his face when he met you
Just about said it all.

He was always willing to stand up
For what he believed was right
But he would come if you needed him
Be it either day or night.

I believe he was just waiting
To answer God's call
Now he's already paid the debt
That's coming to us all.

I know if he could speak to his family
He would say don't weep over me
Just get ready now while there's still time
To choose where to spend eternity.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Ministers and Messengers of the Northern New Salem Association:

Dear Brethren and sisters, at our last Session, I was chosen to write a Circular Letter for your inspection, and, if it would be the will of God, to be read at our next session, to be held with the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Ohio, 1978.

As I try to grant your request, realizing within myself I could not do it. With a prayer in my heart, begging to God to direct my mind, to give me words of wisdom, I feel that there are more worthy Brethren to do this job than I. So I am writing to you believing with all my heart, that the Old Regular Baptist Church is the Church of the true and living God, and you are the sons and daughters of God. Brethren, realize that all people in this world that have been born again, being baptised with the fire and Holy Ghost, are the Children of God.

The Bible teaches us that Jesus came unto his own, and his own received him not, but as many received Him to them gave Him power to become the sons of God, even them that believe in His name.

God has given us a great treasure. It is the Bible; it is the mind of God; it is the written word. Apostle Paul, in his writing to Timothy, said study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

In this book are the laws of God, but He did not stop there; He has written them in our hearts and mind. I believe when we are contrary to God's law, we will receive a chastisement. If any person receive not chastisement, they are bastards and not sons.

Be ye not deceived, for God is not mocked. So brethren and sisters, the Bible teaches us how we should be by one another. Love one another as I have loved you, preferring one another. It tells us how to conduct our lives. Keep ourselves unspotted from the world, not to lay stumbling blocks before the world of mankind.

It tells us to have manners in the house of the Lord. How to dress both spiritual and natural. Jesus Christ, the son of God has laid a beautiful pattern for us to follow. He said, "pick up the cross and follow me."

Let this mind be in you which is also in Christ Jesus. He teaches us how to pray, and He forgives us of our trespasses, providing that we forgive one another.

We have been baptized by the same spirit unto the one body and Christ being the head, He is seated on the right hand of the father to make intercessions for us. Humble and a contrite spirit I will look saith the Lord.

The Bible teaches us if we lack wisdom, ask of God and pray for understanding. I haven't written this letter as though you don't know these things, but by the help of God to try and refresh your memory.

The Bible teaches us that God's people are a peculiar people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. I believe if our Moderators of our Churches will humbly teach the laws of God for they hold the greatest office on earth, for the Children of God is easy to be interested with, and keep house according to God's law.

My brethren, when the master of the house returns, I want to have a good stewardship; I want my hands clean. Let us all live the way God wants us to. I do not see where it is needful to send queries to our Association to put laws in our minutes, if our Moderators will do their duty.

We have a wonderful Association, my prayer to God is that it will stay that way. I hope that everyone will understand this letter. I believe that God has directed my mind.

May God bless you all is my prayer.

Written by a brother in Christ in Hope of eternal life.

Elder Walter Mullins

CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION WHEN ORGANIZED IN 1958

From a long series of experiences we, the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and, upon their producing Letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.

ARTICLE 2. In the Letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by Letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

ARTICLE 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord anything over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the Churches nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church in the union.

ARTICLE 4. The Association when convened shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

ARTICLE 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 6. New Churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by Letter and delegates and, if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received; and every Church in the union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

ARTICLE 7. Every query presented by the Church to the Association, being first debated in their own Churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

ARTICLE 8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

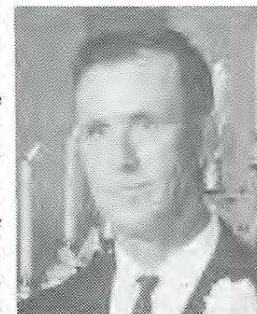
heard what I had been waiting for, how that God had saved his soul when I was visiting his home. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ and was baptised on Easter Sunday, 1978, by his son Elder Walter Mullins and Elder Bill Dunbar. He took his letter to the Little Ida Church, the place he loved.

When dad took sick, I believed he knew that he would soon pass on by the he would talk, he would praise God and pray for his children. I would like to say to all of you to get ready if you expect to see dad again. I miss him very much, but I believe I will see him again, and we will live with Jesus in that city that he has prepared for everyone that loves and serves him. So don't put it off like dad did. It may be too late; today is the day to seek the Lord, for he loves you all. Remember, you must be born again; it is not by your good works be ye not deceived for God is not mocked. "Love one another as I have loved you" saith the Lord.

Written by his son,
Elder Walter Mullins

JOHN D. OUSLEY

Elder John D. Ousley was born February 7, 1914 at Martin, Kentucky. He departed this life September 20, 1977, which made his stay here on earth 63 years, 7 months and 13 days. He was the son of Hager and Sally Ousley. He was married to Rhoda Hicks on June 15, 1935 and to this union six children were born, three boys and three girls: Frank of Plymouth, Ohio; Clause of Willard, Ohio; Clarence of Shelby, Ohio; Eleanor Haering of Mansfield, Ohio; Thelma Krupa of Mansfield, Ohio and Glenna Hamer of Willard, Ohio. He had 16 grandchildren. He left eight brothers and sisters to weep over his loss here on earth.



Brother Johnnie moved to Plymouth, Ohio in 1952 and moved his membership to the Little Rebecca Church, which he called home. He was ordained to his deaconship June 20, 1967 and afterwards experiencing his calling to the ministry. The Little Rebecca Church felt and believed his gift of preaching was profitable to the churches of Old Regular Baptist. He was ordained by a chosen presbyter and given the right to preach the gospel whenever God in his wisdom may cast his lot.

Brother Johnnie has lived a good and faithful life. I have traveled with him over the highways and his conversation were always a wholesome one of a Godly sort. His greatest concern was the church, his dear children, and his brothers and sisters. His prayer was for peace and order in the church and his counsel was always sweet and his advice always good. He always said he wanted to live just like I tell everyone else to live. So many times he would say, I have not got a grudge against anyone, I love everybody. I have seen him rejoice many times in the spirit praising God for what he has done for him.

I want to say to his dear children, relatives, and friends: Brother Johnnie just fell asleep in the arms of Jesus to wait till that great morning when he will awaken out of that deep sleep and be called up to meet the one that saved him, his Lord and our Lord. Brother Johnnie lived a good clean life and a light to his children and the world. I am sure it would be safe for anyone to follow in his

ESTLE EUGENE MINKLER

By request of the parents of Estle Eugene Minkler, I will try by the help of the Lord to write an obituary of Estle.

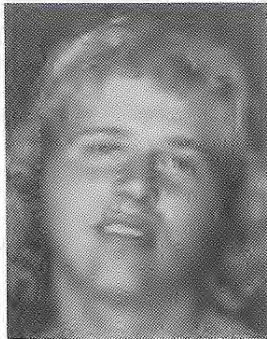
He was born August 3, 1960 and deceased December 23, 1977, making his stay here on earth 17 years, 3 months, 20 days.

He leaves behind to mourn his passing, his mother, Thada Joe Adkins Minkler; father, Marshall Minkler; three brothers, Curtis, Dean and Dana Joe; two sisters, Gloria Jean Durham and Ernestine Haley. Also, a host of relatives and friends.

Estle lived with his parents at 8570 Hudson, Romulus, Michigan, where his family enjoyed his company in this life. Although he suffered from a serious ailment for some time he never lost respect for mother and daddy, and the good counsel he recieved from them. He will be missed greatly by all who knew him, but he will be missed most of all by his Mother and Father.

I am sure of one thing, that God in his tender mercy will do right by him and all mankind.

Written by request of the family,
by Elder Raymond L. Mullins, also, of a sad heart.



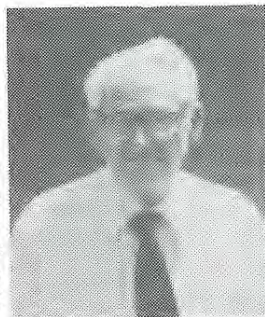
MORGAN MULLINS

By the help of the Almighty God, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved father, Morgan Mullins. He was the son of the late James L. and Mary Jane Elkins Mullins, of Myra, Ky. He was born Feb. 6, 1896, and deceased this life June 10, 1978. God blessed him to live 82 years, 4 months and 4 days.

In his young life he met and married Rosa Vanover May 16, 1916. She was the daughter of the late Wilburn and America Ratliff Vanover of Dorton, Ky. To this union was born four sons and three daughters. Mourning his loss are his wife Rose, his daughter Opal Sowards of Myra, Ky., son Julius of Odessa, Florida, son Verson of Lincoln Park, Mich., son Walter of Southgate, Mich.; son Denver of Wyandotte, Mich., and daughter Ruth Neidig of Romulus, Mich. He had a great host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a baby daughter, Lillian, who preceded him in death.

Dad was an honest and a peaceful man, and liked by all that knew him. He liked to talk about the scriptures in the Bible and loved the Old Regular Baptist Church the way he had been raised up from a child. He would welcome God's people in his home, and gave them a place to sleep and enjoyed mom's cooking for them. But he knew this would not save him, that he must be born again. For some cause he waited late in life to get sincere concerning his soul. I thank God that I saw his great change take place a few years before he died.

He loved to go to church and he would pray, begging God for mercy. Then I



ARTICLE 9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association.

ARTICLE 10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each Church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper and to send it by their delegates to the Association; and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

ARTICLE 11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association who shall receive a compensation for his services.

ARTICLE 12. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises, unless the same is dispensed with.

ARTICLE 13. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the union, if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present, except in receiving and dismissing churches and Associations which shall be by a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the Churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches; to give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the Churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association; to appropriate the money contributed by the Churches for the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have power to withdraw from any Church in the union which violates the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; and to admit any orderly Minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory. Isaiah 45:5, 1st Cor. 8:6, 1st John 5:7.

ARTICLE 2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God, and the only rules of Faith and practice. 2nd Peter 1:21, 1st Timothy 3:16, 2nd Timothy 3:16.

ARTICLE 3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace. "For by grace are ye saved through Faith." Isa. 42:1, Eph. 2:8, 2nd Timothy 2:9, 1st Peter 1:23.

ARTICLE 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore a Saviour is needed for redemption. Gen. 2:7, Romans 5:12.

ARTICLE 5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance, and believe in the gospel, and regeneration of the soul, sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none such shall fall away and be lost. Prov. 8:4, Matt. 9:13, Mark 2:17, 2nd Timothy 2:9, 1st Peter 1:23.

ARTICLE 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of JESUS CHRIST. 2nd Timothy 1:9, Luke 18:13-14, Acts 13:39.

ARTICLE 7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's church on earth, and the mode is, IMMERSION back foremost so as to cover all over. Matt. 3:14, Luke 1:9-10, John 1:31-32-33, Romans 6:4, Eph. 4:5.

ARTICLE 8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour, and that by the use of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming, by His believers. Luke 22:2-20, John 12:7, 13:7-8, 1st Timothy 5:9-10.

ARTICLE 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal. John 5:28-29, 1st Cor. 15:51-52, Luke 24:26.

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel, except such as are regular baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the gospel, and has come under the hands of a regular chosen presbytery of the church and ordained thereby. Acts, 12:2-3, Romans 1:16, Titus 1:6.

ARTICLE 11. We believe it is the duty of all church members to contribute money for defraying all reasonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor, according to their several abilities. Acts 11:29, Romans 15:26, 1st Cor. 16:1-2.

ARTICLE 12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage, or indulge people in their sins, or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving Faith in CHRIST for salvation, is erroneous, and such doctrine will be rejected by us. Matt. 16:12, Acts 8:16-21, Romans 16:17-18, Eph. 4:14-15, Gal. 18:9-10.

ARTICLE 13. We believe that the church of CHRIST is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ, who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and with one another, and have given themselves to the Lord, and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the gospel. John 11:8-11, Acts 2:42, 1st John 1:3.

ARTICLE 14. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church, and the government thereof is upon His shoulders. Isaiah 9:6-7, 22:21-22, Luke 1:33.

ARTICLE 15. None of the above articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation, so as to make God partial directly, or indirectly, or to injure any of the children of men; nor shall any of these articles be altered without legal notice, and free consent. John 3:16, Heb. 2:9.

ELDER HARVEY LOWE

It is with a sad heart, but many precious memories, that I attempt to write the obituary of my father, Elder Harvey Lowe. Dad was born April 28, 1896, and departed this life March 7, 1978, making his stay on earth 81 years, 10 months, and 6 days.

He was the son of Charley and Millie (Fraley) Lowe. On June 8th, 1919, he married Maudie Pauley, and to this union were born eight children, three of whom preceded him in death. The five remaining children are: Mrs. Elva Gilliam, Marion, Ohio; Mrs. Thelma Aiken, Marion, Ohio; Mrs. Nelvia Hunt of Waverly, Ohio; Mr. Burley Lowe of Marion, Ohio and Mrs. Janive Underwood of Danville, Illinois. He has 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, four sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, and a number of half brothers and sisters left.

We all miss him so much but I know mama misses him most of all. They had lived so long together, over fifty-eight years.

Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the 4th Sunday in August 1932, and was baptised by the hands of Elder Johnny Taylor and Elder Heenon Maynard. He took membership with the Big Branch Church of the Sardis Association, and lived in that church until we had to move them here on account of their health, a little over a year before he died.

Dad wanted his membership brought to the Family of Love Church, at Wyandotte, Ohio, where he was so happy. It seemed like the first time we took him there he liked it so much, and felt so at home. Dear Brothers and Sisters thank you for making him feel that way. I believe it was the happiest year of his life. He loved going to church so well.

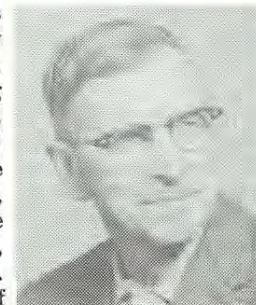
He was a wonderful father to his children, and a good companion. He had many friends here in this world. He lived a good life and read the Bible so much. I remember when I was a child we would go to bed at night, and all of us would go to sleep, but Dad would sit there and read in the Bible. I would go to sleep and wake up in the night maybe two or three times, and the old oil lamp would still be burning and he would be sitting there all alone reading. I miss him now, if there was ever anything that I wondered about or didn't understand, I would go to him and he could explain it to me. Dad always gave us good advice and counsel. He was so sick so long, but he sure did enjoy life even up to the night before he died.

Oh! How we hated to give him up, but I believe our loss in Heaven's gain.

Written by his daughter,

Elva Gilliam

His memorial will be preached the 4th Sunday in August 1979, at the Family of Love Church, Wyandotte, Ohio.



HERBERT JUSTICE

With much sadness, I will try with the help of my mother to write the obituary of my precious dad, Herbert Justice. He was born March 19, 1922 to James and Dulcina Hobbs Justice. He was married to Inas Spears on June 14, 1947 and to this union four children were born: Jerry Ray Justice, Mrs. James Wogoman, Mrs. Joseph Chapman and Teresa Lynn Justice all of Goshen, Ind. Also, he left five grandchildren: Melissa, Chris, Brooke, Herbert and Jeremy.

He worked as a heavy equipment operator outside the coal mines in Pike County, Ky., until the doctors made him retire. He had open heart surgery in 1964.

He joined the Little Flossie Church on June 26, 1977 at a call meeting at our home. He was baptised July 3, 1977 and took communion that same day. That was the last time he attended church before he passed away, on August 10, 1977, making his stay on earth 55 years, 4 months and 29 days.

He was a wonderful person and always tried to live a good life. He told us that he almost had waited too long to do what he wanted to do and that was to join the Church. He said he had missed out on a lot of joy by not coming to the church before now. He told us not to wait before it was too late.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Justice, Shelbyana, Ky., and a brother, Willie Justice, of Millard, Ky. He was preceded in death by five brothers, three sisters and his father and mother.

Dad suffered for 20 years and had a lot of will power to live. He is sorely missed by two precious people in my life, my grandparents, Kenis and Mattie Spears. He was their son-in-law, but they loved him like their own son. In his last days he found friends that were so good to him and we all felt that God sent them to him and his family. Elders Rayful Griffith, Birtchell Mosley Jr. and Morris Wicker were especially dear to him and the members of the Little Flossie Church. We all have beautiful memories of Dad but someday we will all be together again as a family. Until then, we will always love you.

Written by his baby daughter,
Theresa Lynn Justice
and
His broken-hearted wife,
Inas Justice



RULES OF DECORUM

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ARTICLE 2. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 3. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ARTICLE 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.

ARTICLE 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but

ARTICLE 6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

ARTICLE 7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.

ARTICLE 8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.

ARTICLE 9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation than that of "Brother"

ARTICLE 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the Rules of Decorum.

ARTICLE 11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

ARTICLE 12. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled; and he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

ARTICLE 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the Decorum shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

UNION MEETINGS AND COMMUNION TIME MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 1979 APRIL

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Baxter Osborne, Woody Pack, Mitchell Chaffin, Clifford Colley, J.C. Tackett, Covas Tackett, Buddy Carty. Communion Time — First Sunday in June.

PLEASANT VIEW — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Covis Tackett, Mitchell Chaffine, Karrell Addington, Frank Newsome, Ivan Amburgey, Baxter Osborne, Charley Johnson, Woody Pack. Communion Time — First Sunday in May.

LITTLE JEWELL

Elder Baxter Osborne, Rt. 6, Box 423, Ashland, Ky. 41101 . . . 928-9513
 Elder Steve Osborne, 4022 N. 47th Dr., Phoenix, Ariz. 85031 . . 247-6906
 Elder Carlos Little, 539 Burlington Rd., Huntington, W. Va. 25704
 429-1112
 Elder Henry Barney, 1915 NW 3rd St., Okechobee, Fla. 33442 . 763-7263
 Elder Hezekiah Osburn, 631 Fulton Ave., Wurtland, Ky. 41144 836-8573

MAGGIE HOME

Elder Paris Tackitt, Beaver, Ohio 45613 226-4493
 Elder Bobby Baker, Hamden, Ohio 45634 596-4450

LITTLE POLLY

Elder Rayful Griffith, Box 534 Cromwell, Ind. 46732 856-2624

MT. ZION

None

LITTLE FLOCK

Elder Anthony Hamilton, Rt. 2, Vinton, Ohio 45686 388-8765
 Elder Joshua Hicks, Rt. 6, Royalton Rd., Lancaster, Ohio 43130
 969-2988

LITTLE RUTH

Elder W.P. Deel, 240 Vernon Ave., Delaware, Ohio 43015 . . . 363-1756
 Elder Maynard Ratliff, Box 14, Fulton, Ohio 43338 864-2246
 Elder James Curry, 208 E. Central Ave., Delaware, Ohio 43015
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LITTLE MEMORY

Elder Laurence Day, Okeanna, Ohio 45053 776-4216
 Elder Perry Slone, Rt. 1, Batesville, Ind. 47006 934-2355

LITTLE EDNA

Elder Walter Parker, 920 Robert St., Lorain, Ohio 44054 —
 Elder Bart Potter, 9066 Spieth Rd., Litchfield, Ohio 44253 . . . 722-8573
 Elder Tennis Sturgill, 319 N. Lake St., South Amherst, Ohio 44001
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 Elder Walk Sturgill, 57 E. Main St., Greenwich, Ohio 44837 . . 752-3211
 Elder Denver Meade, 953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield, Ohio 44054 . 949-6048
 Elder David Slone, 5128 Orchard St., Lorain, Ohio 44055 233-5580

LITTLE IDA

Elder Walter Mullins, 13528 Fordline, Southgate, Mich. 48195 . 284-0573
 Elder Bill Dumbbar, Box 55, Providence, Ky. 365-6264
 Elder Ronald Scott, 1146 E. Kalama, Madison Hgts., Mich. 48071
 547-1063

want to see him again you will have to fall out with sin, be born again.

We will remember thee. We miss you now. Our hearts are sore as time goes on. We will miss you more. Your loving smile, your gentle face. No one can fill your vacant place.

Written by his broken hearted wife,
 Ella Hamilton

JOHN HOWARD HENDRICKS

It is with a sad heart I will try to write an obituary of my beloved husband, John Howard Hendricks. He was born January 16, 1921 to the late John and Isabella Hendricks. He departed this life November 20, 1977. He was married to Elizabeth Colecrove November 8, 1944 and to this union were born four children: Howard Hendricks of Grove City, Ohio; Larry Hendricks of Columbus, Ohio; Shirley Arnett of Columbus, Ohio and Sharon, still at home. He is also survived by five grandchildren and one brother, Carl Hendricks of Columbus, Ohio.

John was a veteran of World War II. He had never joined the church but I feel he had made peace with God. Early that morning I believe he knew he was going to die from the few words he said to his daughter and the little smile he gave me just before he left us. He didn't seem to be afraid to go. From this and a dream I had about him, I have hopes of meeting him again some sweet day. He was a good husband and father so I want to say to his children if you want to see him again, fall out with sin and make peace with God while there is yet time and don't let the family circle be broken.

Written by his broken hearted wife,
 Irene Hendricks



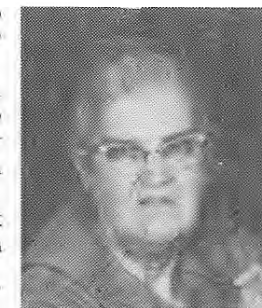
BESSIE HOBSON

With the help of God and her family, I will try to write the obituary of my sister-in-law and a dear sister in Christ.

Mrs. Bessie Hobson passed away at the age of 75 in Mercy Hospital July 23, 1978. God saw fit to call one of his children home. She was born in Letcher County to John and Nancy Wright Howell. She had lived in Ohio since 1956.

Survivors are her husband, Charley Hobson; six sons, Robert L. Newsom, Wellston, Ohio; John Hobson, Lexington, Ky.; Burton Hobson, Baltimore, Ohio; Kenneth, Donnie and Joe Hobson, all of Hamilton, Ohio. Also, one boy she raised as a son, Larry Elliott, of Hamilton, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. Frank (Viola) Stewart of Rock House, Ky.; Mrs. Paul (Opal) Ruff of Hamilton, Ohio; two brothers, Roy Howell, of Columbus, Ohio and George Howell, of Middletown, Ohio. Also, four sisters, Mrs. Matilda Isaac of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah Harris of Vinton, Ohio; Mrs. Maxie Baily of Streator, Ill. and Mrs. Alkie Lucas, of Elgin, Ill. There remain 29 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Three children preceeded her in death: Forester Newsome, Lizzie Newsome



ROSE OF SHARON — Second Saturday and Sunday in April. Paul Adkins, Joshua Hicks, Wendell Hamilton, Grover Adkins, James Branham, Buddy Carty, Johnnie Newsome, Anthony Hamilton. Communion Time — Second Sunday in May.

LITTLE JEWELL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. Robert Haney, Garland Mullens, Ivan Amburgey, Birtchel Mosley Jr., John Preece. Communion Time — Fourth Sunday in June.

MAY

ANTIOCH — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Eddie Tackett, Hiram Adkins, Baxter Osborne, Buddy Carty, I.D. Back, Ivan Amburgey, John Paul Hamilton, Doug McCarty. Communion Time — First Sunday in October.

LITTLE IDA — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Zee Holbrook, Woodrow Pack, Hershel Huff, Baxt Osborne, Leonard Kiser, Paul Adkins, Joshua Hicks, Wendell Hamilton, Grover Adkins, James Time — Frist Sunday in June.

MAGGIE HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Russell Hicks, Sam Franks, Buddy Carty, Hiram Adkins, Clifford Colley, Johnnie Newsome, Delbert Sanders. Communion Time — First Sunday in July.

LITTLE ZION — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Freeland Yates, Frank Newsome, Earl Lawson, Edgar Little, J.C. Tackett, Ron Scott, Gene Johnson. Communion Time — Second Sunday in June.

LITTLE MEMORY — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Robert Haney, Melvin Watts, Moderator and Asst. Moderator. Communion Time — Second Sunday in June.

LITTLE RUTH — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Russel Hicks, Lloyd Ray, Alson Thornsby, Woody Pack, Joshua Hicks, Paris Tackitt. Communion Time — Second Sunday in June.

LILLY OF THE VALLEY — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Aurthor Hamilton, Andy Hamilton, Bill Tackett, Ray Hamilton, Johnnie Bentley, Zee Holbrook, Birbage Howell Jr., Walter Mullins, Ellis Holbrook. Communion Time — Third Sunday in June.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Bill Dunbar, Ronald Scott, Ivan Amburgey, Tennis Sturgill, Toby Breeding, Able Johnson, Ralph Caudill. Communion Time — Third Sunday in July.

MORNING STAR — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Baxter Osborne, Melvin Watts, Junior Damron, Ralph Howard, James Tackett, Jimmy Hall, Alex Collier. Communion Time — Third Sunday in June.

MACEDONIA — Third Saturday in May. Roy Caudill, Hiram Adkins, Baxter Osborne, Robert Haney. Communion Time — Third Sunday in June.

KANSAS ELLIOTT JOHNSON

Psalms; 37:7 — Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him.

By the help of our Almighty God, we will try in our weakness to write the obituary of our Beloved Sister in Christ: Sister Kansas Johnson. She was born into this life December 7, 1907 and deceased this life February 9, 1978, making her stay on earth, 70 years, 2 months, and 2 days. She was residing in Florida at her death.

She married Henry Day Johnson, April 2nd, 1923, and to this union was born 11 children, one son, Nick, preceding her in death. She leaves to mourn her passing her dearly beloved husband, Henry, and the children as follows: Mrs. Mary Lou Holcomb, Mrs. Eva Engle and Francis Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio; Doc Johnson of Allen Park, Mich.; Mrs. Jerry Tsohis of Belleville, Mich.; Mrs. Pat Fradle and Mrs. Judy Tromble of Mt. Clemens, Mich.; John Paul of Orlando, Fla.; Gus of Norfolk, Va., Bill of Okinawa; and brothers and sisters: Mary Lambert, Frankie Mitchell, Lona Martin, Lucy Schmitto, Leona Mitchell, Hazel Sharkey, Oma Moore, Minis Elliott, John Elliott, Curt Elliott, Hurshel Elliott, Andy Elliott, Junior Elliott, Bill Elliott and Roy Elliott, 31 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Sister Kansas was a kind and devoted mother to her children and a friend to all. She had a smile and a handshake for everyone.

Sister Kansas was baptized into the fellowship of the Stone Coal Church of Old Regular Baptist in 1945. Later, she brought her membership to the Little Ida Church, Ecorse, Mich. and remained there as a faithful member until God called her home.

She often made a joyful noise unto the Lord, shouting praises to His Holy Name, often saying, "there's a better home awaiting." She told her son, Doc, in the last hours, "say a special prayer for me, but if God choses to take me, I'm ready to go."

We feel that God has opened that beautiful mansion to her and her toils and burdens of this life are neded, that soul at rest beneath the alter of the Lord.

Children and loved ones left behind, THINK, in your sorrows, what will your lot be? Will you be able to go to that beautiful place where we feel she's at rest and so often spoke of?

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.

May God Bless you all.

Written by the request of the family,
A brother and sister in Christ,
Brother Ralph and Sister Leona Caudill.



But finally, cancer won the battle, so that her body became so worn and weary that God looked in pity upon her suffering and sent his angel to take her spirit from the frail body and let her have sweet rest at last. Shortly before she left this world, she whispered to her husband and called each of her children and her sister by name and said to each of them, "I love you," and last she said, "I love Jesus." Betty said she hummed on a beautiful song and then she heard her praying. No doubt, she was praying for the loved ones she was leaving behind.

On a sad day, July 14, 1978 she breathed her last breath and softly and sweetly she went to sleep to rest until God sends His angel to waken her with all the saints who sleep today. Then we believe Sister Delma will rise, put on that long white robe and golden crown and as if with the wings of a great eagle she will go soaring away with all the redeemed to sing that beautiful song, "I've been redeemed by the blood of Jesus." Precious in the eyes of the Lord in the death of His saints.

So, children, Kenny, Joyce, Betty, and Fred, with each of your companions and all you grandchildren, consider this: will you be ready to fly away with her when that day comes? You all did the very best you could to ease her suffering and we know how great is your sorrow for we, too, have lost a mother. But you still have dad and we know that you will do everything you can to help bear his sorrow and loneliness, but the greatest thing that you could do for him would be to bring him the news, "Daddy, I have found Mother's God and your God."

Bro. Chester, we know you are sad and lonely but we haven't traveled this road yet so we can't know how deep is your sorrow, but you can rest with the blessed assurance that you did all that could be done for her and did everything possible to help her have a happy life and now you can look forward to a sweet reunion with her some sweet day.

Written by Bro. Baxter and Sis, Dorothy.

The following poem was written by our daughter, Martha Knipp, on the day Delma Johnson passed away. It might help to cheer up some of her family.

Oh, mama, we know that very soon you will be leaving us,
And we're dreading the time when you go.
But we hurt so much, mama, to see you in pain like this,
For you know how we all love you so.
You've raised us and cared for us; you taught us the good life,
And Heaven's such a good place to be.
So, mama, when you get there and walk through those lovely doors,
Just say, "Hello" to Jesus for me.
Tell Him I'm working hard and trying to do my part,
And loving my neighbor and doing good deeds.
Tell Him I'm coming soon and have Him save some room,
In the mansions He's preparing for me.
Now, mama, please don't cry, we'll see you in the bye and bye,
And no more pain will you know.
But, mama, please don't forget this message to deliver there.
Tell Jesus I'll be ready when it's my time to go.

LITTLE ENDA — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Paris Tackitt, Joshua Hicks, Junior Mosley, Alex Collier, Jesse Pack, Karrel Addington. Communion Time — Fourth Sunday in June.

JUNE

MT. ZION — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Loyd Ray, Joshua Hicks, Maynard Ratliff, Earl Lawson, Rayfor Griffith, Jr. Mosley, Virgil Wicker, Moderator and Asst. Moderator. Communion Time — First Sunday in July.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Buddy W. Carty, Chuck Ramey, Earl Lawson, Karrel Addington, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Jene Johnson, Buck Tuttle. Communion Time — First Sunday in July.

LITTLE BETHEL — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Milford Adams, J.C. Tackett, Squire Hamilton, Aaron Boyd, Jimmie Dye, Claude Ousley, Paris Tackitt. Communion Time — First Sunday in July.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Hillard Newsome, Jr. Mosley, Delbert Sanders, Ralph Caudill, Buck Tuttle, Buford Brock, Johnnie Bentley. Communion Time — Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE POLLY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Buddy Carty, Karrel Addington, Joshua Hicks, Earl Lawson, Hershel Huff, James Branham. Communion Time — Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Forrest Osborne, Doug McCarty, John Johnathan, Johnie Newsome, Lester Hall, Jessie Pack, Covis Tackett. Communion Time — Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Loyd Ray, Clifford Colley, Karrel Addington, Baxter Osborne, Joshua Hicks, Paris Tackitt. Communion Time — Third Sunday in July.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Junior Mosley, Freddie Kidd, Paris Tackitt, Woodrow Pack, Earl Lawson, Paul McClanahan, Frank Newsome, Loyd Ray, James Gannon, Baxter Osborne. Communion Time — Fourth Sunday in July.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Clarence Owens, Albert Hamilton, Zee Holbrook, Lloyd Ray, Able Johnson, Walk Sturgill. Communion Time — Fourth Sunday in July.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Rich Griffith, Virgil Wicker, Earl Newsome, Lloyd Ray, Ray Hamilton, Ivory Sowards. Communion Time — Third Sunday in August.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July, Ivory Sowards, Baxter Osborne, Melvin Watts, Junior Mosley, Bill Tackitt,

their elders. His saying was if you told someone you would do something, do it even if it would hurt you, as long as it was honest. Dad worked hard for many years in the coal mines. He left Kentucky around 1950 to come to Ohio to look for work for his family. He worked for New York Central Railroad till he retired.

Dad went to Lilly of the Valley Church of Old Regular Baptist for the last few years of his life. Dad was loved by many Brothers and Sisters and Dad loved it when the Brothers and Sisters would go home with him. Dad was always free hearted. Dad went in the hospital and stayed a few days. He came home and Dad called me that evening and told me that he was starting to go to church. I then felt that Dad was sincere. Dad did attend church when he was able. He went back into the hospital about 6 weeks later, gravely ill. The second day he was in the hospital they put him on a machine with tubes in his nose and throat and from this time on Dad couldn't talk to us. We could talk to him but he couldn't answer us, only by shaking his head "yes" or "no."

The hospital called the family the night before he died. I went in to see Dad and I said to myself surely this is the end for Dad. With all the pain and my heart was broken, I still wanted to know for myself, if he was alright with the Lord. Then I asked Dad if he believed he was alright with the Lord. He nodded his head "yes." Then I asked him if he believed he would go to Heaven; again he nodded his head "yes". I found out later his only sister-in-law asked him nearly the same questions and he nodded his head "yes". I prayed many a prayer for my Dad that he would change. And I felt that my prayers were answered. All Dad's suffering is over now and I feel his soul is resting around the altar of God. Although Dad got in at the eleventh hour, his reward will be just as great as mine.

I would like to say to his children to the ones who haven't made peace with God, to repent and be born again, if they want to see Dad again, according to his deathbed statement, and live in peace with one another and be good to Mom.

Written by Elder Squire Hamilton, his son.

LUMIE HAMILTON

It is with a sad and lonely heart that I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Lumie Hamilton. He was born to German and Sarah Hamilton, February 11, 1927 and departed this life August 9, 1977, making his stay on earth 50 years, 5 months, and 26 days. He was married to Ella Blankenship, January 15, 1949.

To this union were born 6 children: Helen Wyatt of Camden, Tenn.; Dortha Slone of Ligon, Ky.; Shirlene Johnson of Gray, Ky.; Normalene Perez of Detroit, Mich. and Elmer and Jerry Lee, both at home. He also leaves behind a father and mother, 4 brothers: Ermel, Jonas and Charles, all of Lorain, Ohio, and Sie B. of Harold, Ky.; also, 4 sisters: Bessie Howell of Beech Grove, Indiana; Mary Bell Bradley of Lorain, Ohio; Menda Fay Hamilton and Myrtle Bentley both of Pikeville, Ky.; 5 grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his loss. I feel and believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

He joined the Little Ida Church, February 11, 1964, and lived a faithful life until he was stricken down with that dreadful disease, cancer. He went to church as long as he was able to go and after he got so sick he would have me to call some of the Brethren to come and sing some old time songs, hold prayers, and lay hands on him. I want to say to the children, we have lost a great daddy, so if you



Elder Arthur Mitchell, 1712 Electric, Wyandotte, Mich. 48192 .283-2423

LITTLE FLOSSIE

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Elder Virgil Wicker, 208 Park Ave., Kendallville, Ind. 46755 . . . 347-4736

LITTLE ZION

Elder Roy Hudson, 7507-25 Mile Rd., Washington, Mich. 48094
.....781-4013
Elder Glenn Maddox, 21413 Cyman St., Warren, Mich. 48091 . . 754-6986
Elder Clarence Owens, 26707 Syracuse St., Warren, Mich. 48091
.....751-5896
Elder Garfield Hobson, 106 Blaine St., Pontiac, Mich. 48058 . . . 334-7909

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME

Elder Albert Hamilton, 113 Griggs R.E., Rochester, Ohio 44090
.....647-3124
Elder Robert Wallen, 123 Main St., Rochester, Ohio 44090 . . . 647-4052
Elder Birbage Howell Jr., 181 Nicholas St., Plymouth, Ohio 44865
.....687-8101

MT. OLIVET

Elder Oscar Holcomb, 42 E. Charlotte, Ecorse, Mich. 48229 . . . 381-9058

PLEASANT VIEW

Elder Alex Collier, 3502 W. 119th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44111 . . 671-5118
Elder Stony Blackburn, 249 Bellfield Ave., Elyria, Ohio 44035 .365-9834
Elder James E. Tolliver, 3190 Jerusalem Rd., Vermillion, Ohio 44089
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LITTLE FAMILY

Elder Roy Caudill, 6143 Paullin Dr., Middletown, Ohio 45042 . . 423-2381
Elder Hendricks Hampton, 40 Deardoff Rd., Franklin, Ohio 45005
.....746-7533

LITTLE ANGEL

Elder Hiram Adkins, Fords Branch, Ky. 41526437-7284
Elder Forest Osborne, 3425 Kitzmiller Rd., New Albany, Ohio 43054
.....855-7955
Elder Irvin Hicks, Rt. 2, Box 14, Leburn, Ky. 41831785-5624
Elder Harold Senters, 4048 Colby St., Columbus, Ohio 43227 . . 239-0057

ANTIOCH

Elder Paul Adkins, 2920 Gleeson Ln., Jeffersontown, Ky. 40299
.....491-4823
Elder Hillard Newsome, 3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40213
.....452-1197

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in August. All orderly Regular Baptist ministers welcome.

LITTLE JEWELL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in October 1978. Frank Newsome, Paul McClanahan, Birtchell Mosley Jr., Eddie Tackett, Luther Conn, Ivan Amburgey.

MAGGIE HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in June.

LITTLE POLLY — None Given.

MT. ZION — First Saturday and Sunday in September. All Regular Baptist ministers invited.

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Melvin Watts, Ivory Sowards, Hiram Adkins, Buddy Carty.

MARKUM MEMORIAL — Fourth Sunday in July. Elders Earl Newsome, Bert Hall, Lloyd Ray, Anthony Hamilton, Russell Hicks, Ivory Soward, Paris C. Tackitt.

LITTLE RUTH — None Given.

LITTLE MEMORY — Second Saturday and Sunday in August.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Sunday in August. All ordained ministers invited.

LITTLE IDA — First Saturday and Sunday in July. Buck Tuttle, Whipple Reynolds, J.H. Mitchell, Buddy Carty, Tennis Sturgill.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — July 1, 1979 to sister Rachael and Troy Sparkman and all deceased members.

LITTLE ZION — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. Hershel Huff, Clifford Maynard, Charles Newsome, Alex Collier and David Sloan.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. All Regular Baptist ministers invited.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August of all deceased members.

PLEASANT VIEW — None Given.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in October.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in March. Ellis Amburgey, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, Offie Bartly.

ANTIOCH — First Saturday and Sunday in June. All Old Regular Baptist ministers invited.

ROSE OF SHARON — None Given.

LILLY OF THE VALLEY — First Sunday in July. All Regular Baptist ministers invited.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third Sunday in September.

MORNING STAR — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Sollie Kiser, Frank Newsome, Bill Rose, Clarence Owens, Roy Caudill.

LITTLE BETHEL — None Given.

FAMILY OF LOVE — None Given.

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First Sunday in November.

MACEDONIA — Third Saturday and Sunday in October. Roy Caudill, Hiram Adkins, Baxter Osborne, Robert Haney.

turn to God and beg his forgiveness and be born again for I believe our sweet Mom is free from all the pain we saw her suffer so much. Sleep on, Mom; I believe I will meet you where we will never part any more.

A happy home once we had
A smile she always had
Her door was always open
And she would welcome us in
She crossed the river to a better home
And suffer no more will she
Your Love is a keepsake, Mom
Here it is no more
But I remember the Love you gave
My heart is weeping today
Because you are here no more.

Written by her broken-hearted son,
Arthur Isaac

DELMA JOHNSON

"A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband"

By request of a family that we dearly love, we will attempt to write a short obituary of a beloved sister in Christ to wit: Sister Delma Belcher Johnson. She was born on April 26, 1920 in Buchanan County, Va. to the late Fred and Isa Clevenger Belcher.

She was united in marriage to Chester Johnson and to this union was born four children: two sons, Kenneth Darrell of Flatwoods, Ky. and Emory Fred of River Rouge, Mich., and two daughters, Mrs. Joyce Osborne of River Rouge, Mich. and Mrs. Betty Smith of East Point, Ga. Also left to mourn her passing are eight grandchildren, two step grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Colman of Haysi, Va. and Mrs. Exie Clevenger of Grundy, Va. along with a large number of relatives and many, many friends. In the year 1950 she became tired of living in a world of sin and began to pray and she became acquainted with a man called Jesus who heard her praying and forgave her sins and saved her never dying soul. She joined the Bull Creek Church in 1950 and was baptised by Elder Johnny Clevenger and lived a faithful Christian life until called away by death.

They left Virginia in 1952 and came to South Point, Ohio where we became acquainted with them and learned to love them. Later, in 1968, they moved to Lincoln Park, Mich., where they lived at the time of her death.

She was a very sweet person and those who became acquainted with her, loved her. She was very close to use and four of her grandchildren are also our grandchildren.

She was struck with the dreaded killer, cancer, and had several operations and surprised the doctors by her recovery after surgery. Surely God had a reason for keeping her so much longer than the doctors thought she would live. Eighteen months ago the doctors told her family that possibly she would never leave the hospital or ever walk again. She surprised them all by becoming able to even do some of the household chores that she loved to do for her family. Last October she made the trip to Flatwoods, Ky. to visit Kenney and we visited with her and she was so happy to be able to make the trip.



our hearts are broken today, but by the Grace of God it can be mended some day. So, come on children, and walk with the Lord along with Mommy, Daddy, and me. I could write about the good things Mom has done and the good feelings I have about her, but the ones who loved her knew her goodness.

Our hearts are broken today
Because God called mommy away
We loved her so much
But God loved her better we know.

Our home is so lonely now
But some day we will all meet her
If we will all walk and live for the Lord
Like Mommy did.

Written by her broken-hearted husband and son,
Mitchell and Jonie Isaac

LINA JOHNSON ISAAC

With much sadness and a broken heart I will try to write an obituary of my beloved mother, Lina Johnson Isaac. She was born March 9, 1908 in Floyd Co., Ky. to Eli and Rebecca Johnson. She departed this life January 10, 1978, making her stay here on earth 69 years, 10 months, and 1 day.

In her early years she met and married Perry E. Isaac and to this union were born 14 children; 3 preceded her in death. They were 2 infant daughters and a son, Albert. That leaves 5 daughters and 6 sons: Pearlle Isaac, Melvin, Ky.; Anna Howard, Hebron, Ohio; Nannie Ewing, McDermott, Ohio; Gloria Korn, Newark, Ohio; Virginia Turner, Cedarville, Ohio; Sylvester, Wakeman, Ohio; Arthur, Cedarville, Ohio; Hearlie, Peebles, Ohio; Allen, McDermott, Ohio; Hiram, Xenia, Ohio, and Franklin, Springfield, Ohio. She also leaves 37 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. She left 3 brothers and 6 sisters: 3 preceded her in death. Left are: Martin of Halo, Ky.; Has of Jackhorn, Ky.; Albert of Halo, Ky.; Zett Hall of Kite, Ky.; Rhodina Wells of Weeksbury, Ky.; Vina Fouts of Kite, Ky.; Cora Isaac of Vinton, Ohio; Lou Johnson of Jackhorn, Ky. and Della Little of Hartley, Ky.

In the year of 1948, Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in Knott County, Ky. but for some reason she was never baptised by the water. But I believe Mom was baptised by the spiritual water and that is better than anything we could ever have here on earth.

I saw Mom suffer so much here on earth but I believe she is free from all her pain now and is resting around the throne of God just waiting for us all to come home and live with her and Jesus where we will never have to part any more. To all the family, I believe if you ever want to see our Mom again you will have to



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 Elder Johnie Bentley, 3218 22nd, Wyandotte, Mich. 48192..... 283-2983

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 Elder James Branham, 4157 Limerick Rd., Clyde, Ohio 43410 .. 547-8286
 Elder Buck Tuttle, Rt. 4, Willard, Ohio 44890 935-8131
 Elder Lester Hall, Co. Rd. 306, Vickery, Ohio 43464 684-5916

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Elder Melvin Watts, Rt. 1 Franklin, Ohio 45005 748-1916
 Elder Ellis Amburgey, 201 Troy St., Medway, Ohio 45841 849-0363

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 Elder R.Z. Castle, Grahn, Ky. 41142 286-4042
 Elder Russell Wilburn, 3490 Dowes Ct., Columbus, Ohio 43207..... —

Across the hills from yesterday
 and just beyond today,
 tomorrow waits so patiently
 to greet you on your way;
 elusive though it seems to be
 beyond the setting sun,
 although today is in the past
 tomorrow cannot come.

A treasurer thought is in our minds
 of yesterdays gone by,
 And sweer remembrance fills our hearts
 to light our weary eyes;
 today, a treasure to behold,
 a shining glowing dream,
 tomorrow, ever waiting there,
 beyond our reach is not.

Tomorrow, What a precious word;
 a promise rich and real,
 a chance to realize a hope,
 a glowing dream that real;
 another down that's yet to be
 a day that's ever fair,
 beyond the realm of yesterday....
 a new tomorrow there.

Written by Alberta Isaac

EVAN HAMILTON

With the help of God and a broken heart, I'll try to write an obituary of my dad, Evan Hamilton. He was born June 10, 1903 in Teaberry, Ky. and died Nov. 16, 1977 making his stay on earth 74 years, 5 months and 6 days.

He was the son of the late Jesse and Cordia Hamilton. Early in life he met and married Lona Newsome. Into this union was born 10 children. There were 7 sons: Roy, Squire, Tal, Rufford and William of Taylor, Mich., and Carl of Southgate, Mich; also, 3 daughters: Mrs. Henry "Velva" Smith of Jefferson, Ohio; Mrs. Lyle "Nan" Simmons of Ashtabula, Ohio and Mrs. Sherill "Kathy" Jackson of Ashtabula, Ohio.

Two children, 10 brothers and 1 sister preceded him in death. He leaves 1 brother, Squire Hamilton of Ashtabula, 29 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren and a host of friends and neighbors to mourn his passing.

To his family the death angel has taken one from our home that can never be replaced. The old home place will never be the same anymore to me; although mother is still there, something is missing. I know that you all will miss dad, but none will miss him as much as our mom, for they spent 43 years together.

In Dad's younger years he always taught his children to be honest and respect



Daddy worked in the mines when he was able so we wouldn't have to do without the things we needed. He loved little children so much. He never joined any church but loved the Old Regular Baptist family.

Mom was so lonely after daddy died but she turned to the Lord and he gave her peace. She joined the church in Aug., 1961. She got a lot of comfort and joy from the church. I was like mom, so lost and hurt without daddy that I, too, turned to the good Lord. I feel like he heard me and gave me peace and rest. For almost 17 years now he's helped me and comforted me. He'll do the same for the other kids if they'd only ask in the right way. If they only knew the peace and joy of living for the Lord, they would all be living right.

If mom and daddy could speak to them they would tell them to lay aside the worldly things and live for Jesus, so we can have a family reunion in Heaven without anyone being missing. We have no promise of tomorrow; so please, children, get ready to go where I feel mom and daddy have gone, while you have time and opportunity. Their memorial is preached every year on the 4th day of July, at the home of Dorton, Ky.

Written by Bea Newsom

ARIZONIA THORNSBERRY ISAAC

It is with sad and broken hearts that we will try to write an obituary of our dear, sweet wife and mother, Arizonia Thornsberry Isaac. Mom was born to Cecil and Linda Thornsberry in Knott County, Kentucky on December 3, 1922 and passed away June 26, 1978, making her stay here on earth 55 years, 6 months, and 23 days.

On March 3, 1939 she married Mitchell Isaac and to this union were born seven children, four sons and three daughters: Jonie and Homer of Kite, Kentucky; Cecil of Huntington, Indiana; Eddie of Weeksbury, Kentucky; Lucy Thacker of Miller, Kentucky; Lizzie Castle of Weeksbury, Kentucky and Mayzon Parker of Huntington, Indiana. She also leaves 18 grandchildren. Her mother and only brother, Hagger, preceded her in death and that leaves her dad, Cecil and nine sisters. They are: Ana Johnson of Kite, Kentucky; Claranda Bailey and Merlene Burchett of Huesville, Kentucky; Rose Isaac, Elizabeth Walker and Nancy Walker of Kendallville, Indiana; Arene Isaac of Michigan; Anna Doner and Myra Slate of Fredonia, New York.

On May 9 in 1954, mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptised by Elder Eppie Holbrook and has been a faithful member for the past 24 years. Mom was a strong believer of the sound doctrine and old time songs. Mom was the most kind and sweet mother anyone could wish for. Anyone who knew mom knew what a loving person she was and how throughout her life she was the same everyday. She loved everybody and loved going to church and singing the praises of the Lord.

Most of her thoughts were of daddy and us children joining the Church and before she died, daddy and I gave her the roses we could. I want to say to the rest of your children, I believe mom is happy because her last words were "The Lord has come after me." So brothers and sisters, I want to say if you haven't made peace with Jesus, please fall down on your knees and ask Jesus to save your souls. I believe when I leave this world I can go home and join hands with mom where we will never part anymore. Now, children, just stop and think how



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MT. ZION	Raleigh Ousley, Rt. 2, Acla, Ohio 45810	326-4494
LITTLE FLOCK	Floyd Newsome, Rt. 2, Venton, Ohio 45686	388-8159
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LITTLE MEMORY	Bill Ison, Rt. 4, Brookville, Ind. 47012	647-3266
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LITTLE IDA	Ralph Caudill, 1594 Wilson St., Lincoln Park, Mich. 48146	381-3710
LITTLE FLOSSIE	Carlie Tuttle, Kendallville, Ind. 46755	347-0361
LITTLE ZION	Otto Newsome, 7411-25 Mile Rd., Washington, Mich. 48094	781-3292
LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME	Birbage Howell, Jr., 181 Nicholas St., Plymouth, Ohio 44865	687-8101
MT. OLIVET	Elmar Adams, 6696 Pine St., Taylor, Mich. 48180	291-4715
PLEASANT VIEW	Stoney Blackburn, 249 Bellfield Ave., Elyria, Ohio 44035	365-9834
LITTLE FAMILY	Coleman Fields, 4992 Manchester Rd., Franklin, Ohio 45005	746-8829
LITTLE ANGEL	Forest Osborne, 3425 Kitzmiller Rd., New Albany, Ohio 43054	855-7955
ANTIOCH	Hillard Newsome, 3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40213	452-1197
ROSE OF SHARON	Johannie Bentley, 3218-22nd St., Wyandotte, Mich. 48192	283-2983
LILLY OF THE VALLEY	Edgel R. Jones, 7826 Ninevah Rd., Geneva, Ohio 44041	969-1785
LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME	Henry Hobson, 2339 Ohio Ave., Connersville, Ind. 47331	825-4434
MORNING STAR	Dough McCarty, 9822 Woodland Ct., Upsilanti, Mich. 48197	483-9877
LITTLE BETHEL	James Branhram, 4157 Limerick Rd., Clyde, Ohio 43410	547-8236
FAMILY OF LOVE	Clifford Bradley, Wyandotte, Ohio 44849	
HOUSE OF PRAYER	Wilmer Combs, 4433 Tangent Dr., Kittering, Ohio 45440	299-5656
MACEDONIA	Virgil Stevens, Box 131, Grahn, Ky. 41142	286-4622

and Vadna Elliott. One brother and two sisters also preceded her in death: Rob Howell, Lula Vanover and Maggie Stewart.

Sister Bessis joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about the year of 1951, at Joppa Church, Melvin, Ky. She was baptised by Elders Jerry Hall and Paris Tackett. Her membership at time of death was at Maggie Home Church, Dundas, Ohio.

She was a wonderful mother. I am sure she will be missed very much, mostly be her children and husband. But children, you can meet her again; the choice is yours.

By her walks in this life, we believe she is with God in that beautiful home above.

Written by her brother-in-law and brother in Christ,
Bro. Henry Hobson

JONAH HOGG

Jonah Hogg was born December 19, 1906 and deceased this life December 18, 1976, making his stay here on earth 70 years. He was the son of Dishman and Sarah Hogg, who preceded him in death. Also, his wife, two children, one brother and two sisters preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his loss two sisters, eight children, 31 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. He was a retired worker for the Humane Society in Dayton, Ohio. He has always been a believer in the church. In May of 1975 he joined the Little Memory Church of Old Regular Baptist, and was baptised in June 1975. Shortly after being in the church he was struck by a heart attack, and was never able to attend church very much afterward. Once I went to visit him in the hospital and he pointed his finger to the window in his room and said, "my way to Heaven is as clear as the glass in that window." We feel his loss here is Heaven's gain.



Written by a stepson, Bro. Bill Ison

BABE AND JOHNNIE HOLIFIELD

I hope the Lord will help me as I attempt to write an obituary of my loving parents, Babe and Johnnie Holifield. Daddy was born May 3, 1905, died Aug. 28, 1960, making his life here 55 years, 3 months and 25 days. Mom was born Sept. 16, 1901, died May 27, 1977, making her stay here 75 years, 7 months and 11 days.

Mom was first married to Willie Caldwell and they had four children. Two of them along with Willie preceded her in death. Later she was married to daddy and they had eight children, one of whom died in infancy.

Words cannot describe how we loved our parents. They both worked so hard to raise us. They brought us up to be honest and taught us the best they knew.



DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION, 1978

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LITTLE POLLY — Carlie Tuttle, James Poe, Rayful Griffith
MT. ZION — Raleigh Ousley, Hubert Robinson, Orville Gillium
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LITTLE RUTH — W.P. Deel, James Curry, Maynard Ratliff
LITTLE MEMORY — Bill Ison, Laurence Day, Clarence Jenkins
LITTLE EDNA — Walker Parker, Walt Sturgill
LITTLE IDA — John W. Mitchell, Emmitt Tackett, Ralph Caudill
LITTLE FLOSSIE — Birtchel Mosley Jr., Larry Dixon, Morris Wicker
LITTLE ZION — Clarence Owens, Lacy Hale, Ray Coleman
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PLEASANT VIEW — Stoney Blackburn, James E. Tolliver, Leonard Robinson
LITTLE FAMILY — Alton Louis Rogers, John Turner, Coleman Fields
LITTLE ANGEL — Forest Osborne, Ballard Brown, Arnold Mullins
ANTIOCH — Squire H. Watts, C.W. Turner, Claude Dixon
ROSE OF SHARON — Whipple Reynolds, Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley
LILLY OF THE VALLEY — Edgel Jones, Hershel Belvins, Connally Danials
LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Zee Holbrook, Birchell Short, Jim Waggner
MORNING STAR — Covis Tackett, Mickey Little, J.C. Tackett
LITTLE BETHEL — Wriile Tuttle, James Branham, Raymond Gearhart
FAMILY OF LOVE — Johnie Newsome, Hardwick Ratliff, Clifford Bradly
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MACEDONIA — R.Z. Castle, Rant Bailey, Burl Stevens

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Elder Farris Tuttle, Rt. 2, Shiloh, Ohio 44865 935-0505
Elder Savel Combs, 110 W. Main St., Shelby, Ohio 44875 347-1424
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Elder H.N. Vanderpool, P.O. Box 142, Sandusky St., Plymouth, Ohio
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A Memorial Dedication

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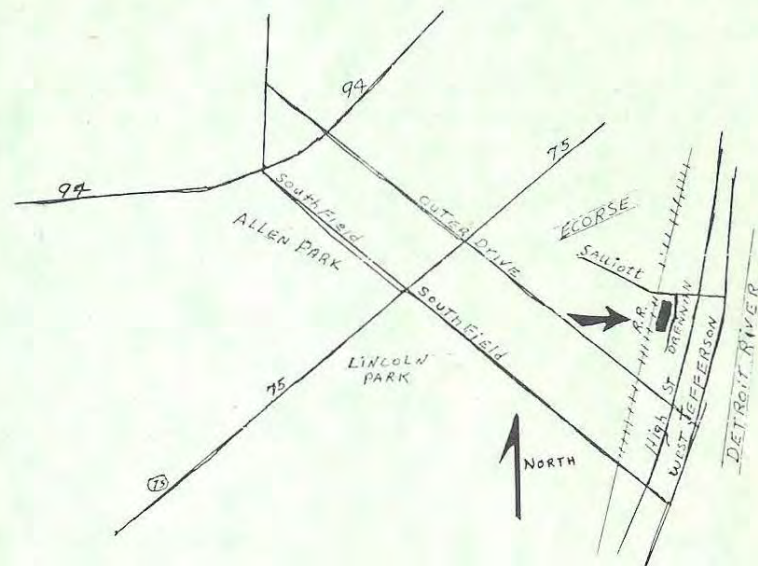
Elder Roy B. Akers

It was agreed on by the delegates to the Northern New Salem Association that this, the 21st Session, be dedicated to the memory of our beloved Clerk for 20 years, Elder Roy B. Akers.

To the members of the Northern New Salem Association, we have lost a dedicated brother, a wonderful Clerk, and a very devoted minister. A true and wonderful friend to all who knew him. We feel that he was just a humble servant of God, who has finished his labor and has gone to be with God. The scripture has described Bro. Roy already with a blessing that is given to all that live and walk such; for he will always be remembered in our hearts and memories as a truly great peacemaker. God gave him many talents and he managed to put them to a good exchange. We are truly humbled by the writing of this for it instills in our hearts just how precious our fellowship is with each other and with God. Too often we wait too long to express our love for each other. Our prayers are to God to make us more aware and appreciative of each other while we are still alive.

Elder Baxter Osborne
Elder Forrest Osborne
Elder Parris Tackett
Elder Hiram Adkins

The Twenty-second Annual
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Ecorse, Michigan



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PRENTIABLE HALL
LOUISE HALL COLLINS
RUSSELL HALL

With much sadness and an aching heart I will try to write an obituary of my dad, sister, and brother whom I feel have left this world of trouble and sorrow and gone on to a better world.

Russell, the first to leave us on Thanksgiving Day on November 27 in 1947, was 23 years old but had the mind of a small child so I feel he's in Heaven now. All through his life he never understood right from wrong so his death was a terrible loss to us.

Twenty years later, on November 23, 1967, was Thanksgiving Day again and we had another heartache. This time it was my dad. We knew dad was sick so Mom, Alka Mae, and I tried to avoid talking about Russell in front of him but late in the evening Dad started talking about Russell and we cried and said with all our hearts we believed Russell was in Heaven. A few hours later our hearts were broken again by the death of Dad. Dad, like Russell, left us so quick on Thanksgiving Day, we again were broken-hearted. We believe with all our hearts that Daddy is resting today just waiting for us all to come home to live with him and Jesus.

In the year of 1948 Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at the Rebecca Church and was baptised by R.E. Holbrook in August. Dad went to church as long as he was able to go and always enjoyed hearing the old time singing and preaching. One of his favorite songs was "Jesus Left His Home In Glory."

Mom is still with us today and at the time of Dad's death Louise was with us. Dad also left 2 sons and 7 daughters: Garland, Alka Mae Myers, and Alberta Isaac, all of Cedarville, Ohio; Ersell of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Lear Hall of Xenia, Ohio; Lily Mae Johnson of Bevinsville, Kentucky; Millie Hall and Marie Dutton of Marion, Ohio and Cordia Slone of Jamestown, Ohio.

With Thanksgiving Day coming up again we still remembered the losses of Russell and Daddy and now another heartache was upon us. We hadn't seen Louise in a little over two years so a couple days before Thanksgiving Day in 1977, Mom, Alka Mae, and Cordia and I went to visit her. Our only words when we saw her were: "O my God, Louise, what has happened to you." Louise and her husband Tilton came to Mom's house for Thanksgiving dinner. While they were here we discussed putting Louise in the hospital to find out the seriousness of her illness.

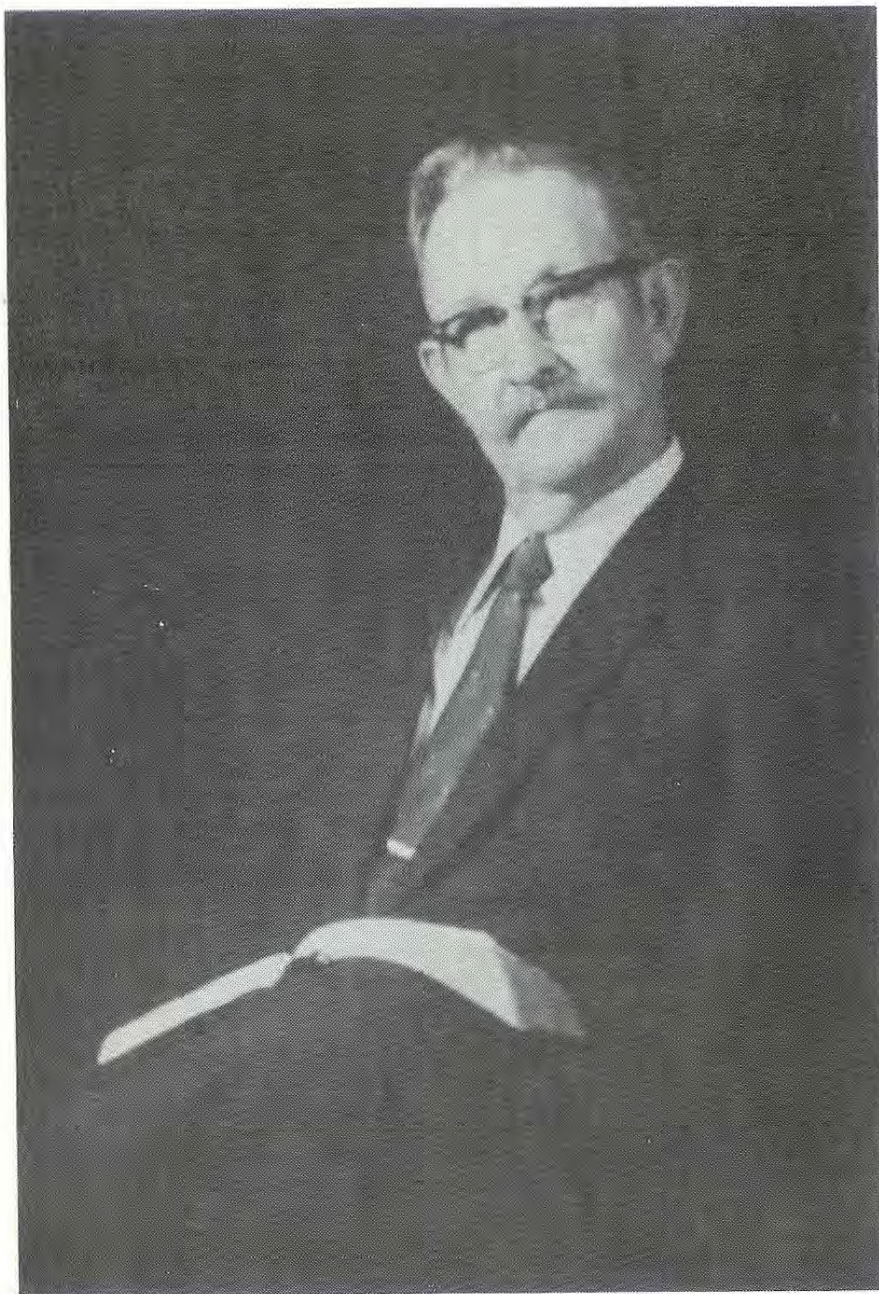
While she was in the hospital we discovered she had lung cancer and would not live long. The pain we saw her suffer was hard on Mom and the rest of us, but there was a good part about Louise coming to stay with us for the time she had left to live. Mom and Louise talked alot those last days about what Louise had done and if she had prayed for those things. She said she had been praying for a long time, and said she prayed day and night for God to forgive her. A little while before she passed away she told Mom and Sister Millie of finding peace with the Lord and having a better place to go. In her immediate family she left her husband Tilton and children: John, Raymond, Tivis, Dean, Betha, Lucille, Sue, and Linda Lou.

This is a time for you to think of your Mom with Mother's Day upon us, she has only been gone such a short time and I know the pain is still there. If you want to see your Mom again, I believe you'll have to be born again, because I believe my little sister is free from all pain and suffering.

Sleep on Daddy, Louise and Russell for I believe I will see you again where we will never part anymore. To all the family I believe our Memorial should be on Thanksgiving Day for that is a day that will always have a part in my memory.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions
Little Rebecca	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	81	3	\$150 00
Little Jewell	0	2	0	0	0	3	3	67	4	100 00
Maggie Home	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	60	1	100 00
Little Polly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	2	50 00
Mt. Zion	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	20	1	40 00
Little Flock	5	3	0	0	1	0	1	35	3	75 00
Little Ruth	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	2	65 00
Little Memory	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	26	2	75 00
Little Edna	0	5	0	0	6	4	0	23	4	40 00
Little Ida	9	0	0	0	4	4	3	120	1	175 00
Little Flossie	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	28	1	150 00
Little Zion	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	48	2	75 00
Little Pilgrims Home	0	1	0	0	6	1	1	26	2	75 00
Mt. Olivet	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	12	4	50 00
Pleasant View	5	0	0	0	3	3	0	63	1	150 00
Little Family	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	23	2	100 00
Little Angel	0	0	0	0	3	4	1	57	4	150 00
Antioch	7	2	0	0	2	0	1	43	1	120 00
Rose of Sharon	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	26	2	75 00
Lilly of the Valley	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	26	3	60 00
Little Childrens Home	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	19	3	80 00
Morning Star	4	3	0	0	0	2	0	56	3	100 00
Little Bethel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	1	40 00
Family of Love	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	4	50 00
House of Prayer	4	2	0	0	1	0	1	71	1	100 00
Macedonia	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	61	3	100 00
Church Contributions										2,390 00
Picture and Personal Contributions										290 00
Grand Total	52	29	0	0	34	27	25	1072		2,680 00



ELDER ROY B. AKERS

Kendall had death's summons when apparently in fairly good health, without any warning, unless the desire on Friday night to call and talk to all his children could be a warning. We understand he did call and talk with them.

So as the Bible says, Christ will come as a thief in the night. No wonder we should be waiting and watching and looking for His coming and be ready to go forth to meet Him with joy and not fear.

We know Sister Eva will never know sorrow like this parting from her husband because there is no closeness like the union of husband and wife. Like the dove, she will mourn his passing, but I am sure she will submit to God's will and await her time to go with patience, knowing the care to love and cherish the wonderful family they worked for and raised will be hers now that he has gone on before. Brother Kendall's children need you now, Sister Eva, and you need them. Just remember that "All things work for good to them that love the Lord and are called according to His purpose."

Written by Elder Alonzo Allen

LEONA HALL

In remembrance of my beloved sister-in-law and sister in Christ, Leona Hall. Born August 13, 1921, she departed this life August 13, 1964, on her 43rd birthday. She was the daughter of the late Wilburn Mullins and Rachel Hampton Mullins who lived on Beefhide Creek, at Myra, Ky. Many years ago in early life, she was married to Earl Hall.

To this union were born 10 children. Two of the children, little Hubert and Betty, preceded her in death. Other than her husband, she leaves 4 sons: former Marine Captain Hurston Hall of Painstville, Ky.; Eugene, Marvin, Roger, all of the Detroit area; 4 daughters: Dean and Janice Mullins, both of Vinton, Ohio; Gwen Skinner of Greyville, Ala. and Rhonda Gulyban of Wynadotte, Mich. Also, 9 grandchildren, one brother, Adam Mullins, of River Rouge, Mich; two sisters, Caroline Tackett of Ecorse, Mich. and Arzona Hall, of River Rouge, Mich; two half brothers, Arbea and Arthur Tackett, both of Cary, Ohio.

Leona joined the old Longfork Church the fourth Sunday in July, 1958. She told a wonderful experience of grace and was baptized by Elder Jesse Hampton and Elder Jonah Tackett. In 1960 she moved her letter to the Little Ida Church, where she was a faithful member until death. Sister Leona was a sister to Brother Roman Mullins, who died in 1969. Sister Leona has joined God's Happy Kingdom in that city that lies four square with her loved ones who have gone on long ago to that land of happiness, forever.



Written by
Bro. Milford Hall
of Ecorse, Mich.

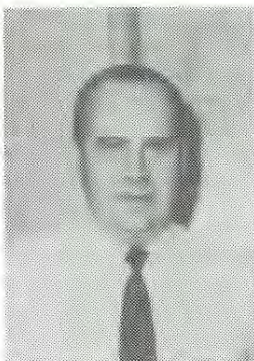
It is with a sad, broken heart and by the help of the Lord, I will try to write a short obituary of my husband, Berton Conn.

Berton Conn, 47, was formerly of Dana, but lived at Martin, Ky. He was the son of Willie L. Conn and Stella Jarrel Conn of Dana, Ky. Berton was born on June 6, 1930, and passed away April 29, 1978. He had been a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 16 years.

Survivors, besides his parents, include his widow, Lavone Conn; one son, Burford Conn, of Martin; two brothers and three sisters, Willie Conn Jr., of Dana, Bennie Jean Conn, of Garrett, Mrs. Pauline Akers and Mrs. Genniven Kidd, both of Dana and Mrs. Aileen Gilbert, of Newark, Delaware.

Oh how I do miss him. We all loved him so good.

Written by his broken-hearted wife, Lavone Conn.



KENDALL CRAFT

Kendall Craft was born at Raven, Kentucky January 22, 1909 and died suddenly Saturday morning October 1, 1977. He died peacefully with a smile on his face. He was the son of Roe Craft and Evelyn Slone Craft. He was married to Eva Elizabeth Reynolds March 9, 1928.

Brother Kendall moved with his family to Indiana several years ago. He was a member of the Ball Branch Old Regular Baptist Church at Louise, Kentucky where he joined March 19, 1952. He lived a faithful member of that Church but for convenience moved his letter to the Little Memory Church of Old Regular Baptist in August of this year.

Brother Kendall has left to mourn his death his beloved wife, Eva, RR 1 Sunman, Indiana and surviving children: Ruby Daniels, Greenwish, Ohio; Avenelle Bradley, Sunman, Indiana; Kendall Craft Jr., Sunman, Indiana; Phyllis Pace, Greenwich, Ohio; Talmadge Craft, Sunman, Indiana; Mildred Faye Howard, Marion, Ohio; James B. Craft, Milan, Indiana and Alice M. Dunbar, Milan, Indiana. There were 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The surviving brothers are: Maryland Craft, Wayland, Kentucky; Goebel Slone, Hindman, Kentucky; Claude Slone, Lacky, Kentucky; Ellis Craft, Marion, Ohio and Chester Gibson of Springfield, Ohio. The sisters are: Mildred Kaiser of Clincho, Virginia; Zolla Mullins of Marion, Ohio; Bulah Sinfield of Sturgis, Michigan and a host of relatives and friends both here and in the area where he grew up.

Brother Kendall was quiet and a gentle person. I have known him for many years. He is a relative of my wife; his wife and I are relatives. We know there was a closeness between him and wife which now can be no more here but remembrance will be a solace for Sister Eva in her lonely hours. All of us know Sister Eva has been in failing health for the last few months. But, Brother



Obituaries

ELDER ROY B. AKERS

"A Mighty Rock has fallen and the whole world is sad." These words seem to better express our great sorrow at the loss of a faithful soldier who has fought a good fight and has won the race.

Words fail to express our sadness as we try to fill the request of our beloved Sister Edna and the brothers and sisters of the Antioch Church to write about her dear departed loved one and their pastor and our beloved brother in Christ, to wit: Elder R.B. Akers.

He was the son of the late Willard and Emily Anderson Akers, a native of Pike Co., Ky. born June 4, 1900 and departed from our midst to receive his reward on January 30, 1978. God blessed Bro. Roy to live 77 years, 7 months and 26 days upon this earth and he left many good memories for us all who miss him so.

On June 28, 1921, he united in marriage to Edna Johnson of Knott County, Ky. They shared life's joys and sorrows for 57 wonderful years. They were blessed with two sons and one daughter who survive. They are Astor and Don of Louisville, Ky. and Peggy of New Jersey. Also surviving are five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren whom he loved and cherished very dearly and who we are sure will sadly miss "Papa's" sweet company.

Also surviving are three brothers, Ralph of Florida and Charles and Victor of Knoxville, Tenn.; two sisters, Pearl of Knoxville, Tenn. and Edith of California, and an untold number of relatives and friends who mourn his passing.

We want to say to you, Sister Edna, we know you have given up a very devoted and faithful husband, friend and companion and none but you and our Heavenly Father knows the sadness you feel today. Your children and grandchildren have given up a father and grandfather who set a pattern for you to follow and left a light in the window that will give you light where there is darkness and many milestones along the way to point you the way to Heaven.

He would want you to say within your hearts: "Yes, daddy, we will follow the milestones till we join you in that great promised land and while you have gone on ahead and left us, we will pray and always look after the welfare of our mother." And to the brothers and sisters that he dearly loved and the many friends and relatives, he has just gone ahead and we will have a grand reunion some day in that land of no return.

Bro. Roy and Sister Edna joined the Enterprise Church of Old Regular Baptist on May Third Sunday, 1951 and shortly thereafter, Bro. Roy felt a call to the ministry and was ordained to the full functions of the gospel on the third Saturday in April, 1953. He was a faithful soldier until he was called to receive his honorable discharge on that cold, sad day in January.

We became acquainted with Bro. Roy and Sis. Edna shortly after they were baptised and grew to love them very much. Any time we had sorrow in our family or lost a loved one they were always there to help and comfort us. After the loss of both our fathers and mothers they seemed to just naturally become dad and mother to us. Our children loved them very dearly and always looked forward to their visits.

They brought their membership to the Little Jewel Church in 1958 and he was very instrumental in helping to organize the Northern New Salem Association

and served faithfully as their Clerk for 20 years, being very devoted to his work.

Bro. Roy had resided in Louisville, Ky. since 1940, retiring from International Harvester and was a veteran of World War I. In 1965 or maybe before then, he became burdened for a church in his home town. He and some of the brethren started having church services in the Camp Taylor firehouse and from this seed came forth a beautiful flower known as the Antioch Church, the name being chosen by Bro. Roy. He was their pastor until death called him home.

He was so enthusiastic and happy in the building of the church house as well as the spiritual church. He designed, planned and helped build the beautiful building as well as the furnishings inside. He was blessed with some wonderful talent in woodworking, and a beautiful gift of writing both poetry and songs, and another wonderful gift of singing, and another of winning the love of many, both saint and sinner, and especially little children.

He was faithful to his duty, traveling thousands of miles all to the glory and honor of God. Many of his songs can be found in our song book and much of his beautiful and inspiring writing can be found in our minutes. He was also gifted to teach and we feel his words of inspiration have touched the lives of many, both old and young.

We were blessed to travel many miles together warning people of the dangers of living and dying in sin.

Surely a mighty rock has fallen and the world weeps for sadness. Words fail to express our feelings of sadness and we know a large book could be written about our beloved brother. We can only say, humbly, "Thank you, Lord, that we were blessed to walk with him for a while."

We miss him in our homes and our churches; something was missing when we sat down to eat breakfast during our union meeting at Little Jewel Church this year and we couldn't hold back the tears for one who had nearly always been with us at that time and at our communion meeting. Sister Edna looked so lonely it almost broke our hearts to see her alone, but we know she has many precious memories and a God who can comfort her in her lonely hours. Now, Sister Edna, Bro. Roy knows how it looks "On the other side of Jordan" — one of his favorite songs.

There seems to be no stopping place but we must stop; but first, to all who knew Bro. Roy, always remember the advice he gave and the pattern that he set and the path he walked and we are sure, if you follow the path he took, it will lead you to Heaven some sweet day. And just think of how it will be when our feet touch the streets of gold and we can join Bro. Roy once more in song and praise to God our Father.

Written by Elders Baxter Osborne
Paul Adkins,
Hillard Newsome
and Sister Dorothy

10 children. Five infants preceded her in death. Left to mourn her loss is her husband, 5 children, 25 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. The children are: Malcolm Conley, Minnie Collins and Anis Martin of Creola, Ohio; James P. Conley of Florence, South Carolina, and Mauda Lee Prater of McArthur, Ohio.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church Aug. 1915 at the Stone Coal Church in Floyd Co., Ky at the age of 23. In later years she moved to Ohio and brought her letter to the Maggie Home Church at Dundas, Ohio. Mom lived in the Church 49 years and 10 months.

Mom was loved by everyone who knew her because of her love and kindness to everyone. She brought us children up to trust in the Lord. Many times when trouble came she would say, "Trust in the Lord," not only to us but to her friends and neighbors. Little children in the neighborhood would pick her flowers and call her Mom. They felt her love. I've seen her many times in dreams; she was always happy and smiling. Mom lived for the Lord. She walked uprightly every day. If the children don't follow in her footsteps; it's not because she didn't leave them for us to see. Mom was never really well but the Lord let her live a good long and happy life, because (I believe) of her obedience to the Lord. Keep on watching from those windows, Mom, I believe you were joined with 2 more of your family in 1974.

Written by your daughter and son-in-law,
a Brother and Sister in hope,
Ernest and Mauda Prater

MALCOLM (MALK) CONLEY

It is with many precious memories and the request of a very dear and beloved sister-in-law, we will try to write a brief obituary of my very dear brother. Malcolm Conley (known to most as Malk) was born to Roy and Grace Conley May 13, 1911 and departed this life Sept. 20, 1974, making his stay on earth 63 years, 4 months and 7 days. Feb. 28, 1931 he was united in marriage to Ida Mae Lafferty. To this union were born 3 children: 2 infants preceded him in death. He leaves his wife, Ida Mae, one child, Eva Grace Armstrong of McArthur, Ohio; 3 grandchildren; Cindy Gail, William and Angela; 3 sisters and 1 brother to mourn his loss.



For the last several years he loved to go to church. He went to church as long as he was able. After he came home from the hospital when he had the first operation, he sat on the side of his bed and told us his experience with Jesus. We were there when they took him to the hospital for the last time. I don't believe he was afraid to die. Although he never did join the church, I believe with all my heart he is resting under the alter of God where there is no more sickness, pain or cancer there. So I believe our loss is only his gain.

Written by his Sister and Brother-in-law,
Ernest and Mauda Prater

Angels get my mansions ready, she did sing;
 While the bells of Heaven they did ring;
 I loved mommy so
 But our God of Heaven loved her better I know.
 If you want to meet mommy,
 Start seeking today;
 Our Saviour King Jesus
 Has promised to SAVE.

Written by her sisters
 Alberta Isaac and Alka Mae Myers

ROY AND GRACE CONLEY

We will try to write an obituary of my dear loving dad, Roy Conley, who was born to John Ashford and Martha Ann Conley August 23, 1889 in Knott Co., Ky. He left this world October 21, 1974, making his stay here on earth 86 years and 2 months. January 12, 1909 he was united in marriage to Grace Conley. To this union was born 10 children; 6 preceded him in death. Five infants and one son Malcolm left this world Sept. 20, 1974, one month and one day before Dad. Left to mourn him are three daughters: Mrs. Minnie Collins and Anis Martin of Creole, Ohio; Mrs. Mauda Prater of McArthur, Ohio and one son, James P. Conley of Florence, South Carolina.



Dad was always a good kind man. He didn't go to church very much in his younger days. He was always quiet and didn't tell anyone anything very often. One night a few years before Mom passed away, he said he was praying to the Lord to show him if it was too late for him. He dreamed he saw a hand reaching down from Heaven to him.

Eight years before he died he had a heart attack. While he was in the hospital he said to one of his daughters, I haven't told anyone yet but I'm a Christian. He lived with his daughter and she heard him praying so many times. He loved to go to Church the last several years of his life. Although he never did join the Church, he went as long as he was able. He was a more humble and changed man the last several years of his life. I don't worry about him. I believe he's resting in peace. I believe he wanted to go on home. I don't believe he wanted to stay here any longer.

Written by a loving daughter and son-in-law,
 Ernest and Mauda Prater

We would like to rewrite or finish the obituary of my dear beloved Mother. It was published in the 1966 minutes, unfinished and unsigned. Grace Conley was born to Robert and Polly Ann Conley Aug. 5, 1892 in Knott Co., Ky. and departed this life June 19, 1965, making her stay on earth 72 years, 10 months and 14 days.

Jan. 12, 1909 she was united in marriage to Roy Conley. To this union was born

The following poem was found written on the back of a fan at the Antioch Church:

ANTIOCH by ELDER ROY B. AKERS

The church that holds my membership,
 It's name is Antioch
 She feeds me when I'm hungry
 It's honey from the rock.

She cheers me when I'm lonely
 She's been so good to me
 I love the ground she sits on
 There's none so sweet as she.

I love her spotless garment
 It looks so neat and clean
 I hope to hear her shouting
 When Jesus comes again.

I feel that she'll be ready
 She's safe in Jesus' care
 She'll leave this world of sorrow
 And go shouting through the air.

The following lines were composed, after the death of Bro. Akers by Bro. Squire and Sister Claudette Watts, members of the Antioch church. We want to thank God they are blessed to sing so beautifully, bringing joy to all.

A seat now has been emptied, of one who was so dear,
 And oh how we do miss him, he gave us so much cheer.
 He was our dear old shepherd, the leader of this band,
 Now he has gone to glory, to sing in Canaan's land.

We hope to continue, in the path that he made straight,
 He left us Paul and Silas, to lead us to that gate.
 So let's all keep praying, and let our lights so shine,
 Then some day we'll sing together, in that golden sunny clime.

FLOTILLA BURKE

It is with a sad and lonely heart that I will try to write the obituary of my sweet mother.

With the help of our Lord, Mom was born February 8, 1906 to Newborn and Onecia Childer of Elkhorn in Pike County, Kentucky.

She deceased January 17, 1978, making her stay here on earth 71 years, 11 months and 17 days.

She married Wiley G. Burke in June of 1922 and moved to Halo in Floyd County. Into this union was born thirteen children. Two sons have preceded her in death, leaving eleven surviving children. She leaves four daughters: Oma Dawson and Missouri Bentley of Halo, Kentucky; Opal Bentley of McDowell, Kentucky and Tennessee Platkus of Detroit, Michigan. Also, seven sons; Shirley Burke of Halo, Kentucky; Woodrow Burke of Bevinville, Kentucky; Boone and Howard Burke of Catlettsburg, Kentucky; Olden and Wiley Jr. Burke of Columbus, Ohio and Urice Burke of Orient, Ohio. She is survived by seven daughters-in-law and four sons-in-law, 33 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, Dow Childers of Lima, Ohio and two sisters, Martha Hall of Orient, Ohio and Jane Morgan of Seattle, Washington.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of which she attended so faithfully for many years.

To the family, I would like to say to you if you don't fall out with sin, you will never see our sweet Mother again.

So to Dad and my brothers and sisters, Mom has gone and left us, but she is waiting in Heaven for each one of us. So live for Jesus and see Mom. It's a beautiful place to go.

God Bless each one of you.

Written by request of the family, by her son,
Urice Burke

INEZ CARROLL

Inez Carroll, age 78, of Fultz, died Sunday night in the King's Daughters Hospital. Mrs. Carroll was born Nov. 21, 1896, in Carter County, a daughter of the late William J. and Ida Craig Littleton. Her husband, James Frank Carroll died in 1973.

She was a member of the Grahn United Baptist Church. Surviving her are six sons, Allen Carroll of Grayson; Vaughn, William and Ercel Carroll, all of Mansfield, Ohio and Elwood and Sidney Carroll, both of Olive Hill. Also, four daughters, Mrs. June Fultz and Mrs. Martha Wilson, both of Olive Hill; Mrs. Jessis Bellew of Grayson and Mrs. Ruth King of Fultz; a brother, Martin Littleton, of Olive Hill; two sisters, Mrs. Etta Hall and Mrs. Ruth Gibson, both of Fultz; 29 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was a faithful member until death. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by a brother in Christ.



LOUISE HALL COLLINS

It is with much sadness and broken hearts that we will try and write an obituary of our beloved sister, Louise Hall Collins. It hasn't been very long since we lost Louise and we love and miss her very much. Sis was the daughter of Prentiable and Jane Fouts Hall. She was born in Knott County, Kentucky on September 4, 1902, and departed this life on January 12, 1978, making her stay here on earth 55 years, 4 months, and 8 days.

In her early years she met and married Tilton Collins and to this union were born 10 children. Two preceded her in death. She leaves four sons and four daughters. They are: John L. and Raymond of Urbana, Ohio; Tivis of Manchester, Ohio; Dean of West Germany; Bertha Couch and Lucille Hunt of West Union, Ohio and Linda Sue Lowe and Linda Lou Hackerthorn of Urbana, Ohio. She also leaves 21 grandchildren. Her dad and one brother, Russell, preceded her in death, so besides her husband and children she leaves her mother, Jane Hall of Cedarville, Ohio, and two brothers and seven sisters, Garland, Alka Mae Myers, and Alberta Isaac of Cedarville, Ohio; Ersell of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Marie Dutton and Millie Hall of Marion, Ohio; Lear Hall of Xenia, Ohio, Lilly Mae Johnson of Bevinville, Kentucky; Cordia Slone of Jamestown, Ohio and a host of friends and relatives.

Sis never joined the Church but about a week before she passed away she told mom and Millie of finding peace with the Lord and said she was going home. Louise died of lung cancer and went so quick and fast, but there is one thing we have to say: Sis faced her death brave and calmly, so I believe she had the Lord with her all the way.

Sis loved her husband and children very much, but the last two months of her life she wanted to stay with Mom and never leave her. When she would have to leave and go back to the hospital each time and stay, she would tell us girls not to let Mom worry and cry so much. Two of her favorite songs were "Little Bessie" and "I have no Mother now." She loved to hear us sing those songs for her. So now when we sing those songs the memories of her come back.

We believe with all our hearts Sis is resting around the throne of God just waiting for all of us to come live with her where we will never part anymore. So, to her husband, children, brothers, and sisters: don't let the family circle be broken; let's all go home and live with Jesus, Sis, Dad and Russell around the throne of God.

Here is a verse her children wrote at the time of her death:

A treasure was added to Heaven today
when the death angel called mommy to go home today.
The stones she has left,
Will shine as pure as gold
The walk of her life
To me was already told.

