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OF THE
THIRTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Northern New Salem
Association
of Old Regular Baptist
of Jesus Christ



In Session Assembled With
Little Rebecca Church
August 5, 6, 7, 1994

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Dedication to the memory of the Late Elders, Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association

In humbleness, yet with precious memories, we wish to express our deepest sympathy to one and all who sorrow in the loss of a loved one since our last setting, we dedicate this 37th Annual Session to their memory. Our Eld. Brothers who labored in the vineyard of the Lord, to wit: Elders Newt Vanderpool and Maynard Ratliff from the Little Ruth Church, Eld. Claude Ousley of the New Mt. Zion Church and Eld. Frank Harvey of the Little Bethel Church. Also our precious Brothers and Sisters who walked with us here, but now wait for our coming. We thank God for the privilege of walking with them here, and the HOPE of meeting them again on that glorious resurrection morning.

Your Clerks,
Bro. Newsome
Bro. Turner



Officers: (Left to right) Eld. Roy Caudill, Moderator, Eld. Paris Tackitt, Asst. Mod., Eld. C. W. Turner, Asst. Clerk, Eld. Hillard Newsome, Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS

Of The Thirty-Seventh Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist The Church of Jesus Christ

August 5, 6, 7, 1994

Friday Session, August 5, 1994

As the white fluffy clouds of various sizes and shapes drifted to and fro high above the good earth, God's footstool, Pilgrims from far and near were assembling at the Little Rebecca Church, to attend this the 37th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association. With gladness in their hearts, and with a love untold they greeted each other with a warm handshake and a whisper of "so pleased to see you."

The echoes from the inspiring songs of Zion being sung in the sanctuary by God's believing children was like a cool breeze in early morning, smooth and pleasant to the listener.

Eld. Mike Slone, alternate, introduced the services and offered a prayer of thankfulness for our gathering.

Being chosen at our 1993 Session to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. David Slone, very meek and humble, was blessed to preach, "what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we may become the sons of God." Bro. David preached with a humble spirit, "that one's walk and talk in their community would let all know that we are different from the world and like the prodigal son that got in want and returned to his father's house."

The introductory sermon being delivered, the Moderator asked those who were not delegates to assemble at the pavilion for preaching, the delegates to remain at the house to conduct the work of this the 37th Annual Session.

After singing one of Zion's songs, Eld. Murl Caudill, Moderator of the Old Indian Bottom Association was called on to make remarks. Was blessed to preach that the light shines to all and if they will follow the light it would lead them to salvation, causing them to be different from the world. An humble prayer was offered by same.

Eld. Roy Caudill, Moderator, came forward and announced that the 37th Annual Session was now in working order.

Friday, August 5, 1994

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed in to the Clerk. On motion by Eld. Johnie Bentley, second by Eld. Forest Osborne, the letter from the Little Rebecca Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt to receive the letters and seat the delegates. By the same motion, 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 the next year. The following Elders were appointed to take the vote: Elders: Murl Caudill, Arvid Blevins and Bro. Dexter Dixon.
Officers elected:
Moderator Eld. Roy Caudill
Assistant Moderator Eld. Paris Tackitt
Clerk Eld. Hillard Newsome
Assistant Clerk Eld. Coeburn Wayne Turner
(a) Noted by the Association concerning our finance committee and was moved and second that our finance committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers. The committee appointed Elders: Hiram Adkins, Ray Hamilton and Ralph Caudill.
3. By a motion made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Eld. Russell Hicks, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. On motion by Eld. Jr. Mosley, second by Bro. Dan Thornsberry, reading of the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum were omitted.
5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and none responded.
6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded by letter and delegate.
(a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: John E. Hicks, Troy Branham, Vester Mullins, Lee Fields, Elisha and James Branham, Calvin C. Burke, Forest D. Hall, Cecil Newsome, Jr., Ronald McCarty, Offie Bartley, Alan Osborne, Dexter Dixon, Jason Lowery, Hiram Adkins, Jack Akers, Earl Dean Newsome, Clinton Moore, Buck Tuttle, Jack Adkins, Woody Pack, Bill Cotton, Ralph Slone, Jr., Elbert Hagerman, James Tuttle and Jimmy Waddles. Letter in the hands of Bro. Dexter Dixon. A motion was made by Eld. Don Gibson, second by Eld. Buford Brock to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
(b) **Union** — Represented by the following delegates: Savel Combs, Arvid Blevins, Gene Johnson, Alex Collier, Doug Hatfield, Gary Sanders, Rollin

Hollins, Earl Hill and Bob Johnson Letter in the hands of Eld. Savel Combs. A motion was made by Eld. Bart Potter, second by Eld. Glyn Maddox to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.

- (c) **Philadelphia** — Represented by the following delegates: Harlen Barney, Lowell Adkins, Wayne Caudill, David Gilliam, Ira Adkins, Jr., Walter Morrison, Luther Ramey, Paul Moor, John Elkins and Howard Adkins. Letter in the hands of Bro. Walter Morrison. A motion was made by Eld. Forest Osborne second by Bro. Dan Thornsberry to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
 - (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Elders: Edwin Hay, Richard Staton, Hoburt Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton and Gordon Akers. Letter in the hands of Eld. Edwin Hay. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Eld. Jeff Dillon to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegates: Lacy Justice, Phillip Estep, Doug Reed and Jr. Coleman. Letter in the hands of Eld. Lacy Justice. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Bart Potter to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — Represented by the following delegates: Claren Williams, Arnold, Aaron, Jr., and Haslon Whitaker, Jessie Hagan, Murl Caudill, Melvin Fields, Rodney Slone and Orvill Mullins. Letter in the hands of Bro. Aaron Whitaker, Jr. A motion was made by Bro. Darrell Parks, second by Eld. Buford Brock to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
7. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of the 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 morning who reported as follows: Friday evening — Elders: (1) Hobart Hamilton, and (2) Richard Staton. Prayer by Eld. John Paul Hamilton, all of Sardis. Saturday morning — Elders: (1) Ked Adkins-Union; (2) Edwin Hay-Sardis; (3) Arvid Blevins-Union; (4) Lacy Justice-Old Friendship; and (5) James Branham-New Salem.
 8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Ralph Caudill, Stoney Blackburn, Billy Miller, Herman Belcher, Ray Burke, Kilby Deel, Bill Dunbar, Sam Franks and Joshua Hicks.
 9. A motion was made by Eld. Johnie Bentley, second by Bro. Henry Hobson that we the Northern New Salem Association correspond by letter and dele-

gate with the following Associations and the Clerk prepare the letters to our Sister Associations: (a) New Salem; (b) Union; (c) Philadelphia; (d) Sardis; (e) Old Friendship and (f) Old Indian Bottom.

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, and the officers and delegates from our corresponding Associations. Committee to meet back at the house at 2:00 p.m. Friday evening.
 - (a) Eld. Eddie Wallen made a motion, second by Bro. Leonard Robinson that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 6, 1994.
 - (b) Committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday noon and completed its work on the Bill of Arrangements. The services for Friday evening were introduced by (1) Eld. Hobart Hamilton; and (2) Richard Staton, prayer by Eld. John Paul Hamilton, after introductory, all of the Sardis Association.

Saturday, August 6, 1994

Met pursuant to adjournment after singing the glorious songs of Zion. Eld. Hiram Adkins of the New Salem Association was blessed to preach of God's crossing. If we have faith and trust in the Lord, when we come to the crossing all will be smooth and we will be anxious to reach the other side. A warm and uplifting prayer was offered by Bro. Adkins.

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
2. The Bill of Arrangements was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. Johnie Bentley, second by Eld. Larry Newsome to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Eld. Stoney Blackburn for our 1994 Session was read by him. A motion was made by Bro. Henry Hobson, second by Eld. Larry Newsome to receive the letter and have it printed in our 1994 Minutes.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday. Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Hiram Adkins, Ray Hamilton and Ralph Caudill reported as follows:

1994 Church contributions	\$5,465.00
1994 Picture	425.50
Other contributions	616.00
Total money received for 1994	\$6,506.50

A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt to accept the report of the finance committee and discharge them of their duties.

5. The Moderator called for the Treasurer, Bro. Newsome to give his report as follows:

Treasurer's Report

A.		
Balance August 6, 1993	\$1,166.02	
1993 Church contributions	5,500.00	
1993 Picture money	479.000	
Other contributions	619.00	
Total money on hand August 8, 1993	\$7,764.02	

1993 Expenses

B.		
Printer's Fee	\$6,142.00	
Secretary's Fee	200.00	
Postage, U.P.S. freight	176.68	
Supplies - printing of ordination forms	16.47	
Total Expenses for 1993	\$6,535.15	
Total of A	\$7,764.02	
Less Total of B	6,535.15	
Balance of	\$1,228.87	
Plus Interest Earned	18.62	
Balance August 5, 1994	1,247.49	
Plus money received for 1994	6,506.50	
Total money on hand August 7, 1994	\$7,755.99	

Money sent to the Little Rebecca Church, from the sister churches of the Northern New Salem Association to help host the Association

\$7,336.00

6. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Ray Hamilton to accept the treasurer's report. By the same motion Eld. Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 4,800 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. A motion was made by Bro. Darrell Parks, second by Bro. John Mullins to have obituaries of deceased members and friends of the Northern New Salem Association printed in the current minutes. They are to be typewritten and double spaced. A charge of \$12.00 for pictures was approved by the delegates. (a) A motion was made by Eld. Hendricks Hamilton, second by Bro. Milford Prater that no poems accompany obituaries will be printed, as they take up too much space and increase cost.
8. The following ministers were chosen by the committee to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Saturday evening: Elders: (1) Buck Tuttle, (2) Woody Pack, (3) Denner Moore, all of New Salem; and (4) Arvid Blevins-Union. Sunday: Elders (1) Roy Caudill, (2) Paris Tackitt, (3) Hillard Newsome and (4) Coeburn Wayne Turner, officers of the Northern New Salem

Association.

9. On motion by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Bro. Ezra Thornsberry, the report of the Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the year 1993 and 1994 were given by them. Bro. Ezra Thornsberry made a motion, second by Eld. Jeff Dillon to accept the report of the Elders given.
10. In compliance with Item #9 of Friday's work, we the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond by letter and delegates with the following associations.
 - (a) **New Salem** — When convened with the host churches. To be held at the Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1994 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Matt Slone, Buford Brock, Darrell Parks, Don Mullins, Amos Reffitt, Conley Daniels, John Mullins, Oscar Cheatham, Larry Newsome, David Slone, Duane Graves, Forest Osborne, Bart Potter, Scott and Squire Hamilton, C. W. Turner, Hillard Newsome, Ballard Brown, Jr. Mosley, Buddy W. Carty, Ezra Thornsberry, Don Lawson, Reed Triplett, Sam Franks, Don Vanderpool, Rich Griffith, Dan Thornsberry, Malcolm Branham and Paris Tackitt. Letter in the hands of Eld. Paris Tackitt.
 - (b) **Union** — When convened with the host churches. To be held at the Association Building, Ashcamp, Pike County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1994 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Darrell Parks, John and Don Mullins, Eugene Robinette, Bart Potter, Oscar Cheatham, David Slone, Charles Newsome, Kilby Deel, Hillard Newsome, Paris Tackitt, Jerry Runyon, Ballard Brown, Bobby Burke, Bill Blevins and Wayne Turner. Letter in the hands of Eld. Paris Tackitt.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the Mt. Olivet Church, at the Association Building, Worthington, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1994 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buford Brock, Darrell Parks, Don and John Mullins, Amos Reffit, Oscar Cheatham, Larry Newsome, Duane Graves, Kilby Deel, Squire and Ray Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, Ezra Thornsberry, Wayne Turner, Sam Franks, Malcolm Branham, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton, Reed Triplett, Jr. Mosley, Buddy W. Carty, Jerry and Harrison Runyon. Letter in the hands of Bro. John Mullins.
 - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the Samaria Church, Dingess, W. Va. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1994 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Forest Osborne, Larry Dixon, Squire Hamilton, Paris Tackitt, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, Jr. Mosley, Jeff Dillon, Bart Potter, Buddy W. Carty, Don Lawson, Howard Parsley and Stoney Blackburn. Letter in the hands of Eld. Forest Osborne.

- (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Little Dove Church, Hurley, VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1994 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buford Brock, Paris Tackitt, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, Don Reynolds, Mike Slone and Joshua Hicks. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hillard Newsome.
- (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Doty Creek Church, Jeremiah, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1994 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buford Brock, Darrell Parks, Eugene Robinett, Duane Graves, Larry Dixon, Squire Hamilton, Paris Tackitt, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, Don Lawson, Ezra Thornsberry, Joshua Hicks, Reed Triplett, Dan Thornsberry, Roy Caudill, Malcolm Branham, Marvin Potter and Conley Daniels. Letter in the hands of Eld. Wayne Turner.
11. A motion was made by Eld. Buddy W. Carty, second by Eld. Buford Brock to grant the request from the Little Family Church to have a Memorial meeting of all deceased Elders and members of the Northern New Salem Association the 5th weekend in April 1995 at the Little Angel Church, Columbus, Ohio.
 12. On motion by Eld. Jr. Mosley, second by Eld. Ray Hamilton the request from the Pleasant View Church was granted to list the name of the Assistant Moderator of our churches in our Minutes.
 13. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Forest Osborne, to grant the request from the Little Ida Church concerning a place for baptizing. Due to the burden and requirements of the Little Ida Church, they were given the right to construct a place to baptize in or near their lunchroom, and if any other church in the Northern New Salem Association wants a similar place to baptize, they must bring a request to the Association for approval or rejection. Motion carried.
 14. A motion was made by Eld. Forest Osborne, second by Eld. Don Gibson, that we grant the request from the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, Ohio, the privilege to host the 1995 Session of the Northern New Salem Association.
 15. By a vote of the delegates, Eld. Buddy W. Carty was chosen to preach the introductory sermon. Eld Buford Brock is to be his alternate and Eld. Paris Tackitt is to write the Circular Letter for our 1995 Session.
 16. On motion by Eld. Johnie Bentley, second by Eld. Buford Brock, the Clerk was asked to write a note of condolence to our sister Associations and also remember our deceased Elders and members.
 17. On motion by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt reading of the current minutes were omitted.

18. Eld Forest Osborne made a motion, second by Bro. Dan Thornsberry to have a picture of the officers of the Association placed on the inside front cover of current minutes.
19. Elder Johnie Bentley made a motion, second by Eld. Robert Wallen that we the Northern New Salem Association, adjourn until Friday before the 1st Saturday in August 1995, at the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, Ohio.

Eld. Dennie Moore from the New Salem Association came forward expressing his love and gladness for the privilege of being one in our assembly. Bro. Moore was blessed to gather corn from the mountaintop, giving we, God's children, strength in these troubled times. An humble prayer was offered by our humble Bro., bring to a close this 37th Annual Session of our beloved Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association

<u>Elder Roy Caudill</u>	Moderator
<u>Elder Anna C. Tackitt</u>	Ass't. Moderator
<u>Eld Hillard Newsome</u>	Clerk
<u>Elder Caudill Wayne Turner</u>	Ass't. Clerk

Sabbath Morning, August 7, 1994

Such a lovely morning, bright sunshine, not a cloud in the clear blue sky, yet a cool breeze was felt by those assembling in the sanctuary of the Little Rebecca Church for the final day of this 37th Annual Session.

Melody was made in the hearts of those gathered by singing the songs of Zion in praise to our Heavenly King.

Services for the morning were introduced by your unworthy servant, Bro. Newsome, and prayer by same. Second was Assistant Clerk, Eld. C. W. Turner telling of a narrow way to heaven, and God will teach His people by dreams and a low still voice. 3rd Eld Paris Tackitt, Assistant Moderator was blessed to preach two men in the race. One man, a bound man, the inward man that leads the outward man about and directs his steps. Fourth Eld. Woody Pack-New Salem, preached that Christ is our hope. For people to ask and inquire for the old path, and when they find it to walk therein, finding peace to their souls.

Eld Roy Caudill-Moderator, expressed to the congregation his precious memories of the Little Rebecca Church, the place where this blessed old Association was organized 37 years ago. He advised all Moderators to not be ashamed to stand for order. Rebuke unsound doctrine, such as a knowing doctrine, and that of predestination that is being advocated among us.

Eld Jack Adkins, of the New Salem Association, offered a prayer of dismissal asking God to keep us humble and watch over us on the dangerous highways.

Your humble servant, Bro. Newsome

If I could give medals, or bushels of love, they would all go to the devoted members and friends of the Little Rebecca Church. Those who worked so hard, giving of their time, money, talent and love, causing all to fill welcomed and wanted. The food was plentiful and delicious, served with ladles of love, seasoned with a smile and a kind word. God bless every home that opened your doors, saying, "Weary pilgrim stop for a spell and rest." Those from other parts of the moral vineyard, God bless and thanks for helping.

Those in Campers Village, was good to have you park and stay for awhile. You have come a long way, since the days of horse and buggy, bringing us joy and happiness. Move on, but move slowly, stop for a spell at Pleasant View, Litchfield, Ohio in August of '95, and there again we will enjoy your fellowship as we have in times past.

The little Bro. who gave a donation, a resident of Campers Village, thanks for the \$15.00. Like the widow's mite, every little penny helps.

My Love,
Bro Newsome, Clerk

1994 Circular Letter

Most beloved Brethren and Sisters of this Grand Old Association, whom I love with a love that is of God. This love gets stronger every day as I live.

Being chosen last year to try and write a Circular Letter for your acceptance, I have prayed that God would direct my hand as I try to do this great work, and I know that I am too little or too unlearned to attempt to do this unless the Spirit would direct me.

I have prayed all year that God would give me the words to write, like he did the writers of Old. When God blessed them with His Spirit, they would write what the Spirit told them to write, and when the Spirit of Gold told them not to write, they closed the Book.

We, "The Children of God," believe the Bible is the true written word of God, and is the only rules and practice that we believe in. Brethren, whether young or old, it is the same Spirit, it doesn't tell the young to live one way and the old to live another way, but to live the same way.

The Spirit of God called the Holy Ghost does not change to fit the person. I believe the the Spirit of God today is the same as it was a long time ago when Jesus said, "I will pray that the Father will send your another Comforter, that will guide you in all things." Today, we walk by Faith that the Spirit of God will teach us all things.

By the Spirit of God, we are able to bring Glory and Honor to our Great God of Heaven, and He will bless us more as we travel through this world. The world will see we belong to God if we walk by the Spirit of God.

The Holy Word of God tells us there are many Spirits in this world, but to us, "The Children of God," there is only Spirit of God. That is the difference between the world and God's Children. The world does not have the Spirit of God because they don't know God, and the Bible says they are none of his.

So, by the Spirit of God, His children know Him and He can take care of His own whether they are young or old.

So, dear Brethren, we should try to teach the young and old to fear God and when the Spirit of God will tell them that they are sinners, we hope and pray that they will turn to God and be Born Again. We know that the Spirit of God will visit every man or woman on this earth, but what worries me is will they listen to the Spirit when He calls them to repentance or will they turn Him away and not let the Spirit into their hearts. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the Sons and Daughters of God." (Romans 8:14) So, if we are led by the Spirit of God, we should try to get along better with each other, so the world will see that we are the Children of God. Then we would give God the Honor and Glory He deserves.

From the very beginning, God created man and woman. He made them to give Him the Glory and Honor. When God spoke unto His Son, He said, "Let me make man in our image after our likeness, and let them have dominion over all things on this earth." (Genesis 1:26)

The Bible says that out of the dust of the ground the Lord God formed man and breathed into him the Breath of Life and man became a Living Soul, (Genesis 2:7) The Bible says that "There is a Spirit in Man (and Woman) the Inspiration of the Almighty that giveth them understanding what the will of God is.

That is the Spirit of God that will teach our young and old what the will of God is. The will of God is that all men and women will be Born Again, whether young or old there is no difference; it takes the same Spirit to be Born Again.

If we, "The Children of God," would listen to the Spirit of God and do what he tells us, we would get more blessings in this world and we would be a blessing to God and to all His children. What a great feeling it is to say God is my Father and to believe that by the Spirit of God that when we (The Children of God) leave this old world, we have a better home to go to. Oh, Dear Brethren, what a joy it is to live in this Old Church and to have fellowship with all the Brothers and Sisters.

So, Dear Brethren, to keep this letter from being too long, I will say to all of God's Children, let us live in Peace one with the other as much as we can, so the world will see we are the Children of God. May the Great God of Heaven keep you in his tender and loving care and to grant your every Prayer and keep you in His Love until we all meet in Heaven.

May He Bless this Grand Old Association to keep up the "good old time way" and for us to live every day as it will be our last one on earth.

Your Unworthy Servant,
Elder Stony Blackburn

CONSTITUTION

OF THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION WHEN ORGANIZED IN 1957

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.

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 dele-

gates 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 them 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 members, 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 deviates 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 the 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 of the 1611 Authorized King James version of the Bible are the written words of God, and the only rules of Faith and practice.
2nd Peter, 1:21, 2nd Tim. 3:16

ARTICLE 3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace. "For by grace are ye saved through Faith."
Acts 15:11, Titus 2:11

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. 3:6, 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 Tim. 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 Tim. 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. 3:13-16, John 1:31-33, 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.

Matt. 26:26-29, Mar 14:22-25, Luke 22:20, John 13:7-8, 1st Tim. 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. 15:51-53, Luke 24:46

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel, except such as are regular baptised, 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 13:2-3, Romans 1:6, Titus 1:5-9

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. 1:8-10

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 us a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the gospel.

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, Ch. 22:21-22, Luke 1:33

ARTICLE 15. None of the 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

RULES OF DECORUM

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

ARTICLE 2. The Association shall have a moderator, an 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 of imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can as to convey his ideas.

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 of appellation than that of "Brother."

ARTICLE 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any members 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 Moderator 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 MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 1995

April

PLEASANT VIEW — First in April. Curtie Hall, Roger Hicks, Jeff Dillon, Covis Tackitt.

ANTIOCH — First in April. Bill Cotton, Hiram Adkins, Russel Hicks, Billy Miller, Curtis Caudill, Jr., Sam Franks, Ted Robinson, Buddy Carty.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second in April. Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Woody Pack, Willis Tolliver, Lowel Mullins, Junior Mosley.

NEW MT. ZION — Fourth in April. Ellis Amburgey, Robert Haney, Kenny Robinson, Mike Slone.

May

MAGGIE'S HOME — First in May. James Branham, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Turner, Roy Caudill, Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE IDA — First in May. Urshel Huff, Woody Pack, Karrel Addington, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Claren Williams, Jesse Hagans.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First in May. Earl Dean Newsome, Jeff Dillon, Ked Adkins, Buddy Carty, Don Gibson, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Joshua Hicks, Danny Adams, Don Lawson.

LITTLE RUTH — Second in May. Paul Vance, Bill Cotton, Karrel Addington, James Branham, Jeff Dillon, Buddy W. Carty.

✓ **LITTLE ZION** — Second in May. Buford Brock, Arvid Blevins, Earl Hill, Larry Newsome, Danny Adams.

LILY OF THE VALLEY — Third in May. Hobart Justice, Estil Hamilton, Charles Newsome, Kennis Robinson, Johnie Bentley, Danny Adams, Edgar Howell, Hargis Tuttle.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third in May. Bill Dunbar, Tad Huff, Wayne Turner, James Watts, Danny Adams.

MORNING STAR — Third in May. Hobart Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton, Wendel Hamilton, Richard Staton, Clarence Owens, Jeff Dillon.

MACEDONIA — Third in May. Crede Thomas, Offie Bartley, Paul Stapleton, Forest Osborne, Ole Tackett.

June

MT. ZION — First in June. Robert Haney, Estil Hamilton, Buck Tuttle, Fred Charles, Ed Kidd, Dennis Kidd, Jimmie Oakley.

✓ **LITTLE BETHEL** — First in June. Hendricks Hampton, Karrel Addington, Paris Tackitt, Willis Little, Bill Blevins, Danny Adams, James Branham, Johnie Bentley, Elisa Branham.

✓ **LITTLE POLLY** — Second in June. Buddy Carty, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Turner, Danny Adams, Mike Slone.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second in June. Russel Hicks, Edwin Hay, Albert Hamilton, Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Johnie Bentley, Hillard Newsome, Karrel Addington.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second in June. Hargis Tuttle, Murl Caudill, Sam Franks, Danny Adams, Wayne Turner, William Hagans, Jesse Hagans, Russel Hicks.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third in June. Hiram Adkins, Edwin Hay, Danny Adams, Russel Hicks, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, Morris Wicker.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth in June. Covis Tackett, Estil Hamilton, Raymond Gayheart, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Turner, Billy Miller.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth in June. Karrel Addington, Woody Pack, Edwin Hay, Junior Ruggles, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, Willis Tolliver, Ivory Sowards.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth in June. Clarence Owens, Russel Hicks, Danny C. Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Robert Wallen, Morris Wicker, Mose Griffith.

July

LITTLE FLOCK — Third in July. Russell Hicks, Leonard Napier, Rich Griffith, Morris Wicker, Edwin Hay.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth in July. Hiram Adkins, Woody Pack, Richard Staton, Ray Hamilton, Dee Osborne.

August

TRUE VINE — Third in August. Jeff Dillon, Jesse Pack, Karrel Addington, Milton Dye, Offie Bartley.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

✓ **LITTLE REBECCA** — Third in August. Paris Tackitt, Karrel Addington, Buddy Carty, Donel Gibson, Hargis Tuttle, Murl Caudill.

MAGGIE'S HOME — First in June. Sam Franks, Murl Caudill, Hiram Adkins, David Slone.

LITTLE POLLY — Second in September. All Old Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MT. ZION — First in September, 1995 — Charles Nitchie, Squire Hamilton, Gary Compton, Steve Borders, Bart Potter.

LITTLE FLOCK — Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Ivory Sowards, Hobart Hamilton, Danny Adams, Jr. Ruggles.

LITTLE RUTH — Second in July. Kennis Robinson, Ivory Sowards, Scottie Little, Don Little, Russel Hicks, Charles Nitchie.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth in August. Matt Slone, Jr., Larry Newsome, Mike Slone, Kennis Robinson, Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE IDA — First in July. Buford Brock, Danny Adams, Scott Hamilton, Murl Caudill, Arnold Whitaker, Clarence Owen, Moderator & Assistant Moderator.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First in September. Moses Griffy, Estil Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Danny Adams.

LITTLE ZION — Second in August. Charles Newsome, Bill Blevins, Herman Belcher, Johnie Bentley.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second in August. Murl Caudill, Morris Wicker, David Slone, Danny Adams, James Branham.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth in August. Estil Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Glyn Maddox, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

PLEASANT VIEW — First in June. Alex Collier, David Slone, Dee Osborne, Buddy Carty.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second in October. Willis Tolliver, Paris Tackitt, Arnold Whitaker, Keith Akers, Hillard Newsome.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth in March. Jr. Ruggles, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Turner, Ralph Caudill, Ivory Sowards.

ANTIOCH — First in June. Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Willis Tolliver, Ivory Sowards.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second in October 1994. John Paul Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Sam Franks, Ralph Howard, James Branham, Jr. Ruggles.

LILY OF THE VALLEY — Third in July. Danny Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Mike Slone, Walker Howell, David Slone.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third in September 1995. Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Russel Hicks, Rick Akers, Glyn Maddox.

MORNING STAR — Third in July. Junior Mosley, Ray Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Johnnie Bentley, Hobert Justice, Gene Johnson.

LITTLE BETHEL — First in September. Hargis Tuttle, Covis Tackett, Wendel Hamilton, Hobart Hamilton, Scott Hamilton.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth in October 1995. Danny Adams, Paul Vance, Russel Hicks, Junior Mosley, Phillip Mosley.

MACEDONIA — Third in September. Ole Tackett, Paul Stapleton, Jessie Hagan, Clarence Williams, Marvin Bryant.

TRUE VINE — Third in October. Russel Hicks, Hargis Tuttle, Junior Mosley, Raymon Vanderpool, Stony Blackburn, Eddie Wallen.

NEW MT. ZION — Fourth in May. SEE SPECIAL MEMORIALS BELOW.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

A general memorial service for all the deceased Elders and members of the Northern New Salem Association will be held at the Little Angel Church, Columbus, Ohio, on the odd weekend in April. Saturday 29th meeting is to start at 1:30 P.M. (evening meal will be served) Sunday 30th meeting is to be at the regular time (lunch will be served). Everyone is invited to attend. (See Item 11 of the current minutes).

New Mt. Zion — Special Memorial for Elder Claude and Sister Emma Ousley on the fourth weekend of May at New Mt. Zion Church, Shelby, Ohio. Elders called: Michael Slone, Jimmie Oakley, Kenny Robinson, Karrel Addington.

Marcum's Memorial — Fifth Sunday in July. Brothers called: Paris Tackitt, Ivory Sowards, Russel Hicks, Junior Ruggles, Willis Tolliver, Edwin Hay.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Little Rebecca

Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-9501
Elder Danny Carty	4265 Southmoor Park, Lexington, KY 40514	(606) 223-2703
Elder Donel Gibson	Box 84, New Haven, OH 44850	(419) 935-4165
Elder Faris Tuttle	Rt. 2, Shiloh, OH 44878	(419) 896-3569

Maggie's Home

Elder Don Mullins	Box 336 Rt. 1, Hamden, OH 45634	(614) 596-4946
Elder Harrison Runyon	86 Burr Oak Blvd., Nelsonville, OH 45764	(614) 753-1024
Elder Jerry Runyon	Rt. 4, S.R. 143, Pomeroy, OH 45769	(614) 992-2687
Elder Paris Tackitt	344 3rd St., Beaver, OH 45613	(614) 226-6343

Little Polly

Elder Richard Griffith	19545 Homer Rd., Marshall, Mich. 49068	(616) 781-7771
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Mt. Zion

Elder Michael K. Slone	80 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-8218
Elder Rufus Slone	224 Deffiance St., St. Mary's, OH 45885	(419) 394-5146

Little Flock

Elder Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd., Thurman, OH 45685	(614) 682-6533
Elder Mike Fortner	2476 Centerpoint Rd., Oak Hill, OH 45656	(614) 682-6236
Elder Sam Franks	1412 Jones Rd., Vinton, OH 45686	(614) 388-9009
Elder Joshua Hicks	Rt. 6, Royalton Rd., Lancaster, OH 43130	(614) 969-2988
Elder Don Lawson	204 2nd St., Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	(614) 468-2203
Elder Raymond Stapleton	Rt. 1, Box 322 Co. Rd. 8, Ewington, OH 45686	(614) 669-5005

Little Ruth

Elder Webster Bartley	304 W. Columbia, St., Marion, OH 43302	(614) 383-1202
Elder Bill Staten	111 Twp. Rd. 208, Marengo, OH 43334	(419) 253-5906
Elder Raymond Vanderpool	142 Sandusky St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-5061
Elder Amos Williams	150 Riley St., Newark, OH 43055	(614) 344-1073

Little Edna

Elder Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, OH 44001	(216) 988-5875
Elder Hobert Justice	455 Summer St., Sheffield Village, OH 44054	(216) 277-9547
Elder Denver Meade	953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	(216) 949-6048
Elder Jessie Pack	12620 Grimsly Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135	(216) 251-1825
Elder David Slone	5128 Orchard Ave., Lorain, OH 44055	(216) 233-5580

Little Ida

Elder Herman Belcher	59 Oak St., River Rouge, MI 48218	(313) 841-2277
Elder Ralph Caudill	1594 Wilson Ave., Lincoln Pk., MI 48146	(313) 381-3710
Elder Clark Damron	60 Stoner, River Rouge, MI 48218	(313) 841-7137
Elder Birtus Dunbar	Clara Doris Rd. Rt. 2, Box 271, Providence, KY 42450	(502) 667-2853
Elder Billy Miller	672 Cora, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-0208
Elder Arthur Mitchell	1712 Electric, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-2423

Little Flossie

Elder Russell Hicks	11971 N. Angling Rd. 57 Wolcottville, IN 46795	(219) 854-2413
Elder Morris Wicker	5402 Northport, Rome City, IN 46784	(219) 347-3961

Little Zion

Elder Rick Akers	58253 Culpepper, Washington, MI 48094	(810) 781-9321
Elder Glyn Maddox	3463 Poplar, Warren, MI 48091	(810) 754-2124
Elder Clarence Owens	33632 Cheryl, Clinton Twp., MI 48035	(810) 791-2135

Little Pilgrim's Home

Elder Danny C. Hamilton	367 Twp. Rd., 1031, Nova, OH 44859	(419) 652-2485
Elder Eddie Wallen	330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090	(216) 647-3539
Elder Robert Wallen	123 Main Street, Rochester, OH 44090	(216) 647-4052

Mt. Olivet

Elder Danny R. Adams	24858 Champaign, Taylor, MI 48180	(313) 292-8759
Elder Charles Newsome	3232 Vassar Rd., Burton, MI 48519	(810) 744-3855

Pleasant View

Elder Stony Blackburn	300 Salem Ave., #R Vermillion, OH 44089	(216) 967-9389
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Elder Hayes Chaffins	403 S. Center St., LaGrange, OH 44050	(216) 355-8461
Elder Conley Daniels	3624 W. 114th St., Cleveland, OH 44111	(216) 251-0709
Elder Raymond Gayheart	14061 Twp Rd. 215, Lakeville, OH 44638	(216) 378-9008
Elder Larry D. Newsome	2216 Brownhelm Sta. Rd., Vermillion, OH 44089	(216) 967-5877
Elder Matt Slone	5426 Lake Rd., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	(216) 949-5174
Elder Hargis Tuttle	4494 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	(216) 839-5113

Little Family

Elder Roy Caudill	6143 Paulin Dr., Middletown, OH 45042	(513) 423-2381
Elder Hendricks Hampton	40 Deardoff Rd., Franklin, OH 45005	(513) 746-7533
Elder James D. Watts	936 Shiree Lane, Lot #21, Bowling Green, KY 42103	(502) 782-6482

Little Angel

Elder Milton Dye	3737 Abney Rd., Columbus, OH 43207	(614) 491-3415
Elder John Jude	1609 Fallbrook Rd., Columbus, OH 43223	(614) 274-7122
Elder Birtchel Mosley, Jr.	208 W. Mitchell St., Kendallville, IN 46755	(219) 347-2220
Elder Forest Osborne	3425 Kitzmiller Rd., New Albany, OH 43054	(614) 855-7955

Antioch

Elder Karrell Addington	501 Micawber, Louisville, KY 40245	(502) 254-5961
Elder Hillard Newsome	3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, KY 40213	(502) 452-1197
Elder Coeburn Wayne Turner	1888 Finchville Rd., Shelbyville, KY 40065	(502) 834-7608

Rose of Sharon

Elder Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-2983
Elder Jeff Dillon	7939 Adair, Casco, MI 48064	(810) 329-4368
Elder Ray Hamilton	18610 Toledo Rd., Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 282-2343
Elder Doug McCarty	P. O. Box 2018, Keystone Hgts., FL 32656	(904) 473-3424
Elder Johnny Newsome	6402 Bodine Ave., Keystone Hgts., FL 32656	(904) 473-9206
Elder Whipple Reynolds	1847 Highway South, Lot 26 Benore, TN 37885	(615) 884-6938

Lily of the Valley

Elder Evan Hamilton	5733 Washington Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004	(216) 992-4621
Elder Scott Hamilton	794 S. Broadway, Geneva, OH 44041	(216) 466-3534

Elder Squire Hamilton	1180 Harricane Rd., Pikeville, KY 41605	(606) 478-1914
Elder Junior Jent	9560 Lake Shore Blvd. Mentor, Ohio 44060	(216) 352-0432
Elder Chester Newsome	5908 Ogden Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004	(216) 992-5640

Little Children's Home

Elder Buford Brock	1494 N. 50 East, Danville, IN 46122	(317) 745-5228
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Morning Star

Elder Bill Blevins	23400 Manor Rd., N., New Boston, MI 48164	(313) 753-5869
Elder Ishmal Hall, Jr.	2104 Glencoe Hills, Apt. 12, Ann Arbor, MI 48103	(313) 677-2437
Elder Willis Little	4541 Grace, Wayne, MI 48184	(313) 728-4486
Elder Covis Tackett	4143 St. Rt. 103 S., Willard, OH 44890	(419) 933-4539

Little Bethel

Elder Lester Hall	2744 Co. Rd. 306, Vickery, OH 43464	(419) 684-9601
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Family of Love

Elder Clifford Bradley	18003 SH 231, Rt. 1, Nevada, OH 44849	(614) 482-2095
Elder Buddy W. Carty	160 Trux St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-7431

Macedonia

Elder Darvin Sturgill	Box J, Olive Hill, KY 41164	(606) 286-4075
Elder Burl Sturgill	Grahn, KY 41142	(606) 286-2492

True Vine

Elder Steven Borders	770 Wooster Rd. N., Barberton, OH 44203	(216) 745-7377
Elder Perry Haderman	6742 Linkfarm Rd., Thomasville, NC 27306	(919) 476-3672
Elder Bart Potter	1008 Laurel Dr., West Salem, OH 44287	(419) 945-2330
Elder Kennis L. Robinson	1947 Tonawanda Ave., Akron, OH 44305	(216) 794-8821

New Mt. Zion

Elder Jimmy Oakley	1200 Caldwell St., Mansfield, OH 44906	(419) 747-7281
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1994 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Little RebeccaDan Thornsberry, Don Gibson, Malcolm Branham
Maggie's Home	.....Amos Ratiffit, John Mullins, Don Mullins
Little Polly	.....Rich Griffith, Jerry Griffith, Tom Van Zandt
Mt. Zion	.....Mike Slone, Rufus Slone, Delmas Hall
Little Flock	.....Howard Parsley, Dwane Graves, Don Lawson
Little Ruth	.....Emery Bartley, Amos Williams, Adran Counts
Little Edna	.....Elmer Edwards, Raymond Gilman, David Slone
Little Ida	.....Vivan Johnson, John Mitchell, Effort Tackett
Little Flossie	.....Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Larry Dixon
Little Zion	.....Glyn Maddox, Buford Conn, Rick Akers
Little Pilgrim's Home	.....Robert Wallen, Eddie Wallen, Danny Hamilton
Mt. Olivet	.....Danny Adams, Charles Newsome, Carl Ousley
Pleasant View	.....Terry Ratliff, Tim Hall, Larry Newsome
Little Family	.....Hendricks Hampton, Gerome and James Watts
Little Angel	.....Jr. Mosley, Forest Osborne, Ezra Thornsberry
Antioch	.....Darrell Parks, Melvin Adams, Milford Prater, Sr.
Rose of Sharon	.....Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Jeff Dillon
Lily of the Valley	.....Evan, Scott and Squire Hamilton
Little Children's Home	.....Buford Brock, Mike Hiatt, Henry Hobson
Morning Star	.....Bill Blevins, Ishmal Hall, Covis Tackett
Little Bethel	.....Holly Tuttle, Ernest Owens, David Maynard
Family of Love	.....Buddy W. Carty, Reed Triplett, Lomes Finley
Macedonia	.....Earnest Middleton, Orvil Blevins
True Vine	.....Mack Adkins, Leonard Robinson, Bart Potter
New Mt. Zion	.....Don Vanderpool, Jimmy Oakley, Kelly Reed

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Church	Clerk	Address	City, State	Telephone
Little Rebecca	Frank Holt	223 Plymouth St.	Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-4402
Maggie's Home	Harrison Runyon	86 Burr Oak Blvd.,	Nelsonville, OH 45764	(614) 753-1024
Little Polly	Tom Vanzandt	11346 Willwood Dr	Marshall, MI 49068	(616) 781-8191
Mt. Zion	Bennie Sturgill	3507, CR44	Ada, OH 45810	(419) 639-2507
Little Flock	Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd	Thurman, OH 45685	(614) 682-6533
Little Ruth	Adran Counts	3645 TWP Rd. 26	Cardington, OH 43315	(419) 946-6621
Little Edna	Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Pk. Rd	Amherst, OH 44001	(216) 988-5875
Little Ida	John Johnson	15649 Fordline	Southgate, MI 48195	(313) 246-0769
Little Flossie	Morris Wicker	5402 E. North Port	Rome City, IN 46784	(219) 347-3961
Little Zion	Eugene Robinette	5490 Hearst St	Utica, MI 48317	(810) 731-7419
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny Hamilton	367 TWP Rd. 1031	Nova, OH 44859	(419) 652-2485
Mt. Olivet	Carl Ousley	425 E. Bellevue	Leslie, MI 49251	(519) 589-8736
Pleasant View	Eldon Hall	928 Livermore Ln	Elyria, OH 44035	(216) 365-3459
Little Family	Marvin Potter	7492 Hopkins Rd	Maineville, OH 45039	(513) 683-2492
Little Angel	Forest Osborne	3425 Kitmiller Rd	New Albany, OH 43054	(614) 855-7955
Antioch	Melvin Adams	495 Overlook Rd.	Louisville, KY 40229	(502) 957-2417
Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd St.	Wyondotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-2983
Lily of the Valley	Carl E. Hall	17249 Stocking Rd.	Madison, OH 44057	(216) 298-1490
Little Children's Home	James D. Wagner	17201 Stone Ch. Rd	Laurel, IN 47024	(317) 698-2316
Morning Star	Willis Little	4541 Grace	Wayne, MI 48184	(313) 728-4486
Little Bethel	Ernest Owens	833 Fennimore St.,	Fremont, OH 43420	(419) 334-4344
Family of Love	Perry C. Williams	545 E. Mark St	Marion, OH 43302	(614) 383-4494
Macedonia	Frank Sturgill		Grahn, KY 41142	(606) 286-4914
True Vine	Mack Adkins	509 Waterside Ave	Canal Fulton, OH 44614	(216) 854-1879
New Mt. Zion	Dwayne Slone	321 Twp. Rd. 350,	Sullivan, OH 44880	(419) 736-3531

CHURCH MODERATORS AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

Church	Moderator	Asst. Moderator
Little Rebecca	Buddy W. Carty	Donel Gibson
Maggie's Home	Paris Tackitt	Ivory Sowards
Little Polly	Rich Griffith	Estil Hamilton
Mt. Zion	Mike Slone	Rufus Slone
Little Flock	Joshua Hicks	Sam Franks
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	
Little Edna	David Slone	Hobart Justice
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill	Herman Belcher
Little Flossie	Rich Griffith	Russell Hicks
Little Zion	Glyn Maddox	Clarence Owens
Little Pilgrim's Home	Robert Wallen	Danny Hamilton
Mt. Olivet	Charles Newsome	Danny Adams
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome	Stoney Blackburn
Little Family	Roy Caudill	Hendricks Hampton
Little Angel	Hiram Adkins	Paris Tackitt
Antioch	Hillard Newsome	C. W. Turner
Rose of Sharon	Ray Hamilton	Jeff Dillion
Lily of the Valley	Squire Hamilton	Scott Hamilton
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock	Hendricks Hamilton
Morning Star	Covis Tackett	Bill Blevins
Little Bethel	Covis Tackett	Hobard Justice
Family of Love	Buddy W. Carty	Donel Gibson
Macedonia	Darvin Sturgill	
True Vine	Kennis Robinson	David Slone
New Mt. Zion	Mike Slone	Jimmy Oakley

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Church	Address	City	State
Little Rebecca	Henry Road, Ph. 419-687-8838	Plymouth	Ohio
Maggie's Home		Dundas	Ohio
Little Polly	19545 Homer Road	Marshall	Michigan
Mt. Zion	5874 St. Rt. 309, Ph. 419-634-1501	Ada	Ohio
Little Flock	Route 1	Ray	Ohio
Little Ruth	Route 3	Marengo	Ohio
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain	Ohio
Little Ida	4060 Drennan Street, Ph. 313-386-9350	Ecorse	Michigan
Little Flossie		Lisbon	Indiana
Little Zion	63181 Romeo Plank Road	Romeo	Michigan
Little Pilgrim's Home	Highway 224	Ruggles	Ohio
Mt. Olivet	Route 1	Stockbridge	Michigan
Pleasant View	Box 48, 3589 Beat Road, Ph. 216-723-5345	Litchfield	Ohio
Little Family	S.R. 744, 1 mile west of	Jacksonburg	Ohio
Little Angel	5733 Saltgaber Road, Ph. 614-492-0010	Columbus	Ohio
Antioch	10817 Barricks Road	Louisville	Kentucky
Rose of Sharon	5665 Carolton-Rockwood	S. Rockwood	Michigan
Lily of the Valley	Rt. 534-600, Kawanis Pk. Dr.	Geneva	Ohio
Little Children's Home		Laurel	Indiana
Morning Star	44441 Clay Road	Belleville	Michigan
Little Bethel	S.R. 228	Greensprings	Ohio
Family of Love	Ph. 614-482-2434	Wyandotte	Ohio
Macedonia		Grahn	Kentucky
True Vine	7992 Cleveland Mass Road, Ph. 216-882-6393	Clinton	Ohio
New Mt. Zion		Shelby	Ohio

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES

Churches	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	46	3-E	\$400.00	July
Maggie's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	33	1-M	200.00	July
Little Polly	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	20	2-E	150.00	July
Mt. Zion	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	1-M	75.00	July
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	31	3-M	200.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	18	2-M	175.00	June
Little Edna	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	23	4-M	125.00	July
Little Ida	4	0	0	0	1	1	3	93	1-M	550.00	June
Little Flossie	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	37	1-E	200.00	June
Little Zion	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	30	2-M	200.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	2-M	175.00	July
Mt. Olivet	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	12	4-M	125.00	July
Pleasant View	1	1	0	0	3	0	1	78	1-E	300.00	May
Little Family	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	2-E	200.00	July
Little Angel	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	58	4-E	400.00	Aug.
Antioch	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	38	1-E	310.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	3	4	0	1	5	0	1	48	2-M	400.00	May
Lily of the Valley	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	20	3-E	125.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3-E	175.00	July
Morning Star	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	41	3-M	300.00	June
Little Bethel	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	1-M	100.00	July
Family of Love	1	1	0	0	4	1	0	29	4-E	200.00	July
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	42	3-M	150.00	June
True Vine	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	20	3-M	200.00	Sept.
New Mt. Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	4-M	50.00	Oct.
1994 Church Contributions										\$5,465.00	
1994 Money for Pictures										425.50	
Other Contributions										616.00	
Grand Total	23	26	0	2	23	8	24	893		\$6,506.50	
M — Saturday morning services											
E — Saturday evening services											

Obituaries

(Please note Item 7-A of Saturday's Work Concerning Poems)

CECIL A. ADKINS



Cecil A. Adkins

Brother Cecil Andy Adkins was born May 4th, 1921, in Amba, Kentucky, to John and Polly Ann Adkins, and died July 2nd, 1994, making his stay here 73 years and 2 months.

In 1937 he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps, then went on to the 1304th Base Unit of the Air-Transport Command, serving as a Corporal in the Pacific during World War II.

Back home, he worked in the coal mines, then moved to Michigan where he worked in fabrication shops and part-time jobs, all in order to give his family a good life.

Cecil loved going to church and reading his Bible, and found great delight in the funny stories about his grandchildren's sometimes-not-

so-good behavior. He also enjoyed following the ups and downs of "his" Detroit Tigers.

Cecil was married to Katherine Alice Adkins. Together, they had 3 children: Brenda Gail, David Cecil and Jeffrey Dale Adkins. But he lost his beloved wife on March 3rd, 1984 and was left alone with his memories of her. Often he told his children of his great love for her, and hoped that when his own time came to go that God would let her come and lead him back to Heaven with her.

While in the hospital a few weeks ago, he told Brenda that, when Katherine died, he'd wished it had been him instead. Mainly because he always felt she got along better with the kids than he did. As tears rolled down his face, he took his daughter's hand and said, "But we did OK, didn't we?"

And "We did," she agreed.

Cecil left behind 6 grandchildren: Ryan, Jenny, Jason, Joel, Sarah and Amanda, and 5 brothers and a sister: Joe Lee, R.J., Ballard and Billy Gene Adkins and Charley Akers and Lucille Hartsock. These siblings preceded him in death: Henry, Ireland, Delsey, Johnny and Clifford.

We shall miss Cecil very much. Always shall there be a void of emptiness in our hearts that only his special smile and presence could fill. But we understand that we must let him go, that this is the parting of the ways. But it is only for a short season. For God promised us all life-everlasting and now comforts us with His eternal love through His Word. We must believe that the day shall yet come when we'll be able to look beyond the silver-lined clouds and twinkling stars and see the mansion of many rooms He has prepared for us. And in the doorway of this magnificent mansion shall Cecil and Katherine be standing, with arms outstretched to welcome us into the Paradise of golden streets and radiant splendor they so longed for.

written by his son-in-law,
David Randal

KATHERINE A. ADKINS

Sister Katherine Alice Adkins, born March 25, 1941, departed this life March 3, 1984, at the age of 42 years. Born in Pikeville, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late Lilburn and Alice Adkins. She lived most of her life in Michigan.

She leaves to mourn her passing her loyal and devoted husband, Cecil Adkins, who shared with her life's joys and sorrows for 25 years. This union brought forth one daughter, Brenda Gail Adkins and two sons, David Cecil Adkins and Jeffrey Dale Adkins.

Katherine is also survived by four brothers: Henry, Vernon, Claude and Jimmy Adkins, and one sister, Betty Holland, and 3 grandchildren: Jason, Joel and Ryan.

Let it be said that Kathy was a loving wife and mother, a kind and thoughtful neighbor and a friend whose kindness knew no bounds. She was a rock, a tower of strength, the kind of person whom one could truly depend on. And she spent her life helping others in any way she could.

Her baby grandsons were her pride and joy, and in such a short time she spent as much time with them as possible and gave them enough love to last a lifetime.

Reborn in the Lord on June 24th, 1972, she was baptized the next day. She became a member of the Little Ida Church, in Ecorse, Michigan and later went to the Morning Star Church in Belville. Only days before her passing she said that she loved both churches and every member in both churches.

Our beloved Kathy shall never be forgotten. She has touched so many hearts through her life's journey. And she loved everyone she met. But more than this, she was an inspiration to all, and showed great courage through all her trials and tribulations. Through her great faith in Jesus she taught us not only how to live but also how to die. Her memory will always be treasured in the hearts of all those who loved her.

Although she was ours for such a short while, we find comfort in knowing that she is at peace now in God's loving arms. It is with great sorrow that we say good-bye to the most loving, caring and sharing person that we have ever known. But how it eases our troubled hearts to know that she is receiving her reward in heaven through God's love and grace.

Yes, it is with the heaviest of hearts that we say good-bye to this wonderful woman who gave us so much of herself, and who let her light in Christ shine through. Katherine, we love you so much. And though your passing grieves us deeply, we know that through God's power and grace we may again someday walk hand in hand with you, down heaven's streets of gold.

written by her loving daughter, Brenda Adkins
and son-in-law, David Randal



Katherine A. Adkins

KENIS R. BLEVINS JR.



Kenis R. Blevins, Jr.

(In this life) Philippians 2:10 & 11
*That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things
under the earth;*

*And that every tongue should confess that Jesus
Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

(After this life) Romans 14:11

*For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every
knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess
to God.*

It is with a broken heart and by the help of
the Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my
brother, Kenis R. Blevins, Jr.

Junior was born August 28, 1943 in Pikeville,
Kentucky and deceased this life on May 9, 1994
at Wyandotte General Hospital, making his stay on earth 50 years and 8 months.
He was the son of the late Elder Kenis R. Blevins Sr. and Mary E. Gibson Blevins.

He was married to his wife Elizabeth Tolar Blevins on February 14, 1991 and
they resided in Ecorse.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth and one son Quinton Blevins of Lincoln
Park, Michigan. Leaving also to mourn his loss are his mother Mary E. Blevins of
Ecorse, four brothers, Arvid and Walter Blevins of Ecorse and Lynn and John
Blevins of Lincoln Park, five sisters, Mrs. Faye Wakefield of Decatur, Alabama,
Mrs. Marie Williams of River Rouge, Mrs. Ophelia Hanson of Romulus, Mrs.
Geraldine Loree of Taylor and Mrs. Vanessa Broome of Ecorse. He also had three
stepsons, Paul Ruggiero, Wayne Ruggiero and Mark Ruggiero all of Long Island,
New York and 3 stepdaughters, Kerrie Lorandino and Cyndy Zeko of Long
Island, New York and Rita Salgota of Arizona and 13 step-grandchildren. Also
Junior leaves behind a very special daughter, Mrs. Sherry Thompson of Ferndale,
Michigan. One brother and one sister preceded him in death. He also leaves to
mourn his loss a host of relatives and friends who will miss him greatly.

Junior had bad health all of his life and retired from McLouth Steel Corpora-
tion after 27 years of seniority with a disability.

He told his mother quite sometime ago that he had been praying and about
two weeks ago he told her that he believed the Lord had forgiven him of his sins
and that there was nothing standing in his way, that he was ready, and according
to his testimony he left a good hope.

I would like to say to the rest of the family, that according to the scriptures I
read at the beginning of his obituary, that every knee shall bow and every tongue
should confess that Jesus is Lord and God is his Father, if not they *shall* bow and
confess in the general resurrection. I personally will me him Oh! so much and the
rest of the family will too.

I hope to meet him again when this life is over.

Written by his brother:
Elder Arvid Blevins

LENITA BLEVINS



Lenita Blevins

With the help of the good Lord, I will try to
write an obituary of my dear sister, who I loved
and miss so much. She fell asleep in the arms of
Jesus January 11, 1994. She was born October
25, 1917 to the late Joe and Ella Colegrove. She
married Willard Blevins in 1940, and to this
union seven children were born. She was pre-
ceded in death by her husband Willard and son
Joe Oscar. Left to mourn her loss are Willard
and Mary Blevins, Helen Blevins, Anna Morris,
David and Louise Blevins, Naomi and John
Righter and Mark Blevins; sisters, Irene Hen-
dricks and Ruth Redmon; brother, Paul Ray
Colegrove; thirteen grandchildren; six great-
grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews;
special friends, Cheryl Case and Chris Boehm; brothers and sisters of the church.

She joined the Little Angel Church July 26, 1974, professing a hope in Jesus.
She filled her seat as long as she was able to. She loved the old time way. She had
a hard life in this old world, but I believe she'll have a mansion in heaven where
there'll be no more sickness or worry.

Children, she loved you all so much and worked so hard to raise you. Chil-
dren and grandchildren, give up the sinful things of this world and get ready to
meet her. That is what she prayed for and wanted more than anything. Life is
short. Please don't put it off too long.

Written by her sister,
Irene Hendricks

PAULINE (TURNER) BRAMHAM



Pauline (Turner) Bramham

*"The Angel of the Lord encampeth around them
that fear Him, and delivereth them. The righteous
cry, and the Lord heareth and delivereth them out of
their trouble."* It was such a beautiful Fall day,
October 26, 1993 when God filled the earth with
such a ray of sunshine. In Medino, Ohio, the
hospital, lie a jewel by the name of Sister
Pauline Bramham. God sent His angels, to
bring her HOME. Out of the trouble, sorrow
and many days of suffering since March, with a
disease called Leukemia (cancer of the blood).
Sis. Pauline suffered many days and nights, she
took the treatments to try to hold on to life,
because she had a dear husband, Bro. Abel
Bramham, whom she had spent 47 years, with
this past May of 1993.

Sister Pauline was the daughter of Kelly and Ella (Gayheart) Turner, and born in Wayland, Floyd Co., Ky. Joining this union were six sisters, Blanche Hunt of Lady Lake, Florida, Palestine Cole of Pikeville, Ky., Willa Dean Bevins of Jackson, Oh., Norma Jean Bramham of Uneda, W. Va., Joann Hall of Troy, Mi., and Beatrice Turner of Michigan. She has one sister and her parents deceased. Has one brother, Jim (Ronnie) Turner who lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. She has one daughter, Donna Matthews of Lady Lake, Florida.

The Lord blessed Sis. Pauline to live 67 years on earth, and met many friends, whom she loved and they loved her. She was such a kind-hearted person. When one would visit her, she would want to know immediately, "if they would like to eat or would take a cup of coffee." She came to visit me one day, we had such a long conversation about the Lord. She told me, she was so sorry, she had waited so long to repent of her sin, and to belong to the church. She had let many things hinder her. But in the year of 1991, on that Sunday at Pleasant View church, she made the decision to come Home. She wanted a home with the children of God. She said God had done all he was going to do, in that area of life and it was up to me, to do the rest.

Bro. Abel's prayers had been answered. He was blessed to walk with her, out in the water of baptism. He had been in the church since 1977, but he never gave up. During all her sickness, she worried about her husband's needs. They were close and cared for each other. They came to Ohio in 1956, enjoying many years together.

We, at Pleasant View church were blessed to know such a wonderful person as Sister Pauline Bramham. We were so thankful, she was able to take one more Communion with us in May. She seemed to look forward to that day, asking God to make her able to be there. She was glad to have her sisters, Norma and Willa Dean up to visit her, and to go to church with her that Sunday.

We all miss Sis. Pauline, but none will miss her as Bro. Abel does. May God Bless and Comfort him, in his lonely hours. The Lord promised He will never leave us nor forsake us and those promises he keeps. If we would only remember what the Bible tells us, to "rejoice when the children of God are called HOME, and mourn for those that come into the world." How much easier it would be to give up loved ones, especially those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Sister Pauline was buried in the River-Road Cemetery, LaGrange, Oh., on Indian Hollow Road. The family wishes to thank those at Pleasant View church, the Blackburn Funeral Home of Grafton, Oh., and any one who spoke a kind word or did a good deed. Sis. Pauline claimed Psalm 23: *The Lord is my Shepherd.*

I loved you, Sis.
Sister Marjorie Slone

EDNA BURKE

In loving memory of our mother, Edna Hudson Burke, who entered into eternal peace Thursday, June 23, 1994 at 7:01 a.m. at the age of 85.



Edna Burke

She was born November 3, 1908 in Virgie, Kentucky to Andy and Dillie Hudson. On June 9, 1923 she wed Delmer Burke; upon his passing, they shared 49 years together. To this union was born 13 children: Acy Burke of Warren, Ohio; Truman Burke of Tavares, Florida; Tony Burke of Bristoville, Ohio; Nona Smith of Lincoln Park, Michigan; Fronia Shelton of River Rouge, Michigan; Norella Burke and Shirley Johnson, both of Detroit, Michigan; Jean Bredin of Allen Park, Michigan; and Judy O'Neal of Warren, Ohio. Four children preceded her in death. Also to share in dear memories, she leaves 28 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Nora Dotson, and her half-brother, Jimmy Hudson.

Mother was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 47 years, of which she truly loved. She spoke of the old time ways, the preaching and singing to all of us. She wanted to share the message of our Savior to assure her loved ones we could be together again. Mother will truly be missed, but we have a great comfort of knowing she rests peacefully in the arms of our Lord.

Written by her children

VERLIN CASE



Verlin Case

It is with both sadness and joy that I attempt to write an obituary for a very special man, Verlin Case — my Poppy. It is with sadness because he is deeply missed by all of us, but it is with joy because I know he is resting painlessly in the arms of Jesus.

He was born on April 26, 1921 in Floyd County, Ky., making his stay here on earth 72 years, 10 months. He was the son of the late Felix Thomas and Rana Frasure Case. He married Clarkie Marshall Case on June 10, 1946. They were married for 47 years. They had one daughter, Charlotte Ann, who was his pride and joy. She gave him two grandchildren, Lisa and Ron, also the joy of his life.

He was a member of Little Angel Old Regular Baptist Church in Columbus. He was a World War II Army Veteran and was retired from Rockwell International.

He is survived by his wife, Clarkie; his daughter, Charlotte; his grandchildren, Lisa and Ron; and a great-grandson, Travis. He is also survived by three brothers, Werlie, Bermin and Paul. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Prock, Willie and Berlin, and a sister, Verlie Nixon.

He was a good provider, a wonderful father, and the kind of grandpa that loved to spoil us rotten. One of my favorite memories of him was how he would buy a fishing license every year just to take me and Ron fishing. He also took along his pole but rarely got to pick it up because he was either baiting our hooks or taking off our fish. But he didn't care. He got his enjoyment from watching us have fun.

As for my mom, his only child, there really aren't words to express how he felt about her. She was his life. He would do whatever he could to make sure she had what she needed and wanted. I've been told that he would even do her chores for her so she wouldn't have to. She truly was his pride and joy.

He was so sick at the end and in so much pain. But even though he could barely speak, he continued to tell us that he loved us. One day he asked my Granny to come sit on the bed with him. When she did, the lady staying with them asked him if he knew who that was. He said "Sure I do. It's only the prettiest woman in the world." And even though he only got to know his great-grandson for a year, when Travis come into his room, Poppy would open his eyes and ask how his little buddy was doing. My Granny tells me that just days before he went home that he was praying to God by singing a prayer. She said it was beautiful. I know today that he is in a much better place and in no pain. Although we miss him dearly, we would never wish him to return. He may be gone from us physically, but he will ever be with us in all the wonderful memories we have of him.

Written by his granddaughter
who misses him very much, Lisa Walker

LIBERTY COFFEY



Liberty Coffey

With a sad and broken heart and with the help of our Dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we will try to write an obituary of our dear sweet dad, Liberty Coffey. After much suffering daddy went to sleep in the arms of Jesus. Daddy accomplished the ultimate, he crossed over the great river from death to life everlasting. Daddy died Tuesday, January 11, 1994, making his stay here on earth 80 years, 10 months, and 26 days.

Daddy was born February 16, 1913 at Magoffin County, Kentucky. The son of Columbus and Margaret (Wireman) Coffey who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death was five brothers, David, Dormant, Curt, Dan, and Russell;

three sisters, Mertle, Martha Frazier, and Mary Patrick.

Liberty was united in marriage to Arpie (Stacy) on September 14, 1944. This

marriage was blessed with two sons, Gaylord of Indianapolis, Indiana and James of Wichita, Kansas; four daughters, Agatha Proitsis and Janice Presson of Columbus, Bobbette Dillenger of Wellston, and Glenda McGinnis of Coalton, Ohio. 11 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, 2 step-grandsons, and 1 great-step-grandson whom he loved and accepted as his own. Also surviving are four sisters: Rebecca Moore, Bertha Phipps Stacy, Edith Owsley, and Susie Shepherd; one brother, Winford, all of Ohio.

Daddy joined The Little Flock Church of Old Regular Baptist on Sunday, January 19, 1966. He was baptized by Brothers Anthony Hamilton and Ivory Sowards. He was ordained as a Deacon June 16, 1968.

Dad was a devoted husband and wonderful father to his children and grandchildren. He was always there when we needed him and was loved by all who knew him. When we enter the house and look at dad's chair, it is empty. We will feel dad's presence always. We are forever thankful to God for all we shared during our times together. In our hearts dad will live forever. We believe our loss will be Heaven's gain. Dad's prayer was for his family to love each other. Dad prayed a lot in his last days. I believe he was praying for his family to fall out with sin and begin their journey from nature to grace. Nothing would make dad happier than being reunited with his family in heaven.

Written by his Broken-Hearted Daughters,
Janice Presson and Sister Glenda McGinnis

CLAIRMOND JOHN (GEORGE) COGAN

It is with many sad and happy memories, and much sadness that I write the obituary of my dear Daddy. Clairmond J. Cogan was born on September 2, 1911 in Grand Rapids, Ohio. He was the son of Joseph and Mary Cogan of Grand Rapids, Ohio. Daddy passed away at home on September 12, 1993 making him 82 years and 10 days old.

Dad married my mom Julie (Harris) Cogan on May 26, 1956 and to this marriage they had three children. Virgie May Cogan and John Clair Cogan, both of Ecorse, Michigan and Kathleen Ann (Cogan) Weger, of Romulus, Michigan.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father, also a baby sister Sylvia. His sister Rudy Oldenburg passed away two days after Daddy. She lay down and just quit breathing, the same way that daddy did.

He is survived by his wife, Julie; daughters Virgie and Kathleen and a son John. A son-in-law Jeff and a daughter-in-law Judy. Sisters Laura Vaishville of Arizona and Margaret Peterson of Ohio. Brothers: Clifford Cogan of El Centro, California, Floyd Cogan of Ohio, and Ralph Cogan of Florida. Also six very lonesome grandchildren who miss their papaw very much: Tracy Lynn, John Clair Jr.,



Clairmond John Cogan

Crystal Lynn, James Herman, and Christina Faye and the baby Joseph Adam. He is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews, cousins, a lot of friends from Little Ida Church, who daddy thought a lot of.

Daddy joined Little Ida Church on December 30, 1986, and was baptized on February 8, 1987. Daddy said that he needed to get some soul insurance. He suffered a lot in the last five years of his life. He didn't like being waited on all the time and not being able to work in his garden or play with his grandchildren. He talked about seeing God coming to him and about seeing his mother and father and his baby sister. Now daddy is now in Heaven where he can grow a big beautiful garden, and be with his parents and sister. We know that daddy is watching over us and that he knows how very much we all miss him. Daddy we all love you and miss you so much. It's hard going through the house and not having you there to love on and baby.

WE ALL LOVE YOU VERY MUCH DADDY!

Written by his daughter,
Virgie M. Cogan

LEON C. HALL



Leon C. Hall

Leon Chester Hall was born July 3, 1962. He was the thirteenth child of the late Ishmael and Effie Mullins Hall. He died in a mining accident on August 4, 1993 making his stay on Earth 31 years, one month and one day.

Leon wasn't married but is survived by six brothers and five sisters to wit: James G. of Mansfield, Ohio, Charles W. of Westland, MI, Denver of Ypsilanti, MI, Ishmael Jr. of Ypsilanti, MI, Rodney D. of Topmost, KY, Clifford L. of Topmost, KY, Norma Jean Koenig of Little Hocking, OH, Jackie Hicks of Ypsilanti, MI, Rosalee Mullins of Topmost, KY, Millie Binion of Olive Hill, KY, and Geneva Christina Hall of Cynthiana, KY. He is survived by 8 nephews, 7

nieces, 3 great-nieces and 7 great-nephews. He is also survived by a great host of other relatives, friends and neighbors. He was preceded in death by both his parents and one sister.

Leon's childhood and youth was different from other young men and boys. He was very young when Daddy passed away. He was perhaps eleven years old. It was just him, Clifford and Mom. When Clifford got married and left home Leon devoted his life to taking care of Mom. He never left her alone except to go to school or to work at a brief construction job that he had shortly after getting out of school. He stood by Mom during many episodes of serious illness. He didn't go out running around the way most young men like to do. After Mom's death he was broken hearted. There is little doubt that he spent many, many lonely days and nights, being alone and missing his mother and father. The companionship of Jesus would have lessened the impact of the loneliness but none of

us ever heard him say that he had made peace with the Lord Jesus.

Shortly after Mom's death he went to work for Kentucky Department of Highways. He worked at that job about a year. Then he was hired by the Knott County Mining Company as a security guard.

After working at that position a time he obtained the necessary training to work as a miner and was hired as such by the same company. He was happy, working at what he wanted, and doing the things that he wanted.

Leon was greatly loved by his family and other relatives, and highly respected by his friends and co-workers. If he ever uttered an ill word about anyone none of us hear it. If ever an ill or unkind word was spoken about him we never heard it. It was a great inspiration to us during the two church services and the funeral service to look around to see the house seats all full and to hear that perhaps as many or more people were outside and in the basement that couldn't find seats in the church house.

His oldest brother James was deeply concerned about whether or not Leon had time to call on the Lord for mercy. On the day before the funeral that concerned was relieved by the following thought that came to his mind: *"Remember that the Lord had mercy on you after your heart and breath had ceased. With God all things are possible."*

We would like to urge all of the family who hasn't got acquainted with Jesus to begin seeking to do so in the hopes that we will all be in Heaven with Leon, Mommy and Daddy one Great Happy Day.

Written by Leon's Family

SQUIRE HAMILTON

He was born October 11, 1911 in McDowell, KY. The son of Jesse and Cordlie Hamilton and had lived in Ashtabula, Ohio since 1950.

Prior to moving to Ashtabula, Squire worked in the Kentucky Coal Fields as a miner. He retired from the New York Central Railroad in 1966, after working at the Car Reclamation Plant for 14 years.

Leaving to mourn his death are his wife, Nannie Hamilton, who he married November 14, 1937. Three daughters, Lonnie Van Gilder, Omy Lee Knupp, and Chris Michaels all of Ashtabula. One son, Evan Hamilton of Ashtabula. Eleven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Martha, two sons, Woodrow and John, on brother, Evan Hamilton, and one sister, Sally Akers.

He attended the Lily of the Valley, Old Regular Baptist Church for many years. He loved the brothers and sisters and always wanted them to go home and visit with him. His door was always open to them.

He believed in the Old Regular practice. I knew him from a child up and I saw



Squire Hamilton

the change in him over the year. I had many conversations with him about the Lord. He told me more than once that he believed he was going to Heaven once he leaves here. So I believe that he just fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. Our loss on Earth is Heaven's gain. I believe I'll meet him again someday in a better land. I'd like to say to his children, the ones that don't know the Lord and haven't been born again, that you can see dad again someday if you want to. In closing I want to say to the children, be good to one another and take care of your mother, Sister Nannie.

Written by
Squire Hamilton, his nephew

ELDER FRANK HARVEY



Frank Harvey

With a sad and lonely heart, I will try to write the obituary of my husband Elder Frank Harvey.

He was born to Nora and Nelson Harvey on February 27, 1932 and he passed away January 27, 1994. Parents, one sister and one brother preceded him in death. Two sisters and one brother are still living.

He met and married Rowena Goble Harvey on December 27, 1950. Together they had six children. Four boys: Morris, Zach, Dale, Ben and two girls: Sis and Teresa. They also had 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Frank joined the Old Regular Baptist Church March 19, 1955. He was Moderator of Little

Bethel Church. He lived a good life, loving his family, and the church. He had a good word for everyone, never leaning left or right of anything he didn't think was right. He upheld the order of the old Regular Baptist until the end. He is missed by all that knew him, and oh how empty my home is without him.

I can say to our children "press on and ask God to be your guide and love one another, as we loved you." Dad is resting now, sleep on. We hope to be with you soon and we all can go home together.

I could go on and on about him, but he lived and preached his own life that everyone could see and hear that wanted to. So rest on, hope to see you soon.

Your wife,

Sister Rowena Harvey

His memorial will be the first week in October at the Little Bethel church.

JOHN W. HICKS

With a sad heart we will try to write an obituary of a dear father and a loving husband. Dad was born in Floyd County, Kentucky on March 12, 1929 and left this life on June 26, 1994. He was married to Avanel Vanderpool on September 1, 1949. And from this union was born 7 children. Six daughters: Wanda Brown of Plymouth, Peggy Holbrook, Betty Stein, Kathy Armitage of Willard, Patty Giles of Monroeville, Joni Wilson of New Haven. One son, Ricky Hicks of Plymouth. 21 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

He had seven brothers: Orville, George, Edward, Dan, Willard, Pharrow and Elmer Hicks. 5 sisters: Darsie Saunders, Bethel Puckett, Wanda Bolen, Bonnie Rhyman, and Mae Adams.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fair and Narsie Hicks. 2 sisters: Dausie Puckett and Sara Kathren. And a grandson, Jerry Lee Armitage, Jr.

We know Dad had so many friends and they will all miss seeing him sitting out under his big shade tree. Our life is left with a big hole that no one will ever be able to fill. Our love will never dim for him. But we didn't want to see him suffer anymore.

Written by his Loving Wife and Seven Children



John W. Hicks

VIRGIE HICKS



Virgie Hicks

The words of the following song have been meaningful and comforting to me since Mom's departure to her heavenly home. "The things that I love and hold dear to my heart are just borrowed, they're not mine at all; Jesus only let me use them to brighten my life, so remind me, remind me, Dear Lord." So it is with God's help, I will write an obituary of my little mother, Virgie Arnett Hicks. Born December 14, 1906 in Magoffin County, Kentucky, she was the only child of Nannie Howard and Mort Arnett but was raised by her mother and stepfather, Wesley Conley. She passed away January 28, 1994. God blessed her to live on this earth 87 years, 1 month and 14 days. Mom left many good memories for all of us who miss her so much. She was an inspiration to many and was loved by all who knew her. But she was loved by one who loved her better than we could love her. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life." (John 10:27 & 28).

On September 16, 1925 she married Perry Hicks of Magoffin County, Ken-

tucky. They enjoyed life's joys and sorrows together for 62 years until Dad's passing on July 2, 1987. To this union was born nine children; four sons and five daughters. The oldest daughter, Mrs. Joe E. (Earnestine) Patton of Findlay, Ohio who deceased on December 13, 1992. A young son, Perry Jr. died at 22 months. Those surviving are: Aaron Hicks of Newstark, Ohio, Mrs. Maxine Ernsberger of Bluffton, Ohio, Marvin Hicks and Mrs. Edwin (Ivadean) Wolber both of Findlay, Ohio, Paul Hicks of Hudson, Florida, Mrs. Franklin D. (Nannie Ruth) Ousley of Plymouth, Ohio, and Mrs. Harold (Carol Sue) Brown of Pandora, Ohio. Also surviving are 27 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandson. These she loved and cherished very much and I am sure will miss her. Two grandsons and one granddaughter preceded her in death.

In 1930 Mom joined the Philadelphia Church at Hippo, Kentucky. She believed in the old time way of worship. One of her greatest delights was to hear old time preaching and singing. She loved the church and her brothers and sisters in the faith. I have heard her pray and so many time shout the praises of God. Many times she would enter the church praising the Lord. She was not ashamed of the God she served. She knew he was a righteous and mighty God and he gave her strength to bear her burdens. (Cor. 10:13)

In the mid 1950's Mom moved her membership to become a chartered member at the Little Maudie Church being established in McGuffey, Ohio. Mom labored many hours sewing clothes pin bags to sell for the proceeds to go to the building of the Little Maudie Church which has since been sold, relocated, and renamed the Mt. Zion Church of rural McGuffey, Ohio.

For many years Mom enjoyed having any who would go home with her, eat dinner and stay overnight. She regretted she had to give this up as she grew older and her strength dwindled. Many days of her life was spent visiting the sick. She was faithful in doing this until her stepfather got sick, then her mother, and then Dad. Mom helped care for them all until God called them home.

It was so uplifting to her when Brother Mike Sloan, Brother Buddy Carty and the others would come and sing songs and have prayer with her when she wasn't able to go to church. I want to thank the different ones that drove out of their way to take Mom to church. Your friendship and fellowship was a real blessing for her. This also helped her to be as active a member as her health allowed up until she died.

Many times during my growing up years, I'd be awakened at night to find her sitting on the side of her bed reading her Bible. I can still remember her saying, "You have to be borne again to see the Kingdom of God." (John 3:3)

Mom always kept her hands busy, whether it was sewing, cooking, making pies, gardening, or writing letters to correspond with a sister of the faith or a grandchild that needed some wisdom or just to say she was remembering them in prayer and that she loved them. Us children often wondered if this was why she was blessed to live as long as she did and was able to stay by herself and keep her right mind right up until the moment she died.

Mom used her sewing ability to the fullest, making clothes for us when younger, Raggedy Ann dolls for all the granddaughters, and then she started making quilts for the grandchildren and often prayed God would let her live until she had made each grandchild a quilt. About 1½ months before her passing, God answered her prayer.

Mom was blessed with a love that won many, both saint and sinner, and espe-

cially little children. Our 6-year-old granddaughter, Kaylyn said, "I love my Grandma Hicksie the best of all. Because every time I'd go to see her, she'd be so glad to see me and she'd grab me and hug real tight and tell me she loved me."

I thank God for a mother that loved the Lord. I praise him for the love, wisdom, and values he gave me through her. I thank him for the christian heritage he has given us. I thank God for the long productive life he blessed her with.

I feel the words my brother Paul wrote to each of us after Mom's funeral best sums her up. "She was a very, very special lady; and I am proud to be her son and your brother. I believe I can say for a surety that all my sisters and brothers feel the same way.

To all my brothers and sisters; I don't know your heart but I feel most of you have made a start for God's Kingdom by turning your life over to Jesus Christ and repenting of your sins. I pray that you keep on the right track, so when your name is called, you can say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith." Then we can join Mom and the others in heaven and rejoice around the throne of God together.

Aaron, Mom was so concerned about you getting your heart right with God before the Lord calls you home. Nothing would have made her any happier before she died than to have known she'd see you again in Glory. It is my prayer that you will start to think about where you want to spend eternity: With God in Heaven or Satan in Hell. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life, He who believes in me will live, even though he dies. (John 11:25).

In loving Memory, Your Daughter,
Nannie Ruth Ousley

WILLIAM B. HOLBROOK SR.

With the help of the Lord, we will try to write an obituary of my dear precious husband and daddy, William B. Holbrook Sr. (He's known as Bill).

He was born at Puncelon, Ky. in Knott County, on January 23, 1907, and passed away on November 9, 1992. Making his stay on earth 85 years, 9 months and 17 days.

His parents were the late Grover Cleveland and Mary Elvina (Adams) Holbrook. He came from a family of 11 children, 7 girls and 4 boys. Five of them preceding him in death.

On July 21, 1927, Daddy married the love of his life, Stella Mae (Burke) Holbrook. At the time of his death, they had been married for 65 years.

Unto this union 12 children were born, Elder Ellis, Charles Edward, Draxie, James Earl, William B. Jr., Mary Marie (deceased), Judith Ann, John Curtis, Betty Ruth, Kenneth Wayne, Carolyn Lynn and Cathy Gail.

They have thirty grandchildren with one deceased and twenty-eight great-grandchildren with two deceased.

Daddy lived a clean and unblemished life. He was a kind, honest and hard-



William B. Holbrook, Sr.

working man. It was known by all who knew him.

He worked hard all his life for his family. He worked in and around the mines at Wheelwright for about 40 years.

And worked on the farm until after dark to keep us a home, food and clothing. We never went hungry. We always had the things we needed. He sent us children through school.

He was a good husband to Mom and a good daddy to us children. He loved us all so much and we loved him dearly.

In October 1977, Daddy joined Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church at Melvin, Ky. And on May 4, 1991 he was ordained as a Deacon.

Daddy sure did love the church, and would go every time he was able to go. He loved all his brothers and sisters very much.

It really gave Dad a lift when anyone would come by to see him and the kind words they had to say. It was a joy to him when his brothers would hold prayer for him and sing a few songs.

All our family appreciates everyone who took time to come by and show their care and kindness while he was ill.

We all have been very close in our family, because of the love and guidance of Dad and Mom both.

While Dad was in the hospital and very sick, he would tell us children to be sure we took care of Stella.

We all missed Daddy so very much. It broke our hearts to have to give him up. But we know God had a better place for him.

We believe he is well and at rest with Jesus.

Thank you, sweet Jesus, for giving him to Mom as a husband and a daddy for us children. And letting us keep him as long as you did.

Written by His Broken-Hearted Family,
Stella and Children

ELDER JAMES GARFIELD HOPSON



James Garfield Hopson

one half-brother and a step-daughter to precede him in death.

His step-daughter was a sweet and loving mother. He loved her very much.

In 1928 he married Myrtle Gibson Hopson. To this union was born one daugh-

ter, Noble Campbell. She gave him four grandchildren: two boys and two girls and they gave him fifteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. He had a step-daughter Hester Bartley, Kiser, Belcher. She preceded him in death. She gave him ten step-grandchildren and sixteen step-great-grandchildren and nine step-great-great-grandchildren. He loved them very much. He was a sweet loving husband and father. He was loved by all who knew him, all his family, friends, and his good brothers and sisters in the Lord. He was a very sick man for a long time.

One sad afternoon the good Lord said son you have suffered enough, come on home where there will be no more suffering, heartaches or pain.

It will all be love, joy and happiness forevermore. He was so sick he would call for his two grandsons Vaughn and Johnny to come and help him up in bed. He would call for his daughter Noble Campbell and his son-in-law Leo Campbell to come and sing for him. He wanted me to sing every morning and night for him, he would say honey, I love to hear you sing and he would kiss me and say I love you.

I would have church at our home for him. Brother Robert Young was so good to come and help me with him. I sure do miss Brother Young. He passed on a few years ago.

Garfield Hopson and Myrtle Hopson were married fifty-six years. We joined the Sulphur Springs Old Regular Baptist Church at Elkhorn City, KY. We were baptized by uncle Jake Gibson and brother Shad Stanford. We took our membership at Sulphur Springs for about two and a half years, then we took our letters and laid them in the Sweet Home Church at Elkhorn City, KY and we stayed there until we moved to Michigan.

A little church was started called Little Zion Church of the Old Regular Baptist at Romeo Plank road in Romeo, Michigan that was our home church, and he sure did love it. He loved everybody so much. He loved to fill his seat as long as he was able to drive his car, and go to church. He sure was a good and sweet husband, I loved him so much.

He loved to meet with the good brothers and sisters, he would get so happy in church. I miss him so much. My home is so sad and lonesome without him, but some sweet day we will meet, to part no more.

He had one sister and one half-brother and three half-sisters living. He leaves to mourn his loss, his sad and lonesome wife Myrtle Hopson and his daughter and son-in-law Noble and Leo Campbell and all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and his good brothers and sisters in the Lord, and all his friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

We all miss him so much. It was so sad as we followed him to his grave. How sad it was for me and all his family, friends, and good brothers and sisters in the Lord, we all miss him so much and we all loved him dearly.

So I will close this Obituary and may God Bless everyone that reads this Obituary. Wrote by Garfield Hopson's lonely widow, Myrtle Hopson, 680 E. Columbia, Pontiac, MI 48340.

GALVASTA JOHNSON



Galvasta Johnson

As the flowers appear on earth, bud and bloom, and soon fade away, the rain drops from the cloudy skies, falls and soon carried by the fast swift streams, going somewhere. Leaving behind precious memories for those who once loved and enjoyed their company here, as it is with this loving mother to wit: Sister Galvasta Johnson. Born June 10, 1910 in Knott Co., Ky. Her parents were the late Wilburn and Tilda Fouts Hall. Departed this life at the home of her daughter in Louisville, Ky., where she lived for many years, on December 2, 1993, being 82 years, 5 months and 22 days old. She was married to the late Orbin Johnson of Knott Co., Ky. at a very young age. She became a devoted

mother of three sons, Melvin of Floyd Co., Ky., Freddie of Bowling Green, Ky. and Charles of Weeksberry, Ky. Five loving daughters, Emma Newsome of Romus, MI, Mae Newsome of Barrett, W.VA, Pearlie Newsome of Virgie, Ky., Mollie Slone of Lexington, Ky., and Mazie Bates of Louisville, Ky. Twenty-six grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and 5 step-grandchildren, who will miss the love of a loving grandmother. Survived by three brothers, Henry Hall of Floyd Co., Ky., Perry Hall of Knott Co., Ky. and David Hall of OH. One loving sister, Dell Casebolt of Mousie, Ky. Preceded in death by 3 Brothers and 4 Sisters.

Sister Johnson was baptized into full love and fellowship of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church several years ago by the hands of Elds. Hillard Newsome and Wayne Turner. Here she brought us love and joy, a quiet, meek sister. Never did I hear her complain or grumble or say anything about anyone. Always humble, though her cross was heavy, yet it never hindered her from letting her light shine. Poor in earthly and material things, yet she was rich in the Lord. Always dressing neat, modestly, adorning herself in His holy spirit. She set a good example, left a light in the window, and you, her loved ones, would do well to pattern your life after her, and walk in the light she walked in. She loved you and it always brought her joy when you came to visit.

I always enjoyed visiting with her and talking about the goodness of the Lord. She always expressed her appreciation and love. To you children remember the tender hands that worked hard to raise you, the lips that prayed for you and the heart of love that loved you. May God ever bless you, her loved ones. To you Mazie and French who were so good to her and cared for her for so many years, God will reward you, your home will be lonesome, her home will be sunny and bright, as she waits for you to come and see her in a land where sickness and death will never come, a land of perfect peace.

Sweet memories,
Bro. Hillard Newsome

MEFFIE TACKETT JOHNSON

Our dearly beloved mother departed this earth on November 8, 1993 after 3 long months of serious illness. She was born in Virgie, Kentucky on March 15, 1922 to Lawrence and Maudie Tackett. At the age of 18, she came to work in Michigan and lived with her Aunt Nora Dotson.

Her first husband was Edley Newsome, who she lost in a tragic coal mining accident in Virgie, Kentucky, two months before the birth of their daughter, Shirley.

She later married Charles (Junior) Tackett from Virgie, Kentucky in 1948. This union brought forth a son, Gary. They were married for 26 happy years, when Charles died suddenly with a massive heart attack in October, 1974.

After nearly 8 years of being a widow, Meffie was gifted with her third husband, Elmer Johnson, who was also widowed by his wife, Angie, and was married in January, 1982. The last twelve years of her life was full of happiness, joy, and serenity.

Meffie was a member of Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church for over 40 years and served as a faithful servant of God.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer Johnson; her daughter, Shirley Stackhouse, her husband, Frank and their children, Ryan, Christy, and Jason; her son, Rev. Gary Tackett, his wife, Jan, and their children, Jeff and Steve; her stepson, Donald Damron, his wife, Charlene, and their children, Keith, Laurie, Lisa, and a great-grandchild, Jeanette; her stepson, Greg Johnson, his wife, Pam, and their children, Nathaniel and Caitlin. She is also survived by her brothers, Troy, Covis, and Danny Tackett; her sisters, Zettie Johnson and Faye Rodgers; and a host of relatives and friends.

Written by her bereaved son, Gary,
and daughter, Shirley



Meffie Tackett Johnson

FRED R. KING



Fred R. King

Fred was born June 2, 1911 at Big Run, a son of the late Charley and Lilly Salyers King. Fred was a retired Clay miner and a member of the Macedonia Regular Baptist Church. Fred departed this earth November 26, 1992 on Thanksgiving Day. His dear wife of almost 60 years, Nada Faye King, left this world on April 12, 1992.

Fred and Nada were married on August 2, 1932 and to this union were born 4 sons and 6 daughters. Leslie of Grahm, Fred, Jr. of Fultz, Estil of Lindsey and Ronnie of Grayson. 4 daughters still living are Evelyn Newman of Olive Hill, Carolyn Barker of Raceland, Jewell

Littleton of Baltimore, OH and Linda Huffman of Lindsey. Two daughters, Myrtle and Jennifer, preceded them in death. They had 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Gone, but not forgotten.

In Loving Memory,
Debbie King, Daughter-in-law

OLLIE LEE (COOK) LADIG

On Sunday, July 21, 1929, a little infant girl came to live with Albert and Cora (Osborne) Cook at Dry Creek, Ky., in Knott Co. Joining this family, sisters, Lillie Jones and Emma Lou Martin of Dry Creek, Ky., Emmarine Moore of Litchfield, Oh., and Aster Berthold of Medine, Oh. Brothers, Elgin and Jellin Cook of Kentucky of Knott Co.

Ollie grew up and attended Wayland High School, Wayland, Ky., in the early 40s. That was when I met her. I had wondered many times, what have become of her, who she married, and where she lived. There was always a special longing to know of her, where she was at this time.

One Sunday, at Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, Oh., her sister Emmarine Moore had a lady with her. I asked them if they knew where Ollie Lee Cook was. She pointed to herself and said, "this is she" — you can only imagine how I felt. It brought tears and joy to know this was one of my school friends I had wondered about so long (was there not a reason).

I learned she had married Alvis Morgan (who had deceased in 1964) from Wayland, Ky., and they were blessed to have daughters, Phyllis Easterly, of N. Ridgeville, Oh., Joann Lewis of Crossville, Tenn., Beverly Amburgey, of Lorain,



Ollie Lee (Cook) Ladig

Oh., and Teresa Walker of Elyria, Ohio. Eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her second husband, Alva Ladig in 1989. Two great-grandchildren and an infant sister. Also her Dad and Mother.

Ollie lived in North Ridgeville, Ohio for 30 years and worked 12 years at the DCM Corp. in Valley City, Oh. She attended the Pleasant View Church, in Litchfield, Oh. Even after she became ill with cancer, she came when she was able. She often called me, and we would talk about our school days, as well as on the Bible. She told me one day, she wished "she could live her life over again, how different it would be." She said, if only, ALL Mothers would thing about setting a Christian example before their children and teaching and showing them Jesus is the only and right way. That was her regret.

About one month before she died, she began to ask Jesus to forgive her, the un-belief in her life before, had become "believe". By Grace are ye saved through FAITH. She told her family, everything is different now, it's alright. Her pains and cancer wasn't as bad to bear as it had been. She had someone to help bear the pains. Psalm 23: *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.* She wanted to go HOME, and I believe she did, on Tuesday, September 14, 1993. The Lord loaned her to her family, children, and friends for 64 years.

That beautiful September Autumn day, on Monday afternoon, when I went to her home to visit her, she was so near death I could not leave. As her children, her sister Emmarine and Aster and I sat by all night — waiting for the dawn of another day and the sun to break through the clouds, everything seem so silent and still. As the sun began to come through her bedroom window, she slipped away. As each breath got shorter, and the sun seem to get brighter, it seemed only to cover her body and her bed. Such a beautiful peaceful morning.

Her funeral services were conducted at Dry Creek, Ky., in the Providence Old Regular Baptist Church on September 18, 1993 and buried in the Joe Hall Cemetery, Dry Creek, Kentucky.

Girls, sisters and loved ones of Ollie's, she can't come back to you, but by being born again, washed in the blood of Jesus, his precious blood, you can go live with her. Be ready, get ready, before that death angel comes for you. God Bless all of you, you are in my prayers.

In Christian Love,
Sis. Marjorie Slone

LARRY E. McNAMEE II

Larry E. McNamee, II was born March 16, 1964 and deceased this life June 28, 1994, making his brief stay on earth 30 years, 3 months and 12 days. He was married to Danelle Osborne on July 6, 1990. Left to mourn his loss are his wife, Danelle, his father, Larry E. McNamee, his mother and step-father, Carol Ann and Joseph Payne. Grandmothers: Florence Meyers and Wanita McNamee. One brother, 4 step-brothers and 1 step-sister. He is also survived by father-in-law, Forest Osborne, Jr. and wife Jane and mother-in-law, Diane Buchanan and husband Jim.

Larry became ill in April, 1991. Although he suffered much pain throughout his illness, he bore his suffering with patience and was a pleasure to be around. In 1992 he told Danelle's grandfather, Forest Osborne, he had made peace with God. He always enjoyed his visits with those who came to see him. He seemed to enjoy his salvation, even in the face of much suffering.

Shortly before his passing, he told Bro. Forest there was nothing in the way of his peace with God. We feel Larry has just traded a world of pain and suffering to a home of eternal peace and joy in that country cancer cannot enter. Death is annulled and peace abounds like a river. Danelle and the rest of his loved ones, I know the pain of his loss is great. Jesus is the only one who can ease that. He has made it possible that time will heal the wounds, but the memories will always be there. The God that delivered Larry from the bonds of sin and death is there with you. If you want to meet him again, you'll have to seek him while life and opportunity affords you the time.

Elder Birtchel Moseley, Jr.

JAMES B. MILLIGAN



James B. Milligan

It is with a sad heart that I write about my beloved brother-in-law James B. Milligan.

James was born April 14, 1927, to William and Ada Milligan in Shinston, West Virginia. He moved to Lorain, Ohio in 1947.

He met and married Shirley Jean Blackburn August 16, 1958. And to this union was born five children, three boys and two girls, the three boys preceded him in death.

James was baptized into the Little Edna Church in the year of our Lord 1960. He passed from this life January 16, 1993. He leaves to mourn him, his loving wife of 34 years, Shirley, two daughters, Mrs. Victor (Mary) Carothers, Quellie Jean Milligan, two grandsons, James and

Billy Carothers, all of Florida. Two brothers and four sisters, Charlie Milligan and Ben Milligan of Florida, Mrs. Kate Vanderoff, Mary Reynolds, Mrs. Albert (Anna May) Rector, all of West Virginia, Mrs. Ernie (Juanita) Barefield of Lorain, Ohio.

Also a host of Friends and Relatives.

In Loving Memory, His Loving Sisters-in Laws, Ellen (Blackburn) Smith, Gladia (Blackburn) Thacker

DENVER MULLINS

It is with much sadness that we write the obituary of and eulogy to our husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend, Denver Mullins. He was born at Topmost in Knott County, Kentucky, on April 6, 1921. He passed from this life on July 20, 1994, making his stay upon the earth 73 years, 3 months, and 2 weeks. He was the son of the late E. V. (who was clerk of Providence Church at the mouth of Drycreek in Knott County for many years) and Alva Johnson Mullins. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Effie Hall and Ruth Mullins, who died an infant.



Denver Mullins

He is survived by his companion of fifty-two years, Dacie Nickles Mullins of Bellville, Ohio, a son, Ervin L. Mullins of Mansfield, Ohio, and three daughters, Patsy Barr and Delores Gerhart of Mansfield, Ohio, and Ruth Edwards of Bellville, Ohio; a sister, Ethel Hall of Topmost, Kentucky, also survives. He leaves to mourn his loss ten grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Daddy and Mother were married December 28, 1942, after which he served his country in the armed forces. During the latter part of World War II he served in the U.S. army. After he returned from the service he worked in the coal mines at Glo, Kentucky a few years. When that industry discontinued, he came to Mansfield, Ohio, in 1952 where he worked in a steel mill until his retirement in 1983. He was faithful to take Mother to church at Little Ruth Old Regular Baptist Church in Marengo, Ohio, when his work schedule permitted. After his retirement they went to church when they were able, to different churches they knew how to find in North Central Ohio. He never joined church, but a few years ago he told Mother that he felt there wasn't anything standing between him and Heaven.

He will be missed very much by his family and friends because there was something about him that caused you to like him soon as you became acquainted with him. He wasn't an educated man, never going beyond grade school. However, there was a quality and wisdom present in him that is lacking in so many today, a quality of understanding and compassion, and a simple wisdom that permitted him the faith to believe in the powers and promises of the Great Jehovah.

About three weeks before his death he expressed to some of us a strong desire to go to the foot washing at the Family of Love church at Wyandott, Ohio. Some of us feel that he may have been ready to come home and tell what great things the Lord God had done for him. Sadly, he was too sick to even go to church anywhere. On Wednesday before meeting time he had just gotten home from Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, about an hour before he died. They had given him a fairly clean bill of health and he was feeling much better, but the Death Angel came for him anyway.

He is now, we feel, in a Land not made by hand, a Land that is free from all grief, pain, suffering and worry, in a Glorious City safely cradled in the Love of

Sweet Jesus forevermore. We wish to say to any of the children who haven't made peace with the Lord of hosts to begin seeking to do so in the hope that you will be with Daddy in that Great City one day.

Written by his grieving family and nephew,
James G. Hall

MARY MULLINS



Mary Mullins

It is with much sadness and with a broken heart that I will write an obituary of my dear wife, Mary Mullins. She was born April 26, 1910 and left this cruel world on the 13th day of April 1994, after being in the hospital in Florida for 35 days. She had the dreaded disease of cancer.

In 1935, she gave her life to Jesus. She joined the Old Regular Baptist of Elizabeth Church in Fords Branch, Kentucky. She later moved her letter to Maggie's Home Church in Dundas, Ohio.

We were married for 22 years, and went to church every weekend when it was possible. We walked hand-in-hand together. She loved to

meet people. She could always make friends and never met a stranger. She always had something good to say about everyone.

She was the mother of five children by her first husband, Oles Smallwood. They are Barbara Marinkov, Lawrence Smallwood, and Mary Driggers of Keystone Heights, Florida. One baby daughter, Mary Smallwood, preceded her in death. Her daughter, Georgia Vankampen died about seven weeks after her mother's death.

She was a stepmother to Don Mullins and Betty Barnett of Hamden, Ohio; Robert Mullins of Wellston, Ohio; and Lenoris Baker of McArthur, Ohio. She leaves 16 grandchildren, 12 step-grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and 17 step-great-grandchildren.

I feel with all my heart she is resting under the altar of God. She was a good, humble, faithful servant and I feel the Lord looked down and said, "Come on home, your worries and troubles are over." I feel the angels carried her over Jordan.

The days are so long and the nights are so lonely for me, but I feel our loss on earth is Heaven's gain. I feel I am just waiting here until the Lord calls me Home.

Now I want to say to all her family, especially her children, if you haven't made it right with God, please start today. Tomorrow may be too late. Time is running short. Remember the life mama lived before you and the light she left hanging in the window.

Written by her husband, and Brother-In-Hope,
John Mullins

GRADY NEWSOME

With sad hearts and precious memories, we will attempt to write an obituary of our wonderful husband and father.

Grady was born in Teaberry, Kentucky on February 13, 1926 and departed this life on July 1, 1994 making is stay on earth 68 years, 4 months and 17 days. He was the oldest son of the late Dewey and Haley Jones Newsome.

Grady married Edna Martin, daughter of John and Laura Roberts Martin of Harold, Kentucky, on August 13, 1947. They spent their early years in Harold, Kentucky, moving to Clyde, Ohio in 1950. Brought into this union was one stepson, Charles R. Campbell, and born to their union was three children. One son,

Harry R. Newsome, two daughters, Peggy J. Hirt and Melody J. Fields. One infant son preceded him in death. He had eight grandchildren, Rusty and Tammy Campbell, Troy, Ty, and Brett Newsome, Kelly Hirt, Latisha and Jessica Fields. Also surviving are brothers James of Elyria, Ohio, Curt of Greenwich, Ohio, and Gary of Kentucky. Two sisters Phylliss Wells of Harold, Kentucky and Marlene Howell of Craynor, Kentucky. Also preceding him in death were three brothers Eugene, Paul, Burnis. There was a lot of friends to mourn his death.

Grady spent most of his life driving a semi-truck in Ohio. Every chance he got he would return to Kentucky to be with family and friends. He loved going home to the mountains. Dad never had any known enemies, wherever he was friends were around him. In September 1993, dad started the fight with that dreadful disease cancer. He went through all types of pain during this time, never complaining about it. His family was fortunate to be able to keep him at home up until Jesus called him home. In the last week of his life, dad talked with different brothers and sisters of the church. Although he did not belong to a church, dad believed in the Old Regular Baptist ways. Grady said, he talked with Jesus and felt he had been saved. We hope some day to be with him in that wonderful home in the sky. He is gone from our home, but is still strong in our hearts. Knowing he is no longer suffering from the disease helps to ease our broken hearts. Until we meet you again, in heaven. We love you.

Written by: Edna Newsome, wife
Melody Fields, daughter



Grady Newsome

ROBERT LEE NEWSOME



Robert Lee Newsome

It is with much sorrow that I try in my weakness to write the obituary of my dear sweet husband, Robert Lee Newsome. He was born in Floyd County, Kentucky on November 30, 1919, and deceased this life on May 27, 1994, at this home in Wellston, Ohio. He was the son of George and Bessie Howell Newsome, who preceded him in death.

He joined hands in marriage with Nannie Cantrell on the 17th day of November in 1942. We shared life's heartaches and disappointments, along with its joys, pleasures, and happiness for 51½ years. God gave us a little boy, Bobby Lee Newsome. With love, guidance, and council, he grew up to make us so proud of him.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, his son and daughter-in-law, one granddaughter Cathaline, three grandsons Donald, Shawn and McGarrin, and one great-granddaughter Mishanna Marie.

I have lost a part of my life that can never be replaced. He was a kind, gentle, loving husband. Bobby has lost the most kind, loving father a child could ever have.

I feel with all my heart he is resting with Jesus. He loved to go to church, although he never did join the church. He believed in the Old Regular Baptist. He told me as well as some of the Brethern from church that he didn't feel like there was a thing in this way. He was looking forward so much to going to Maggie's Home Church the next weekend. From the way he talked, I believe he was planning on joining church that following weekend.

Sleep on honey, I hope to meet you there away from this troublesome world, where there is so much sorrow and pain. I love him so dearly, but God loved more.

Written by his brokenhearted wife, Nancy Newsome,
with the help of Sister Lenoris Baker

ELDER CLAUDE OUSLEY

"O that thou wouldst hide me in the Grave, that thou wouldst keep me secret until the wrath be past, that thou wouldst appoint me at a set time and remember me! If a man die shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call and I will answer thee." JOB 14:13. David said concerning the resurrection: "I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness."

On the 18th day of April, 1994, a beloved Elder, father, grand- and great-grandfather, dear friend and brother made his crossing across Jordan's stormy tide and entered into the promised land of rest, we believe, and hope.

Elder Claude Ousley was born February 13, 1909 to William Hague and Sally (Hughes) Ousley amid the Cumberland Mountains of Floyd County, Kentucky. He was married to Emma (Moore) Ousley, a faithful and loving companion who bore him two daughters, Orena (Ousley) Williams and Eva Jean (Ousley) Coburn who now reside in Shelby, Ohio. Sister Emmy stood by his side until God called her home April 4, 1992.

Upon his leaving, Brother Claude leaves his two daughters, two grandsons, Michael Williams and Vaughn Coburn, two great-grandsons; two brothers, Joe Ousley of Grass Lake, Michigan and Roe Ousley of Martin, Kentucky; two sisters, Anna Reed of Shelby, Ohio and Susie Wright of Martin, Kentucky; three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Brother Claude, as a young man, was led by the goodness of God to repentance which he felt the Lord granted him while working in the coal mines. He said he felt the heavy burden lifted from his bosom and began to rejoice and shout. He had a pipe that he smoked but when he felt the sweetness of God's comforting spirit, he didn't know where it went. He followed his Saviour in baptism and formed a band of poor pilgrims at the Philadelphia Regular Baptist Church at Hippo, Kentucky in 1938. He was first ordained as a Deacon, then as a Minister. He moved his membership to the Little Rebecca Church at Plymouth and served them as Moderator off and on for several years. He moderated many of the churches in Northern Ohio and helped in organizing the Northern New Salem Association. He was the first Assistant Clerk of our association. He was in the arm that organized the New Mt. Zion Church at Shelby, Ohio and was a member there at his passing.

Brother Claude was a strict disciplinarian but almost always tempered with mercy. He would object at any departure from the ancient landmarks.

He was a strong advocate of men and women having an experimental knowledge of Grace when they offered their hand to join the church and wanted them to tell what great things they felt the Lord had done for them. In latter years, he preached a free Salvation and that by the Grace of God more fervently, perhaps, he realized his time was getting short. He was a lover of old time hymns like, "Give Me Jesus", "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood," and "Hark Listen To The Trumpeter."



Claude Ousley

I can almost visualize him as he would line the verse "We want no cowards in our land who will their colors fly," or "Come, Come with me to the old churchyard."

He was a Bold Soldier for his King, sometimes wise as a serpent but harmless as a dove.

I will miss this father in the gospel. I will not forget as long as his memory will linger in my mind. Sleep on Bold Soldier the victory is at hand, it won't be long and you'll be saying "O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory?"

To the family, I know you've done the best you know how to do in taking care of mom and dad. They love you all and stated it many times. God bless his grandsons and great-grandchildren, may they have many precious memories of Grandmother and Grandfather. One song writer framed his words this way, "Memory is one gift of God that death can not destroy."

Brother Claude would want us all to be happy for him for he, as we hope, has entered his long sought rest. Remember: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints." The smile on his face was assurance to you girls. He was letting you know "I am safe with my Saviour, going home to die no more."

Written at the request of the Ousley Family by a Brother that loved and was loved by Claude Ousley. With tears in my eyes in hope of eternal life, I will sign this obituary,

Brother Michael ("Mikie") Slone

ALICE PATRICK



Alice Patrick

Alice Patrick, daughter of Leck and Randie Bailey, was born March 1, 1900 and passed away on September 4, 1992. On November 26, 1915 she married Kendall Patrick, who survives. They were together for 76 years, 9 months and 8 days and raised seven children and 1 grandchild: Ervin Patrick of Roundhead, Ohio; Mrs. John (Roxie) Perry of Lima; Mrs. Emery (Gracie) Ross of Kenton; Mrs. Leo (Cassie) Merschman of Wapakoneta; Mrs. Jack (Sharon) Mosley of Harrod and three sons Ashford, Edward and Savage, who preceded her in death. She had 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Alice was a member of the Regular Baptist Church for almost 60 years, joining in October of 1932. At her funeral, the minister said that "she had already preached her funeral by the life she had led before us." Her faith and belief in God was evident everyday. A devoted wife and mother, she set a wonderful example for her children to follow. She was a very special lady whose life revolved around her home and family and serving her Lord. Yet, her heart was big enough to include friends and even strangers. Anyone in need of help was never turned away empty-handed. She surely enriched the lives of all she encountered.

Her children and grandchildren will always remember how special she made

each of them feel, always greeting them with a hug, ready to fix their favorite meal or listen to a problem, even in the last years of her life when she wasn't well. They will always remember her stories of her life in Kentucky where she either walked or rode a horse to church and they are reminded of her every time they see pretty flowers, for she loved to work in her yard and garden.

Her sweet presence is sadly missed by her husband, children, and grandchildren. However, even though her presence is no longer with us, her love is a sweet memory that we will carry with us all our lives and be the richer for it.

Sadly missed by her husband and children

SHERMAN POTTER

With much sadness of heart; with the help of God I will write this obituary of my precious husband, Sherman Potter. Born the eldest son of William and Rosina Frasure Potter, October 17, 1917, at Maloneton, Greenup County, Kentucky. He died November 14, 1993 at the Veterans Memorial Hospital, Allen Park, Michigan at 3:15 in the morning at the age of 76.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, 9 months and 13 days, Martha Ford Potter. She is the daughter of Clell and Myrtie Compton Ford. He is also survived by 5 sisters: Bessie Allen, Beaver, Ohio; Juda Mefford, Lucasville, Ohio; Anna Richie, Flatwoods, Kentucky; Rosabelle Ritchie, Mansfield, Ohio and Lona Jamison, Rockwood, Michigan. Also two brothers: William Isaac and Wayne Richard Potter of Garrison, Kentucky.

Sherman, being the eldest son, had to miss a lot of school to help out on the farm. However, what he missed in school, God blessed him with an abundance of love and kindness. He worked so very hard. It seemed everyone felt the love and kindness that flowed from his heart. He always had a smile for all those with whom he came in contact.

On December 3, 1939 he met a young girl named Martha. The next day he wrote her a letter asking for a date. She answered the letter and on December 9, 1939 they had their first date. After a few dates he asked her to marry him. January 27, 1940 at Vanceberg, Lewis County, Kentucky, the young couple was married.

Times were hard but God blessed the home with so much love. Troubles didn't seem so bad until September 1943. Sherman was drafted into the army. After a few weeks of training he was shipped overseas. He was in the Infantry ground troops. He went into combat at Omaha Beach, Normandy Beach Head on D-Day June 6, 1944. He was in combat 6 months. On December 13, 1944, God blessed him to make it to the Siegfried Line in Germany. He developed pneumonia and was sent back off battle front. He was in many hospitals for the next few months with severe battle fatigue. On May 10, 1945, he was sent to Darnall General Hos-



Sherman Potter

pital in Danville, Kentucky where he was discharged. Following his discharge from the army, he worked his father's farm for about 3 years. In 1953 Sherman and Martha moved back to Michigan and he returned to his old job which he held before the war, Monsanto Chemicals.

On January 6, 1963, God saved his soul. He gave his hand to the Little Ida Church. In the frozen waters at Edison Lake both Sherman and Martha were baptized on the same day. Their lives were so full of love and tenderness, he wanted to help everyone.

On September 5, 1964 he was ordained a Deacon, by the laying on of hands. He served Little Ida Church as deacon for 29 years. The church was our life. He was a good husband and best friend. He had so much love and kindness for everyone, everywhere he went even the small children seemed to love him. Even after he got so sick, they could always make him smile.

May 1, 1967 he had to retire. In 1987 he had his first heart attack and in 1990 he developed heart, lung and kidney failure. December 4, 1992 a shunt was inserted into his arm for kidney dialysis, but before the arm healed, he had to be given dialysis. He had several surgeries, he weakened and got worse fast.

September 29, 1993 he was admitted to the Veteran's Hospital for the last time. During this hospitalization, he had bowel surgery with a colostomy. He started getting one bad thing after another with his heart, kidneys and lungs. He was on a respirator (ventilator) two times. The last time when he was taken off, he didn't want to breathe. He seemed to give up fighting. On Sunday morning November 14, 1993 at 3:15 AM, his heart stopped. God sent the angels and took him home. My darling husband was gone. Baby I loved you so much.

I want to thank all of Little Ida Church and all the churches here in Michigan and the ones who traveled from Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana for taking part in the funeral. For all the good preaching and beautiful singing, and all the kindness shown to me at this time, I thank you all so very much. May God bless each and everyone of you tenfold.

Written by his loving wife:
Martha Potter

ELD. MAYNARD RATLIFF



Maynard Ratliff

With a sad and aching heart we will try to write the obituary of our kind and loving husband, father and grandfather, Maynard Ratliff. He was born February 27, 1920 at Ashcamp, Kentucky, making his stay here on earth 74 years, 3 months and 15 days. He died Friday morning, May 13, 1994, at Morrow County Hospital.

He graduated from Haysi High School prior to serving in the U.S. Army during World War II for 3 years and 8 months, spending two-thirds of that time overseas. He moved to Morrow County in 1952 from Elkhorn City, Kentucky.

He worked for 33 years for HPM Corporation in Mount Gilead, retiring as an inspector in 1985. He was a member and a Moderator of Little Ruth Old Regular Baptist Church near Marengo, and Local 1319 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

He is survived by his wife, Naomi (Mullins) Ratliff, whom he married December 20, 1945; a son, Gary Ratliff, Elkhorn, Nebraska; a daughter, Mrs. Roger (Brenda) Beall, Mount Gilead; a brother, Berlin Ratliff, Narrows, Virginia; three sisters, Mrs. Daniel (Pauline) Epling, Mrs. Rex (Catherine) Puckett and Mrs. Conrad (June) Jones, Elkhorn City, Kentucky. A brother, Raymond, preceded him in death. He leaves four grandchildren, Patrick and Kelly Beall, Amy Ratliff and Mrs. Tim (Jennifer) Witt, all of whom he loved very much.

He also has an extended family made up of the many people who have "adopted" him as a brother, father and grandfather, all of whom he gave the same attention and love as his immediate family.

He will also be remembered as a student and teacher — whether it was showing his son some carpentry, his grandson how to hunt, or showing his daughter-in-law how wooden shingles were made. He always enjoyed teaching. He taught us about those many material things but his greatest joy was teaching about living a Christian life. His textbook was the Bible. He not only taught us about living but also taught us about dying. Some of his best teaching was by example.

You can't do and be all of these things without a kind and generous heart. He had this heart. But even the strongest of hearts will finally tire and have to rest.

He will be sadly missed by his wife and family, but we feel he's at rest now with God and his suffering his is over. Thank you, dear Lord, for letting us keep him this long.

"Oh, God, thou hast taught me from my youth and hither to have I declared thy wondrous works.

"Now, also when I am old and grayheaded, oh, God, forsake me not, until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to everyone that is to come."
Psalms 71: 17, 18

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away. Revelations 21:4

Written by Naomi
Children — Gary and Brenda

CLANCY RAY



Clancy Ray

May God grant me the words to write an obituary of my dear Dad, Clancy Ray. He was born June 8th, 1925 at Robinson Creek, Ky. to the late Emery Ray Jr. and Tildia Hamilton Ray. Oh February 20th, 1948 he was married to Avenel Hamilton, the daughter of Keenis Hamilton and Frankie Mullins Hamilton. Unto this union were born five children. Preceding him in death are his dear wife Avenel, two children: Helen and Donnie, his parents Emery and Tildia Hamilton Ray, two brothers: Clinton "Charlie" and Odis Ray, two sisters: Ruby Ray and Goldie Bryant. Daddy leaves to mourn his loss three children: Danny Ray of Pikeville, Ky., Christine Cook of Onondaga, MI and Delores

Cole of Albion, MI; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Also surviving are one brother: Leonard Ray of Battle Creek, MI and three sisters: Okel Ray and Sylvia Howell of Teaberry, KY and Opal Little of Pikeville, KY.

There are so many words to describe Dad because he was a man of many great qualities. With us children he was loving, kind, wise, patient, just, strong and generous. He worked hard to raise us and taught us right from wrong with words of wisdom and by setting good examples for us. Many times I would go to Dad for advice and he would tell me "Be honest with yourself and seek the Lord with a sincere heart and the Lord will provide a way for you."

Before our Mother died, when the doctors told us that she had only six weeks to live due to cancer, Dad told us children, "Try not to take it so hard, that through the tender mercies of the Lord, that we may have her with us awhile longer." We had Mom with us a little over two years from that day.

Dad loved Mom so much. Even after Mom died, I know he remained in love with her. Any little thing that reminded him of Mom was cherished. He spoke of her often. He told me that he asked the Lord to let him see Mom again and that night he met Mom on a road and she took his hand and they walked down the road together and talked. He said that he thought that the Lord let Mom come to him to comfort him.

On January 2, 1994, I had a dream of my Mother. She was standing on the hillside just below where she was buried. It was a beautiful day, the air was so fresh and the sun was shining. Mom looked so peaceful and happy just standing there looking down the path with arms reaching out. She seemed to be looking just past me. On February 2, 1994, I was with Daddy when he suffered a heart attack. A few days later as we walked up that path to where Mom is buried, I noticed that it was a beautiful day, the air was fresh and the sun was shining and for just a moment, I thought I saw Mom standing there just like in my dream, with her arms reaching out and looking just past me. I turned to look behind me and saw the pallbearers carrying Daddy up to be buried next to Mom.

A month or so after Daddy died, my sister Delores had a dream of Dad. He came to her in the dream and told her and our brother Danny, not to worry about him. He said "I have not gone to Heaven yet, I have been in Paradise with

Avenel and his brother Charlie." He said everything was fine and not to worry.

It was said by Estill Hamilton at Daddy's funeral that "The church has lost a great pillar and example for all to see by the Christian life which he led." With the Lord Daddy was good, faithful, humble, honest, righteous and just. Us children were blessed with a Daddy that walked in the ways of the Lord. I believe Dad is in that Paradise with Mom.

Written by the children,
Christine, Danny, and Delores

ELDER STANLEY ROAR

It's with a sad heart, I will try to write the obituary of my dear brother in Christ, Elder Stanley Roar. He was born to Logan and Minnie "Barker" Roar on February 18, 1928 in Grah, Kentucky. He died on October 6, 1993. He married Clara M. "Stevens" Roar on May 21, 1955. Unto this marriage 4 children were born. One daughter and two sons: Brenda Kay Gromm, Stanley E., and Kevin R. Roar. One son preceded him in death. He also had five grandchildren. He had four brothers and two sisters. Brothers names are Earl Roar of Alliance, Ohio, Raymond Roar of Grah, Kentucky, Tallmadge Roar, and Glen Roar have preceded him in death. Sisters Mearl Hornsby of Grah, Kentucky and Mary M. Lewis of Vanceburg, Kentucky.



Stanley Roar

Brother Stanley joined the Church and was baptized February 21, 1987. Brother Stanley worked for Chrysler Corp. for 31 years and retired in 1991. He loved the True Vine Church so much . . . He loved the Old Regular Baptist so much. He was one of the best members True Vine had. He was ordained to be a Minister on October 21, 1989. He loved sitting and reading the Bible, and he loved coming to church and greeting all his brothers and sisters in Christ.

He left a great witness for us all on his sick bed. We thought he had already passed from this life, I God's little servant was trying to comfort his family. I made the remark I wish I could talk to Brother Stanley one more time, about five minutes later, Brother Stanley sat up in bed, although he could not speak he could respond by shaking his head. I asked him if he could see Jesus, he shook his head yes and reached his hands up. The next morning he went to be with Jesus and the rest of God's children.

Written by God's humble servants,
Elder Kennis and Sister Ethel Robinson

GLADYS (DANK) STUMBO



Gladys (Dank) Stumbo

By request of Bro. Dank's sister, Boss (Woody) Pack, I will write a short obituary. Sorry, the time is short to get this in, and I didn't get the information that I needed from Sis. Pack. Since Bro Dank was a member of the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, Oh., he needs to be recognized as such.

I met Bro. Dank and Sis. Virgie a few years ago. She was also a member of the church. He was married to Sis. Virgie Pack Stumbo in Holy Matrimony August 7, 1968, she died June 1983. After her death, Bro. Dank seemed to be lost. He lived here in Ohio for awhile, then returned to Floyd Co. Ky. That is where he left this vain world of sorrow. He wasn't too well after Sis.

Virgie's death. He came back to visit the Pleasant View church a few times, but got disabled to do so.

Knowing Sis. Virgie, I had a strong mind to go visit with Bro. Dank and talk to him about coming to church and about his soul. I remember well the example I gave him. I asked him, "if I had an ice cream cone, eating it, would you know how it tasted, if you didn't taste of it yourself?" He looked at me in amazement, and he said, NO! I sure would not. I told him that is the way with SALVATION . . . Bible says, to come and taste of the Lord and see if he is good. You must do it for yourself, not for someone else. He said, I have been such a wicked man, Marge, I don't know if the Lord would save me or not. I told him, but we have a big SAVIOUR, begging you and all others to come unto Him and be born again, repent, washed in the Blood of Jesus. Shortly after that visit, I saw tears like floods of water streaming down his face in church. I don't remember how long it was until Bro. Dank came HOME, I do remember the day and the time. He joined February 28, 1982. He was so happy! He was so kind and good to Sis. Virgie, being handicapped her last few months on earth. He was kind and made us all feel so welcome when we would go visit or to help out in their home. He was always pleased when the brothers would go and have prayer in their home. I know the family history is important, but his SPIRITUAL life is much more so. I am glad I had the opportunity to know he and Sis. Virgie and to have fellowship with him here on earth. God Bless all his family.

In Christ's Love, Sis. Marge Slone

ORVILLE THOMPSON



Orville Thompson

It is with a heavy heart and much sadness that we will attempt to write the obituary of our beloved father and husband, ORVILLE THOMPSON of Almont, Michigan (formerly of Pikeville, Ky.) Daddy was born on March 29, 1918 to Arthur and Effie Lowe Thompson, who preceded him in death. Jesus called Daddy home on March 20, 1994, making his stay here on earth 75 years 11 months 20 days. Daddy was united in marriage with Lillian Scott on November 20, 1941, unto this union three (3) children were born.

Daddy enjoyed going to church when he was able, he said he felt more at home at the Little Zion Old Regular Baptist Church than any other church he had attended since moving to Michigan in 1974. Daddy truly considered the people in the church his brothers and sisters. Daddy was never baptized, but we feel he had made peace with the Lord.

Left to mourn his loss, his wife, Lillian, two (2) daughters, Phyllis Ann Walker (William) and Kolene T. Newsome (Paul Dean) all of Almont, Michigan, one (1) son, Orville Kenneth Thompson (Kathy) of Sterling Heights, Michigan, two (2) brothers Ester Thompson and Chester Thompson, one (1) sister, Pauline Burnette all of Pikeville, Kentucky, seven (7) grandchildren, three (3) great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Daddy will be greatly missed, there will always be a void in our hearts that can never be filled. We know that Daddy isn't in pain anymore and we are going to work toward being with him someday, where there will be no more pain and separations. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by broken-hearted family

LULA (KEENE) TUTTLE



Lula (Keene) Tuttle

It is by the request of my dear beloved sister Lula that I write this obituary and eulogy in her memory.

Lula was born November 2, 1926 in Floyd County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late William and Hallie (Justice) Keene. She passed away on March 20, 1994.

Lula is survived by her husband Berlin (Boe) Tuttle, whom she married November 18, 1944 and to this union was blessed 10 children: 7 boys and 3 girls. One son was called to heaven shortly after birth. Surviving sons are: Dewey Tuttle, Sandusky, Ohio; Arthur Tuttle, Archie Tuttle and Corbin Tuttle, New Washington,

Ohio; and Michael Tuttle and Omar Tuttle, Bucyrus, Ohio. Daughters are: Palestine Sand, Marion, Ohio; Beatrice Hayes and Alice Miller, New Washington, Ohio.

Lula also leaves behind 29 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, whom she loved dearly. One infant great-grandson preceded her in death. Other survivors to mourn their loss are 3 brothers and 3 sisters: Earl Keene, Floyd County, Kentucky; William Keene Jr., Plymouth, Ohio and Herman Keene, Willard, Ohio. One brother, Viri Keene, preceded her in death. Surviving sisters are: Rosetta (Keene) McGuire, Decatur, Alabama; Jessileana (Keene) Holt, Plymouth, Ohio and Shirley (Keene) Coldwell, Bucyrus, Ohio. Lula also has many nephews, nieces and other family members who will miss her greatly.

Lula joined the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ in January 1954. She often spoke about how the ice had to be broken so she could be baptized, but stated she only felt the warm feeling of peace and comfort.

Lula was not only my sister but my 2nd mother and life-long friend. I will miss you, dear sister, I miss you so much now that it is hard for me to imagine how it will be in the days, months and years to come. Once the realization that you are no longer here to talk to or to have by my side to comfort me in a time of need finally comes, not only for me but also to your loving family, it will be almost unbearable. Through you we could see God's love shining for all to see and by his grace we will one day be able to see you again. You always showed strength and courage to your family and tried so hard to teach not only your children, but your sisters and brothers the right way to live. In the last few months we have all watched your failing health with saddened hearts. I remember all the times you praised our Lord Jesus, not only in happiness and good health but also through your trials and tribulations. You never let your failing health get you down. You were always there for your family and friends, always ready to help the other person in any way you could. You always put others before yourself.

I know I speak for all whom you have had contact with here on earth, in some way you touched their hearts and made them a better person or at least a thinking person. Lula, you let your light shine for all to see and for this you now have a better place to live. I can close my eyes and see you with your long white gown, glowing with God's love and a smile on your face that lights up all of heaven and earth. I can also see you looking down at all of us with sadness in your eyes telling us all to change our ways so we can someday have a crown of light and everlasting life.

Sis, I know your husband Boe and all your children, Dewey, Arthur, Palestine, Michael, Omar, Archie, Beatrice, Alice, Corwin and your grandchildren miss you and love you very much. Their lives will never be the same. They won't have the loving, understanding wife, mother and grandmother to turn to in their time of need. Their hearts are heavy burdened with their loss. I know in some way, as their guardian angel, you will reach down and touch their aching hearts and let them know you are still with them and will always be looking after them. I know how much you loved your children and grandchildren alike.

We all love you and miss you so much and pray you will continue to watch over us, leading us to your side with that beautiful shining smile. Your smile, your faith and your encouraging words will always linger with us. We all know you are free of pain and at rest, living in the mansion you so richly deserve. May

the Lord Jesus see fit to instill in our burdened hearts the strength to change our lives and to work for a better home allowing us to be at peace as you are now.

So Sis, we all say good-bye for now and with the mercy of Jesus we will see you in a better life.

Love, Jessileane, Your Broken-Hearted Sister

Grandma,

My Grandma was and still is a fantastic person. She loved everybody and she put everyone first. She strongly believed, loved and trusted in God. That's how I know she's going to heaven. A place where she has no more pain and a place where she was wanting to be all the time. Lula Tuttle was my grandma's name. It is such a beautiful name. When I hear my grandma's name I know what I'm going to think of and it's going to be heaven. Because that's where my Grandma is and always will be is heaven! Amen!

Love Ya, Angela Dawn Hayes

P.S. Grandma, I Love You

ELDER H. N. VANDERPOOL

It is with a broken heart and asking God's help in trying to write the obituary of a beloved Elder, loving Dad, and dearest friend, to fulfill a promise I made him nearly 12 years ago.

Dad was born in Floyd County, Kentucky to Bill and Cordelia Vanderpool September 26, 1905. He passed away peacefully at his home March 7, 1994 at 6:30 P.M., making his stay on earth, 88 years and 5 months. He was joined in marriage to Ethel Lawson September 11, 1927. Being blessed to share 55 years together until God called her home May 18, 1982. To this union was born 10 children, 7 boys and 3 girls. One infant son preceded him in death. He

leaves to mourn his loss his children, Don Vanderpool of Plymouth, Ohio, Jim Vanderpool of Rayford, North Carolina, Sue Vanderpool of Plymouth, Ohio, Joanne Nickles of Plymouth, Ohio, Roy Vanderpool of Plymouth, Ohio, Elder Raymond Vanderpool of Willard, Ohio, Larry Vanderpool of Powhattan, Virginia, and two sons-in-laws he dearly loved, Eurnlee Collins and Charles Nickles.

He was blessed with 28 loving grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. Two little grandsons Charlie and John, and one infant great-granddaughter Joy Lynn preceded him in death.

He is survived by 4 brothers and 5 sisters. Robert Vanderpool of Plymouth, Ohio, Elliot Vanderpool of Florida, Paul Vanderpool of Garrett, Kentucky, James Vanderpool of Martin, Kentucky, Livia Bentley of Garrett, Kentucky, Rosie Hayes of Cincinnati, Ohio, Laura Shepherd and Olivia Reed of Hueysville, Kentucky, and Dorothy Williams of Oil Springs, Kentucky. Three brothers and three sisters also preceded him in death.

Dad joined the Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth, Ohio, August 20, 1948, on



H. N. Vanderpool

my 16th birthday, which surely blessed my day. He felt God called him to the Ministry early. He was ordained an Elder in February 1950. He served as Moderator of the Little Rebecca Church for 21 years. During this time he also served as Moderator of Maggie's Home Church in McArthur, Ohio, and served as Moderator and Assistant Moderator of the Mt. Zion Church in McGuffey, Ohio. Dad had a great desire to see another Association organized, and with a lot of prayers and much travel, he and the other Brothers involved got their desire. The Northern New Salem Association was established. Dad served as Assistant Moderator to the Association until 1963. Dad is now a member of the Little Ruth Church in Marengo, Ohio, and has been Moderator of the Mt. Zion Church in Shelby, Ohio for nearly two years.

Dad has given his life for the church. He travelled near and far, many times to different states, going to peoples rescue. When the call would come "We have lost a loved one, We need you" Dad would go, sometimes twice in one week, because he loved all people, especially God's children. To my knowledge, he never refused anyone help even though many times he was really unable to go.

Dad was always ready to stand in defense of the Gospel. I believe with all my heart, God gave Dad the gift of teaching. I remember about 35 years ago myself and some of the now Brothers and Sisters in the church would gather at his house and sit on the floor around his chair to hear him tell about God and his goodness, and to answer any questions we would have. I'm so thankful to have come up in the church under his teaching.

Dad had been sick for several years with heart disease and suffered much this last year with the terrible disease cancer. He bore his sickness with much patience for the Bible says "For unto you it is given in behalf of Christ not only to believe in him but also to suffer for his sake." I believe Dad lived up to his charge, endured afflictions, did the work of an evangelist, and made full proof of his ministry. He fought a good fight and now has finished his course. He has kept the faith and I feel he truly labored the full day in the vineyard for the penny God promised him. Like a good soldier, he died at his post.

Dad told me again about a month ago about the dream God showed him about 30 years ago. He said he was trying to get to the river and it was really rough going, but when he reached the river there was a little boat waiting. He climbed on board and there was just room enough to lay down. He was so at peace not a ripple on the water, because Jesus was guiding the little boat. I feel with all my heart, he made it to the river and got on board the little boat about 6:30 P.M. Monday, and is satisfied to be where he has prayed for the last twelve years for the Lord to let him come, with our Lord and our Mother. He said shortly before he died that Mom was coming to meet him.

Dad was blessed to see two of his daughters, two of his sons, and one granddaughter come into the old church. God blessed him to live long enough to see his son Raymond be ordained to the Ministry which pleased him so much. But he was still praying for his other children whom he loved so much to wake up and see the awful shape the world is in and turn to the Lord while there is still time. It disturbed him greatly this last year of his life how wicked the world is. He said I'm ready to leave this world of trouble and heartache. Dad told me shortly before he died that he didn't believe that God would let this world stand much longer. So I would love to beg all Dad's loved ones who don't know God, to fall out with sin and turn to the Lord for time is running out for this world.

Don't let Dad's and Mom's prayers go to waste. They piled up many stones along the way for us to follow. You can meet him again if you want to.

He was faithful in his duties, always giving good counsel to all. We were blessed to travel many many miles together and to hear him preach the gospel warning people of living and dying in sin. A seat is now vacant in the Little Ruth Church. He loved the Little Ruth Church and was greatly loved in return. You all were so good to him. I will always hold it in my heart maybe the Lord will bless another one of his children to take his seat in the Little Ruth Church.

So sleep on Dad, you are no longer suffering, you are resting from your labors, you are on the other side of Jordan. I will meet you there one day never to be parted again. I'm so glad I gave you the roses while you lived.

Written by a broken-hearted daughter,
Sister Ellaree Collins

Dad's memorial will be at the Little Ruth Church, Marengo, Oh., on the second Saturday and Sunday in April, 1995. The ministers called are Elders Jim Oakley, Ivory Sowards, Jimmy Hall, Kenny Vanderpool, Hershel Huff, and Mike Slone.

THOMAS WAYNE WADDLES

With the help of the good Lord, and with an aching heart, I will try to write an obituary of my youngest son, Tommy. Thomas Wayne Waddles, generally known as "Tommy" was born May 2, 1972 at Prestonsburg, Kentucky and passed away August 8, 1993 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Shelbyville, Kentucky. He was 21 years of age. The son of Elder James and Phyllis McCarty Waddles, Shelbyville, KY. Tommy was an assembly line worker for Black and Decker Company of Shelbyville, Ky.



Thomas Wayne Waddles

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Debbie Peach Waddles, one step-son, Adam Redmon, Shelbyville, Ky., one brother, James A. Waddles, Jr. of Chapel Hill, NC; two sisters, Kimberly Sue Adams of Ypsilanti, MI and Angela Rene Mosley of Bevinville, KY, paternal grandparents, Tom and Gracie Waddles of Topmost, KY, maternal grandparents the late Wayne and Daisy McCarty.

We know that God is just and merciful and he knows the heart of every one of us. There were so many witnesses, friends, and loved ones of Tommy and so many brothers and sisters from several churches at the funeral, many telling of the loving and caring that Tommy had shown them in times past, we can't help but feel that Tommy is at peace.

Tommy never met a stranger and would go out of his way to help anyone. It was gratifying to see so many young acquaintances of Tommy's. Friends he went to school with and new friends from Shelbyville and from his work place. Some even indicating that Tommy's death and the funeral service would greatly affect their lives. Hopefully Tommy's death was not in vain.

There will be a great emptiness in our family and among his friends and loved ones.

Children if you ever want to get to that restful place, call on the Lord while you still can. God, being the great comforter that he is, let us all continue to pray and trust in him.

Written by his father, Elder James A. Waddles
and Elder C.W. Turner



Robert E. Williams

ROBERT E. WILLIAMS

Born August 20, 1963
Passed away April 24, 1991

WILLIE L. WILLIAMS

Born December 30, 1970
Passed away July 13, 1988



Willie L. Williams

Robert and Willie are the sons of Sister Wanda and Husband Robert Williams. Born in Barberton, Ohio, the boys are dearly missed by us and all their relatives. They were good sons with loving hearts and kindness to everyone.

First you sent us a son, Bobby whom we loved so true;
The Lord graced us with a daughter her name if Melody Sue;
He wasn't through yet he gave us Donna Jean, with eyes so pretty
O what a gleam.

But then God said, Bob and Wanda you've got one coming so
special is he, his name will be Willie Lee, whose little heart
won't be right, but he is a good little angel and perfect in his sight.

You then took Bobby and Willie to heaven above,
just two more angels for God to love

Jesus says to follow his laws so simple and true,
And we will meet Willie and Bobby and be with him too.

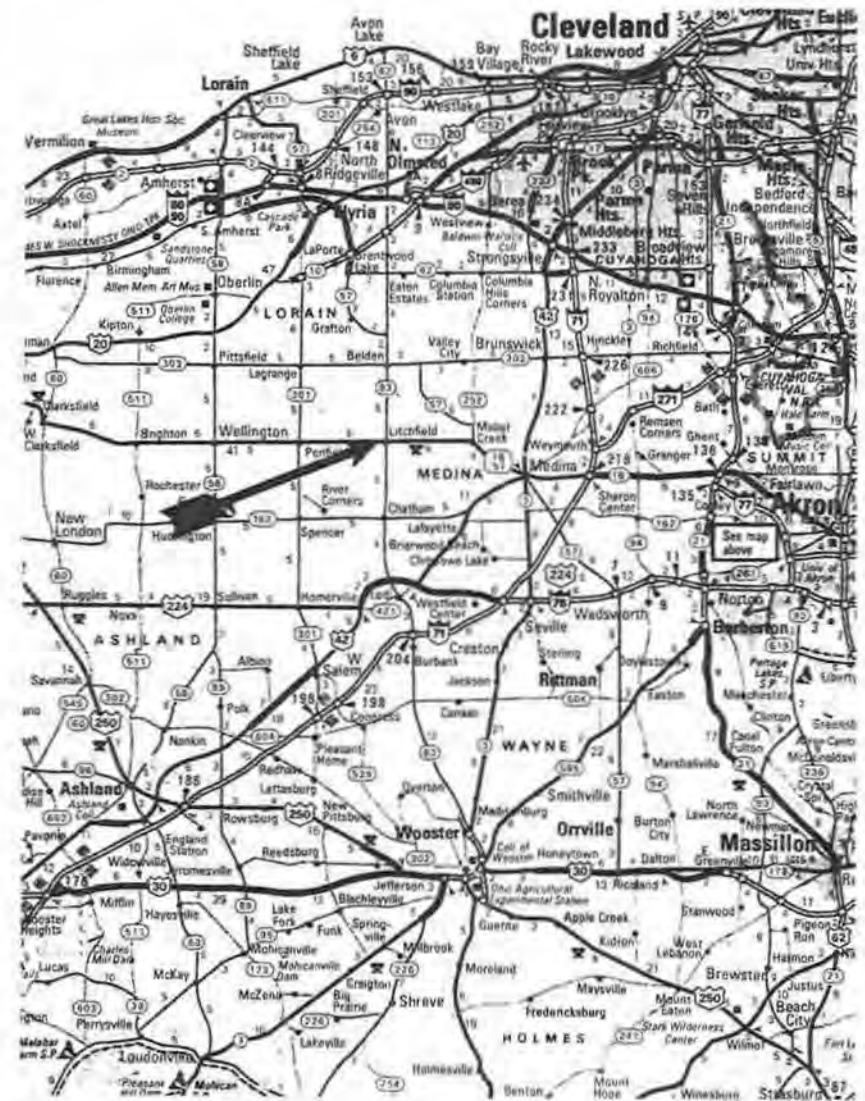
God you've been so good to this family of ours,
You've stood by us all the hours when everything seemed so dim,
All we had to do is think of him.

God is our ray in shining light, believe in him and all will be right.

So God take care of us until, it's time to leave this old Earth,
It's sorrow and strife, are not of any worth.

But heaven is so wonderful and sweet,
So wait for us Sons for in the end we will meet.

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