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



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Rose of Sharon Church
S. Rockwood, Michigan
August 6, 7, 8, 2004

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

It is with pleasant memories that we dedicate this 47th Annual setting of the Northern New Salem Association to the memory of our beloved elders, brothers and sisters, who have departed this life since our last gathering. Those whom we have had the joy of knowing and laboring with here in this blessed old church. They leave us with the hope of some glorious day we shall join their company in a land of perfect peace and joy.

Thoughts of them will comfort we that remain in all our tomorrows.

Respectfully
Bro. Newsome
Bro. Turner — Clerks

Each day is a blessing, use it wisely, telling of God's goodness.
Bro. Newsome



**Officers: (Left to right) Eld. Buddy W. Carty, Moderator; Eld. Ray Hamilton, Asst. Mod.,
Eld. Hillard Newsome, Clerk; Eld. C.W. Turner, Asst. Clerk.**

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PROCEEDINGS

Of The
Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist
The Church of Jesus Christ
August 6, 7, 8, 2004

Friday Session

With gladness in their hearts, after journeying from distance far and near, to attend this the 47th Annual Session of this blessed old Association. Their greetings for each other was just as warm as the warm morning sun shining in the far away distant skies. Yes, it was evident that love was plentiful among the faithful believers. As they exchanged warm handshakes and embraces for each other, causing all to say, "Surely this is none other than the house of the Lord."

By singing the inspiring songs of Zion, one's heart was soon touched by that Heavenly Spirit which caused all to forget the many miles one had traveled on the tedious highways to assemble in this setting of the Northern New Salem Association.

Alternate, Eld. Russell Hicks, in humbleness, with tear filled eyes approached the stand to introduce the services and led in prayer. He was blessed to preach of love and the goodness of the Lord. Little in stature, yet he stood tall, feeding the Master's sheep.

In meekness yet fearful, Eld. Evan Hamilton approached the stand to deliver the Introductory Sermon. Soon the holy spirit removed all fear, causing him to preach words of wisdom. He covered many subjects, telling all of the goodness of the Lord, and what an honor to be a child of the King.

Those who were not delegates were advised to assemble to the place arranged for preaching. The delegates were asked to remain in the sanctuary of the Rose of Sharon Church to conduct the business of this the 47th Annual Session.

After assembling in the house and one of Zion's songs were sung, Eld. Garland H. Deel of the Union Association was called on to make remarks and led in prayer.

Our beloved Moderator, Eld. Buddy W. Carty, announced that the 47th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, August 6, 2004

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 Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Eld. Don Lawson, the letter from the Rose of Sharon Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. John Elkins, second by Eld. Scott Hamilton 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: Roger Hicks, Murl Caudill and Ira Adkins, Jr. Officers elected:
Moderator Eld. Buddy W. Carty
Assistant Moderator Eld. Ray Hamilton
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 offi-

- cers. The committee appointed: Elders: Chuckie Hall, Ernest Cochran and Hobart Hamilton. Eld. Elmer Edwards made a motion, second by Eld. Doug McCarty to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharge them of their duties.
3. By a motion made by Bro. Kenny Looney, second by Bro. Phillip Beverly the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
 4. On motion by Eld. Milton Dye, second by Bro. Paul Matthews, reading of the Constitution was omitted. The clerk was asked to read the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
 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: Chuckie Hall, Glenn Frazier, Offie Bartley, Leonard and John Paul Hamilton, Forest D. Hall, Squire Hamilton, Coy Combs, Arnold Adkins, Clyde Lewis, Darrell Calhoun, Defford Thornsberry, Jimmy Dye, Danny Crawford, Don Lambert, Roger Hicks, Klinnon Newsome, Talmadge Hicks, Jimmy Amos, Duane Hamilton, Curtie Hall, Bill Hicks, Ted Burke, Don Adkins, Jeff Hicks, Carl Ousley, Richard Johnson and Teddy Honaker. Letter in the hands of Eld. Coy Combs. Eld. Roy Caudill made a motion, second by Eld. Bill Blevins to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (b) **Union** — Represented by the following delegates: Earl Hill, Garland H. Deel, Stephen Baldridge, Edward Howell, Arlin Roberts, Estil Nichols, Gary Sanders, Estill Hamilton, Edward Estep, Palmar Hamilton, Lonnie Staton, Brad Hamilton, Billy Thompson, Floyd Jude, Danny Robinette, O.C. Holbrook, Cledith Hall, Dean Cook, Gordan Akers, James Barney and Bobby Johnson. Letter in the hands of Eld. Gene Johnson. Eld. Ishmal Hall Jr. made a motion, second by Eld. Hargis Tuttle to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — Represented by the following delegates: Ira Adkins, Jr., Wayne Caudill, Paul Boggs and Lowell Adkins. Letter in the hands of Eld. Ira Adkins Jr. A motion was made by Bro. Kilby Deel, second by Bro. Jerry Castey, to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Chester Cochran, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Ron Hamilton, Richard Staton, Charles Jarrell, Gary Young, Ervin Thacker and Daniel Stanley. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hobart Hamilton. A motion was made by Eld. Milton Dye, second by Eld. Don Mullins to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegates: David Lester, George Thomason, Sherd Mullins, James D. Stacy, Danny L. Hurley, Dewey Matney, Danny C. Justus, Monroe Matney, Phillip Estep and Junior Coleman. Letter in the hands of Bro. Junior Coleman. A motion was made by Eld. Doug McCarty, second by Eld. Bill Blevins to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — Represented by the following delegates: Don Gray, Murl Caudill, Aaron Jr. and Haston Whitaker, Paul Back and Arnold Whitaker. Letter in the hands of Eld. Murl Caudill. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Bro. James Wagner to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship. A letter of acknowledgement from the Old Indian Bottom Association was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. Delmas Hall, second by Bro. Kenny Looney to receive the note of acknowledgement.

7. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of the delegates from the Rose of Sharon 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: Chester Cochran — Sardis and Roger Hicks — New Salem; Eld. Hobart Hamilton — Sardis led in prayer. Saturday A.M. Elders: Gordon Akers — Union; Phillip Estep — Old Friendship; Haston Whitaker — Old Indian Bottom; Chuckie Hall — New Salem.
8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Ralph Caudill, Johnnie Bentley, Conley Daniels, Raymond Stapleton, Stoney Blackburn and John B. Hamilton.
9. A motion was made by Eld. Ishmal Hall Jr., second by Bro. Mike Hiatt that we the Northern New Salem Association correspond by letter and delegate with the following 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 to work on the Bill of Arrangements. 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. Denver Meade that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 7, 2004.
 - (b) The committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday noon and completed its work on the Bill of Arrangements. The services for the evening were introduced by (1) Eld. Chester Cochran — Sardis, prayer by Eld. Hobart Hamilton — also of Sardis; (2) Eld. Roger Hicks — New Salem.

Saturday, August 7, 2004

Met pursuant to adjournment this the second day of three of the Northern New Salem Association. A cool breeze accompanied the morning sun, causing all to feel refreshed and grateful for the Lord's many blessings. The services for the morning were introduced by an honorable and old patriarch for many years, Eld. Coy Combs of the New Salem Association. We were led in a humble and uplifting prayer by Eld. Hobart Hamilton of the Sardis Association.

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 Bro. Paul Moore, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Eld. Milton Dye for our 2004 Session was read by him. A motion was made by Eld. John M. Elkins, second by Eld. Jeff Dillon to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2004 Minutes.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday, Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Chuckie Hall, Ernest Cochran and Hobart Hamilton, reported as follows:

2004 Church contributions	\$6,160.00
2004 Money for Pictures	541.00
Other contributions	1,386.00
Total money received for 2004	\$8,087.00

A motion was made by Eld. Doug McCarty, second by Bro. Ernest Owens 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.

2003 Church contributions	5,935.00
2003 Picture money	425.00
Other contributions	783.00
Total money received for 2003	\$7,143.00
Plus a Balance as of August 1, 2003	4,149.00
Total money on hand August 3, 2003	\$11,292.99

Expenses for 2003

B.

Printer's Fee	\$5,833.00
Secretary's Fee	200.00
Postage, U.P.S. Freight	444.93
Supplies	—0—
Total Expenses for 2003	\$6,477.93
Total of A	\$11,292.99
Less Total of B	6,477.93
Balance	4,815.06
Plus Interest Earned	17.63
Balance August 6, 2004	\$4,832.69
Plus money received for 2004	8,087.00
Total money on hand August 8, 2004	\$12,919.69

Money sent by the Sister churches of the Northern New Salem

Association to the Rose of Sharon Church in helping host the 2004 Session . . . **\$9,625.00**


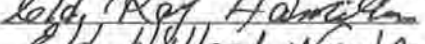
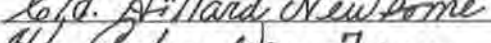
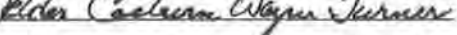
6. Eld. Kenny Looney made a motion, second by Bro. Phillip Beverly to accept the treasurer's report. By the same motion Eld. Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 3,700 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.
7. Bro. Mike Hiatt made a motion, second by Eld. Scott Hamilton 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 \$20.00 for pictures is to be submitted along with obituaries to be printed.
8. The following ministers were chosen to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning.
Saturday evening: Elders: Floyd Jude-Union; Clyde Lewis-New Salem. In absence of the Elders chosen the following Elders were used: Elders (1) Bro. Paul Matthews; (2) Johnnie Bentley; (3) C. W. Turner; (4) Sam Franks; (5) Palmer Hamilton-Union.
Elders chosen for Sunday morning: Elders: Buddy W. Carty, Ray Hamilton, Hillard Newsome and C.W. Turner, all of Northern New Salem.
9. On motion by Kenny Looney, second by Eld. Willis Little, the report of the Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the year 2003 and 2004 were omitted.
10. In compliance with Item #9 of Friday's work, we the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond by letter and delegate 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 2004 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Ivan King, John B. Hamilton, Ernest Owens, Thurman Jones, Basil Elliott, Hillard Newsome, I.V. Hudson, C.W. Turner, Don Mullins, Buddy W. Carty, Ray Hamilton, John M.

- Elkins, Scott Hamilton, Duane Graves, Paul Matthews, Rick Akers, Karrel Addington, John L. Mullins, Conley Daniels, Delmas Hall, Lavone Isaac, Dan Thornsberry, William Holbrook. Letter in the hands of Bro. Ivan King.
- (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 2004 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John B. Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Ernest Owens, Thurman Jones, Hillard Newsome, Buddy W. Carty, I.V. Hudson, John L. Mullins, C.W. Turner, Karrel Addington, Delmas Hall, Rick Akers, John M. Elkins. Letter in the hands of Eld. John M. Elkins.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the Little Mary Church at the Association Building at Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2004 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Fred Jones, John B. Hamilton, Kilby Deel, Basil Elliott, Marty Carty, Dennis Elkins, C.W. Turner, Buddy W. Carty, Ray Hamilton, Duane Graves, Hillard Newsome, Delmas Hall, Paul Matthews, John M. Elkins, Raymond Stapleton, Don Mullins, Karrel Addington, Larry Newsome, I.V. Hudson, John L. Mullins. Letter in the hands of Eld. Larry Newsome.
 - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the host churches at the Association Building, Varney, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 2004 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John B. Hamilton, Stoney Blackburn, Hillard Newsome, Karrel Addington, Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, I.V. Hudson, John L. Mullins, Arvid Blevins, Raymond Gillman, John M. Elkins, Arnold Mullins, Don Mullins, Delmas Hall, Dan Thornsberry. Letter in the hands of Eld. Buddy W. Carty.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Little Dove Church, Hurley, VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2004 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John B. Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, C.W. Turner, Delmas Hall, Karrel Addington, I.V. Hudson, John M. Elkins, John L. Mullins. Letter in the hands of Eld. John B. Hamilton.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Doty Creek and Little Home churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pinetop, KY. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 2004 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John B. Hamilton, Fred Jones, Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Ray Hamilton, C.W. Turner, Delmas Hall, Dan Thornsberry, Karrel Addington, I.V. Hudson, John L. Mullins. Letter in the hands of Eld. C.W. Turner.
11. A motion was made by Eld. John M. Elkins, second by Eld. Scott Hamilton to grant the request of the Little Ida Church in removing the name of Eld. Arthur Mitchell from the list of ordained ministers, as he has been silenced by said church.
 12. Requests were presented from the Little Melrose Church and the Rose of Sharon Church regarding an amendment to the Articles of Faith. The request were to amend the Articles by adding a number 16 article that would provide a list of certain activities/sins that the church finds unacceptable. After discussion, a motion was made by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Bro. Kilby Deel to return said request to the respective churches, as Article 2 of the current Articles of Faith based upon the 1611 King James version of the Bible, is sufficient to address any issues. Bro. Danny Hamilton objected to said motion. A vote was called for and 30 delegates voted to amend the Articles of Faith by adding a number 16 item and 33 delegates voted to not amend the Articles of Faith, and to rely upon the provisions of Article 2 to address the issue of the churches beliefs.
 13. Bro. Wilbur Nichols made a motion, second by Eld. Don Lawson to grant the request of the Little Rebecca Church, Henry Road, Plymouth, OH, the honor of hosting the 2005 setting of this blessed old Association.

14. By a vote of the delegates Eld. Harrison Runyon was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. Eddie Wallen to be his alternate, and Eld. Delmas Hall was chosen to write the Circular Letter for our 48th Annual Session.
15. Bro. Kenny Looney made a motion, second by Eld. Willis Little to forgo reading of the current minutes.
16. A motion was made by Bro. Dennis Elkins, second by Bro. Roy Collins to adjourn to place and time mentioned in the 13th item of Saturday's work in the current minutes.

Closing remarks were made and an humble prayer was offered by Eld. Roy Caudill of the Northern New Salem Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

	Moderator
	Ass't. Moderator
	Clerk
	Ass't Clerk

Sabbath Morning, August 8, 2004

It was another lovely, pleasant morning in S. Rockwood, MI. Many of the faithful believers were assembling in the sanctuary of the Rose of Sharon Church for worship. This being the last and final day of this blessed old Association. The echo from singing the inspiring old hymns by the congregation brought joy to the listeners.

The services for the morning were introduced by Eld. Garland H. Deel of the Union Association. A very warm and spiritual prayer was offered by Eld. Palmer Hamilton also of Union.

Second was your unworthy servant, Eld. Hillard Newsome and third was Assistant Moderator, Eld. Ray Hamilton. Fourth and final was our beloved Moderator, Eld. Buddy W. Carty.

On behalf of the Northern New Salem Association, I would like to take this opportunity to express to you the members and friends, both young and old, of the Rose of Sharon, Mt. Olive and Little Ellen churches for hosting this 47th Session. All you did was show your love and hospitality, all of which we are ever grateful.

We missed Campers Village, please, oh please, do stop at Little Rebecca in Plymouth, OH, come August 2005, and there once again we can show you our love.

Yours in Christ,

Bro. Newsome-Clerk

Circular Letter by Elder Milton Dye

My dear precious brothers, sisters, and friends of the Northern New Salem Association:

Having been chosen to write the circular letter by the majority of the delegates present at our forty-sixth annual session for the inspection by our delegates of this session, have done so with the help of our Lord and Savior.

Brother delegates, I have chosen, after much meditation, to write about the church. You would be very surprised just how many Christians and Non-Christians do not understand what the real church is.

I have now, in a very short way, wrote this letter so as to help those who may not understand: What the church is, where the church came from, who does it consist of, how do you

get in the church, what your responsibilities are after God adds you to the church, and what your reward will be for being in the church.

The word church is a translation of a Greek term meaning "Assembly". So, with that in mind, what is a church? I believe it to be an assembly of men and women that have obtained fellowship with God and with one another. These men and women have agreed to abide by the rules of the gospel as outlined in the King James version of the Bible, published in 1611 (1 John 1:3, John 15:14, and 1 Cor. 1:9).

Now, where did the church come from? Brother delegates, I believe the church came down from Heaven under the old covenant. She came out from under the old covenant being baptized in the water and made straight by John the Baptist. He was baptizing with water unto repentance, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. She was at hand and I do believe there came one mightier than John to the river Jordan to be baptized, Jesus Christ, suffering it to be so. Here brothers is the church. Built upon this foundation by the prophets, the Apostles, and Jesus Christ, himself, being the chief cornerstone (Eph. 2:20, Matt. 16:18).

Who does the church consist of? I believe it to be men and women, not children, not men and women with no mind, or the mind of a child, but those who once were sinners, called of God to repentance, believing on the gospel by faith and receiving a regeneration of the soul. I believe it to be men and women that by their conduct and looks are different from the world. God has chosen them out of the world, therefore they are no more of the world. God's chosen are a royal people, a particular people with a distinct sound that only comes from the heart of a true born again child of God. A child of God is love, joy, peace, long suffering, denying ungodliness and living soberly and righteously in this present world (Tit. 2:12, 1 Peter 2:9).

How does one get in the church of the true and living God? I believe you get in the church the same way Jesus told the Jewish ruler, Nicodemus. You must be born of water and of the spirit. I believe you must want to go to heaven. You must take heed to that good spirit or light that will teach you what you are by nature and what you must be by the grace of God. You must be a doer as well as a hearer of the word, to obtain eternal life in your soul. I believe you won't be totally satisfied until you go home to tell and show what great things you feel the Lord has done for you. (M-R 5:19, 1 John 5:12, John 12:36).

What are your responsibilities after God adds you to the church? Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. There is no communion with darkness and light. We are as a city set on the hill. It is our duty to abstain from all appearances of evil. It is very important that we let our light shine and not make it shine. We must not please the flesh of men in order to obtain gains in this present world. Our duty is to always realize who we are, who we are representing, who our lives are hid in and where we are going on that glorious resurrection day (1 Cor. 15:48, II Cor. 6:14).

What is our reward in the church? We are a child of the King. We have a promise of a mansion in heaven. We have obtained an inheritance. We have the greatest Shepherd in the world. He will lead us and deliver us to his Father without spot or blemish (John 10:11, 14).

So, God bless you my most precious Brothers and Sisters and friends. Let us march on to Canaan's land. Let us not strive for changes but let us manifest on that which has always been and still is, the greatest organization ever to be, the church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Your Brother, with Love,
Elder Milton Dye

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 send it by their delegates to the Association; and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the Churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches; to give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the Churches

failing to represent them at any time in the Association; to appropriate 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 Savior 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 Savior, 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, Mark 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 baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the gospel, and has come under the hands of a regular chosen presbytery of the church and ordained thereby.

Acts 13:2-3, Romans 1:6, Titus 1:5-9

ARTICLE 11. We believe that 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 up 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, 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 rise 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 reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

Reprinted Items from the 1964, 1970 and 1980 Minutes of the Northern New Salem Association

Year 1964 – Item 15: By move and second the association agreed to answer the request from several churches touching upon the question of sisters cutting their hair, using make-up, etc. As follows: It is the duty of every moderator of every church to exercise strict disciplinary action toward the violation of established practices. To insist on strict compliance with what sayeth the scripture concerning a woman of righteousness. Mark them that would creep in the assembly just to destroy the peace and salvation of the church.

Year 1970 – Item 17: The request from the Little Ruth Church "Asking for advise on how should a minister who has been excluded from preaching with sects and orders contrary to Regular Baptist principles can be received back into the fellowship of a Regular Baptist Church." We as an advisory council say to all our churches that you may restore such one upon strict examination, BUT not to return to them their credentials until they have been reexamined by legal presbytery.

Year 1980 – Item 12: By a motion and second, the request from the Little Rebecca Church was granted to correct Item #13 of our 1979 minutes to read as follows:
We, the Little Rebecca Church of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ having met at our regular meeting time being found in full love and fellowship of all members present agreed unanimously to send the following request to the Northern New Salem Association when convened with the Little Ida Church on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1979. "We, the Little Rebecca Church request the Northern New Salem Association to adopt a resolution against members of our churches belong to secret orders such as Masons, Odd Fellows or any other related worldly organization that is an offense to our sister association as well as our own brethren". This question has produced friction far too long in our union and we feel it is contrary to our fundamental Christian beliefs and our church principles as we are not to be a part of a worldly kingdom. And farther that we advise all of our churches having such members to rid themselves of any members that refuses to disassociate themselves from such organizations. (And not preach with any preacher that belongs to a secret organization.)

2004

DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Little Rebecca	Roy Collins, Ivon King, Phillip Beverly
Maggie's Home	Don Mullins, Duane Graves, Harold Prater
Little Flock	Don Lawson, Paul Matthews, Charles Edwards
Little Ruth	Adran Counts, Bill Smith, Scotty Little
Little Edna	Elmer Edwards, Denver Meade, Jerry Caskey
Little Ida	Billy Miller, Vivan Johnson, Steven Miller
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Fred Jones
Little Zion	Ricky Akers, Gerald Akers, Joseph Akers
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Darrell Hall
Mt. Olive	Elbert Hagerman, Luther Hagerman, Brad Hamilton
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome, Alex Collier, Matt Slone
Little Family	Roy Caudill, James D. Watts, Jerome Watts, Jr.
Little Angel	Milton Dye, Arnold Mullins, Wilbur Nichols
Antioch	Karrel Addington, I.V. Hudson, John L. Mullins
Rose of Sharon	Jeff Dillon, William Holbrook, Ott Collins
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, Carl Hall
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock, Mike Hiatt, James Wagner
Morning Star	Bill Blevins, Ishmal Hall, Jr., Willis Little
Little Bethel	Ernest Owens, Kilby Deel, Glen Conley
Family of Love	Delmas Hall, Kenny Looney, David Carty
Macedonia	Harrison Runyan, Paul Moore
True Vine	Kennis Robinson, Dennis Elkins, James Coleman
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty, John M. Elkins, Mark Baker
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Wendell Gayheart
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, Cletis Easterling

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2004-2005

NOVEMBER – 2004

LITTLE MELROSE - First in November (2004). Roy Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Paul Boggs, Murl Caudill, Arnold Whitaker, Scott Hamilton, David Lester.

APRIL

ANTIOCH - First in April. Teddy Honaker, Scott Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Buddy Carty, Milton Dye, Willis Tolliver, Chuckie Hall.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in April. Covis Tackett, Roger Hicks, Curtis Hall, Estill Hamilton, Rick Akers, Jeff Dillon.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in April. Ezra Thornsberry, Paul Matthews, Bill Blevins.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in April. Eddie Wallen, Richard Staten, Hobert Hamilton, Doug McCarty, Elisha Branham, Bill Blevins.

MAY

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in May. Buford Brock, Roy Caudill, Clyde Lewis, Scott Hamilton, Raymond Stapleton, Buddy Carty, Rick Akers.

LITTLE IDA - First in May. Danny Carty, Hobart Justice, Willis Tolliver, Ira Adkins, Danny Adams.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in May. Scott Hamilton, Chuck Hall, Squire Hamilton, Clyde Lewis, James Tackett.

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Third in May. Squire C. Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Estill Hamilton, Billy Miller, Eddie Wallen, Tom VanZandt, John B. Hamilton.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in May. Arnold Whitaker, Haston Whitaker, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton, Chester Cochran.

LITTLE ELLEN - Third in May. Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Larry Newsome, Don Adkins, Hayes Chaffin, Jeff Dillon.

MACEDONIA - Third in May. Garfield Thacker, Hershel Slone, Offie Bartley, Paul Coleman, Orvin May, Eddie Wallen.

MORNING STAR - Third in May. Paul Dye, Eddy Wallen, Doug McCarty, Elbert Hagerman, Gene Johnson, James Barney.

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL - First in June. Bill Blevins, Milton Dye, Johnie Bentley, William B. Holbrook Jr., Orvil Mitchell, Jackie Yates.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in June. Danny Carty, Scott Hamilton, Doug McCarty, Garland H. Deel, Wayne Turner.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in June. Johnie Bentley, Estill Hamilton, Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Harrison Runyon, Don Mullins, Clifford Newsome.

LITTLE RUTH - Second in June. Larry Newsome, Charley Edwards, Karrell Addington, James Branham, Willis Tolliver, Jeff Dillon

LITTLE ZION - Second in June. Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome, Ed Howell, Brian Mullins, Mose Bentley, Larry Dixon.

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in June. Doug McCarty, Burton Ratliff, Kerry Ratliff, Clyde Lewis, Karrell Addington, Jeff Dillon, Milton Dye.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in June. Sat 2 p.m. Clyde Lewis, Charles Edwards, C.W. Turner, Mose Griffith, Gary Blevins, Jacky Yates, John B. Hamilton.

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in June. John B. Hamilton, Gorden Akers, Billy Miller, Ralph Caudill, Estill Hamilton, Scott Hamilton.

MT. OLIVE - Fourth in June. Clyde Lewis, Russell Hicks, James Watts, Eddie Wallen, Roy Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Larry Dixon.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in July. Kelly Slone, Leacy Walters, Hargis Tuttle, Richard Staten, Tommy Dials.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in July. Willis Tolliver, Clyde Lewis, Billy Williamson, Russell Hicks, Richard Staten, Floyd Jude.

AUGUST

TRUE VINE - Third in August. Jeff Dillon, Larry Newsome, Chester Cochran, Bill Cochran, Eddie Wallen.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in August. Buddy Carty, Chuck Hall, Hiram Adkins, John B. Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Deffort Thornsberry.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in June. Murl Caudill, Delmas Hall, Harrison Runyon, Buddy Carty, Raymond Gayheart, Danny Carty.

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Danny Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Clyde Lewis, Jimmy Waddles, Russell Hicks.

LITTLE RUTH - Second in July. Kenny Robinson, Buddy Carty, Russell Hicks, Richard Staten, Scotty Hamilton.

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in August. Scott Hamilton, Kenny Robinson, Larry Newsome, Matt Slone.

LITTLE IDA - First in April. Floyd Jude, Buford Brock, Estill Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Gene Johnson, Milton Dye.

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in October. Hargis Tuttle, Danny Hamilton, Johnny Thornsberry, Arnold Whitaker, Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE ZION - Second in August. Edsel Slone, Gene Johnson, Johnie Bentley, Estill Hamilton, Stoney Blackburn.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in August. Scott Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Hobart Justice, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton.

MT. OLIVE - Fourth in August. Danny Hamilton, Johnny Bentley, Scott Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Willis Little.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in June. Willis Tolliver, Steven Slone, Ray Hamilton, Moderator & assistant moderator.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in October. Buddy Carty, Hillard Newsome, Willis Tolliver, Murl Caudill, Ralph Caudill.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in March. Don Lawson, Hargis Tuttle, Scott Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Hillard Newsome, Estill Hamilton.

ANTIOCH - First in June. Roy Caudill, Roger Hicks, Rick Akers, Alex Collier, Tommy Dials.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in October (2004). Leonard Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Danny Adams, Sam Franks.

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Third in July. Danny Hamilton, Hobart Justice, Matt Slone, Jessie Pack, Stoney Blackburn.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in September, (2004). Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Ira Adkins, Jr., Roy Caudill, Johnny Bentley.

MORNING STAR - Third in July. Ray Hamilton, Alex Collier, Hargis Tuttle, Larry Newsome, Russell Hicks.

LITTLE BETHEL - First in September 2005. James Branham, Elisha Branham, Elbert Hagerman, Hargis Tuttle, Rick Akers, Danny Carty.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in October. Burton Ratcliff, Morris Wicker, Russell Hicks, Deffort Thornsberry, Raymond Stapleton, Richard Staten.

MACEDONIA - Third in September, 2005. Clyde Lewis, Johnny Hamilton, Jerry Runyon, Raymond Stapleton, Don Lawson, Red Alley.

TRUE VINE - Third in October. Garfield Thacker, Roger Justice, Scott Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Willis Tolliver, Rick Akers.

LITTLE MELROSE - First in May. Eddie Wallen, Wayne Turner, James Barney, Garland H. Deel, Willis Bartley, Harrison Runyon, Danny Carty.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in June. Alex Collier, Kennis Robinson, Larry Newsome.

LITTLE ELLEN - Third in July. Tom VanZandt, Larry Dixon, Elbert Hagerman, Clifford Newsome, Dennis Elkins.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

SISTER DELPHA ELLIOTT - Special memorial for Sister Delpha Elliott is being held December 11 & 12 at the Rose of Sharon Old Regular Baptist Church. Ministers called are Elder Ray Hamilton, Elder Johnny Bentley, Elder Larry Newsome, Elder Scott Hamilton and Elder Danny Adams.

LITTLE FLOCK-MARCUM MEMORIAL - Fifth Sunday in July. July 31, 2005. (Location: Wilkesville, Ohio, near intersection 160 and County Road 8 (Newsome Road). About three

miles from the intersection. Ministers called: Russell Hicks, Harrison Runyon, Chester Cochran, Bill Staten, Morris Wicker and Buddy Carty.

LITTLE FLOSSIE - The Chaffins Cemetery Memorial. The Sunday before Memorial Day at Four Mile, Kentucky, located between Hindman and Garrett on Route 550. Starting time is 10 a.m. Ministers called: Clyde Lewis, Chuckie Hall and all Old Regular Baptist ministers are welcome.

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Special memorial meeting at the Lily of the Valley Church, Geneva, Ohio for Brother Glenn VanBuren in April 2005 on the odd weekend. Ministers called: Buddy Carty, Hobert Justice, Squire Hamilton, Scott Hamilton.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

LITTLE REBECCA

Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-9501
Elder Danny Carty	5346 St. Andrews, Westerville, OH 43082	614-899-9815
Elder Monroe Hicks	121 W. Broadway, Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-3865
Elder Faris Tuttle	505 St. Rt. 603, Shiloh, OH 44878	419-896-3569

MAGGIE'S HOME

Elder Donald Mullins	36157 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946
Elder Paris Tackitt	344 3rd St., Beaver, OH 45613	740-226-6343

LITTLE FLOCK

Elder Charles Edwards	144 Pierson Blvd., Newark, OH 43055	740-364-0636
Elder Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd., Thurman, OH 45685	740-682-6533
Elder Mike Fortner	2476 Centerpoint Rd., Oak Hill, OH 45656	740-682-6236
Elder Sam Franks	1412 Jones Rd., Vinton, OH 45686	740-388-9009
Elder Don Lawson	204 2nd St., Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	740-468-2203
Elder Raymond Stapleton	73600 Stapleton Ln., Box 322, Vinton, OH 45686	740-669-5055

LITTLE RUTH

Elder Scotty Little	2163 Village Point Dr., Batavia, OH 45103	513-735-2895
Elder Bill Staten	1111 Twp. Rd. 208, Marengo, OH 43334	419-253-5906
Elder Raymond Vanderpool	281 Citrus Ridge Dr., Davenport, FL 33837	863-242-8668
Elder Amos Williams	150 Riley St., Newark, OH 43055	740-344-1073

LITTLE EDNA

Elder Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, OH 44001	440-988-3809
Elder Hobert Justice	4555 Sumner St., Sheffield Village, OH 44055	440-277-9547
Elder Denver Meade	953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	440-949-6048
Elder Jessie Pack	12620 Grimsley Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135	216-251-1825

LITTLE IDA

Elder Mose Bentley	25537 Baker St., Taylor, MI 48180	313-292-3247
Elder Arvid Blevins	15765 Gooddard Rd. Apt. 107, Southgate, MI 48195	734-287-6965
Elder Ralph Caudill	1594 Wilson St., Lincoln Park, MI 48146	313-381-3710
Elder Billy Miller	672 Cora, Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-0208

LITTLE FLOSSIE

Elder Larry Dixon	8070 N. Angling Rd., Kendallville, IN 46755	260-347-8082
Elder Russell Hicks	11971 N. Angling Rd. 57, Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-854-3649
Elder Thomas N. VanZandt	11346 Wildwood Dr., Marshall, MI 49068	269-781-8191
Elder Morris Wicker	5510 E. 1150 N. 57, Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-854-9475

	LITTLE ZION	
Elder Rick Akers	2828 Lorraine St., Marlette, MI 48453	989-635-7393
Elder Clarence Owens	3790 Lapeer Rd., Metamora, MI 48455	810-678-3145

	LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME	
Elder Ray (Bobby) Adkins	227 Coulter St., B-13, Creston, OH 44217	330-435-9969
Elder Danny C. Hamilton	367 Twp. Rd. 1031, Nova, OH 44859	419-652-2485
Elder Eddie Wallen	330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090	440-647-3539
Elder Robert Wallen	123 Main St., Rochester, OH 44090	440-647-4052

	MT. OLIVE	
Elder Elbert Hagerman	P. O. Box 213, Angola, IN 46703	260-665-1882

	PLEASANT VIEW	
Elder Stoney Blackburn	1013 Jackson St., Vermilion, OH 44089	440-967-9389
Elder Hayes M. Chaffins	403 S. Center St., LaGrange, OH 44050	440-355-8461
Elder Alex Collier	961 Pepperwood, Brunswick, OH 44212	330-273-3505
Elder Conley Daniels	3624 W. 114th St., Cleveland, OH 44111	216-251-0709
Elder Donel D. Gibson	222 Stonehedge Dr., Elyria, OH 44035	440-322-0299
Elder Larry Newsome	2216 Brownhelm Sta. Rd., Vermillion, OH 44089	440-967-5877
Elder Matt Slone	5426 Lake Rd., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	440-949-5174

	LITTLE FAMILY	
Elder Roy Caudill	6143 Paulin Dr., Middletown, OH 45042	513-423-2381
Elder Hendricks Hampton	8559 Pleasant Valley, Camden, OH 45311	937-787-4785
Elder James D. Watts	1719 Edgelawn Dr., Mt. Sterling, KY 40353	859-498-6232

	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 Forest Osborne	255 Berryville Rd., Columbus, OH 43207	614-492-9435
Elder Ezra Thornsberry	7623 Rt. 335, Beaver, OH 45613	740-226-1911

	ANTIOCH	
Elder Karrel Addington	501 Micawber, Louisville, KY 40245	502-254-5961
Elder Hillard Newsome	3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, KY 40213	502-452-1197
Elder Stephen Slone	210 Glenway Dr., Shelbyville, KY 40065	502-647-4916
Elder Coeburn Wayne Turner	1888 Finchville Rd., Shelbyville, KY 40065	502-834-7608

	ROSE OF SHARON	
Elder Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd St., Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-2983
Elder Jeff Dillon	7939 Adair Rd., Casco, MI 48064	810-329-4368
Elder Ray Hamilton	5040 Carleton-S. Rockwood Rd., S. Rockwood, MI 48179	734-783-5037
Elder William B. Holbrook, Jr.	13388 Parkway Blvd., Carleton, MI 48117	734-654-6883

	LILY OF THE VALLEY	
Elder Evan Hamilton	1322 West Propect, Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-992-4621
Elder Scott Hamilton	4760 N. Ridge E., Geneva, OH 44041	440-466-0321
Elder Junior Jent	3120 Mill Rd., Dorset, OH 44032	440-293-5018
Elder Chester Newsome	2002 Carriage Hill Apt. Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-997-5973

	LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME	
Elder Buford Brock	1508 N. County Rd. 50 E., Danville, IN 46122	317-745-9182

MORNING STAR

Elder Bill Blevins	10702 Oak Lane, Apt. 14214, Bellville, MI 48111	734-699-8204
Elder Elbert Compton	154939 Capital Ave., Lincoln Park, MI 48146	313-382-4939
Elder Ishmal Hall Jr.	36876 Thinbark, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-0194
Elder Willis Little	4541 Grace, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-4486
Elder Covis Tackett	1204 Sandusky St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-2059

LITTLE BETHEL

Elder Paul Dye	Box 122, Tyro, OH 44887	419-347-5064
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FAMILY OF LOVE

Elder Clifford Bradley	18003 SH 231, Nevada, OH 44849	740-482-2095
Elder Buddy W. Carty	18 High School Ave., Shelby, OH 44875	419-342-4143
Elder Delmas Hall	1009 Sundusky St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-0945
Elder Rufus Slone	224 Deffiance St., St. Mary's, OH 45885	419-394-5146

MACEDONIA

Elder Harrison Runyon	17601 Sylvania Ave., Nelsonville, OH 45764	740-753-1024
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TRUE VINE

Elder Kennis L. Robinson	2769 Clearfield Ave., Akron, OH 44314	330-848-8518
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LITTLE MELROSE

Elder John M. Elkins	P. O. Box 1319, Interlachen, FL 32148	386-684-4559
Elder Albert Hamilton	3819 Randall Rd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043	904-284-6046
Elder John B. Hamilton	P. O. Box 893, Interlachen, FL 32148	386-684-1246
Elder Doug McCarty	P.O. Box 2018, Keystone Heights, FL 32656	352-473-3424
Elder Johnny Newsome	6402 Bowdoin Ave., Keystone Heights, FL 32656	352-473-9206

ETERNAL ROSE

Elder Raymond Gayheart	14061 Twp. Rd. 215, Lakeville, OH 44638	330-378-9008
Elder Hargis Tuttle	4494 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-839-5113

LITTLE ELLEN

Elder Lowell Mullins	1165 Oak Ridge Dr., Manteno, IL 60950	815-468-1532
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CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Church	Clerk	Address	City, State	Telephone
Little Rebecca	Frank Holt	.890 Fulwell Dr.	Mansfield, OH 44906	.(419) 747-4552
Maggie's Home	Duane Graves	.028 Bronx Corner Rd.	Ray, OH 45672	.(740) 286-5281
Little Flock	Hank Forgey	.1443 Centerville Rd	Thurman, OH 45685	.(740) 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	.(440) 988-3809
Little Ida	John Johnson	.15649 Fordline	Southgate, MI 48195	.(734) 246-0769
Little Flossie	Fred Jones	.5056 W-500, S	Wabash, IN 46992	.(260) 563-5001
Little Zion	Gerald Akers	.735 Elmdale St.	Almont, MI 48003	.(810) 798-2190
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny Hamilton	.367 TWP Rd. 1031	Nova, OH 44859	.(419) 652-2485
Mt. Olive	Lonnie Staton	.718 N. Waterloo St.	Jackson, MI 49202	.(517) 784-9134
☞ Pleasant View	Dennis Elkins	.2263 Pontious St. NE.	Hartville, OH 44632	.(330) 877-7931
Little Family	Danny Watts	.434 Winston Rd.	Oakland, KY 42159	.(270) 563-2159
Little Angel	Forest Osborne	.255 Berryville Rd.	Columbus, OH 43207	.(614) 492-9435
Antioch	Melvin Adams, Jr.	.495 Overlook Rd.	Louisville, KY 40229	.(502) 957-2417
Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley	.3218 22nd St.	Wyandotte, MI 48192	.(734) 283-2983
Lily of the Valley	Carl E. Hall	.17249 Stocking Rd.	Madison, OH 44057	.(440) 298-1490
Little Children's Home	James D. Wagner	.17201 Stone Ch. Rd.	Laurel, IN 47024	.(765) 698-2316
Morning Star	Willis Little	.4541 Grace	Wayne, MI 48184	.(734) 728-4486
Little Bethel	Ernest Owens	.833 Fennimore St.	Fremont, OH 43420	.(419) 334-4344
Family of Love	Earnest Martin	.41 Trux St.	Plymouth, OH 44865	.(419) 687-6914
Macedonia	David Sturgill	.65 Hedge Cemetery Rd.	Olive Hill, KY 41164	.(606) 286-6049
True Vine	Dennis Elkins	.2263 Pontious St. NE.	Hartville, OH 44632	.(330) 877-7931
Little Melrose	John M. Elkins	.P.O. Box 1319	Interlocken, FL 32148	.(386) 684-4559
Eternal Rose	Raymond Henderson	.5915 CR 22	Lakeville, OH 44638	.(419) 994-3031
Little Ellen	Jimmy Sowards	.12612 Harold Ave.	Palos Hts., IL 60463	.(708) 448-6894

CHURCH MODERATORS AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

Church	Moderator	Asst. Moderator
Little Rebecca	Buddy W. Carty	Robert Wallen
Maggie's Home	Paris Tackitt	Don Mullins
Little Flock	Sam Franks	Don Lawson
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	Bill Staten
Little Edna	Hobert Justice	Jessie Pack
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill	Mose Bentley
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks	Morris Wicker
Little Zion	Rick Akers	O. C. Holbrook
Little Pilgrim's Home	Robert Wallen	Danny Hamilton
Mt. Olive	Elbert Hagerman	William B. Holbrook
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome	Alex Collier
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	Scott Hamilton	Evan Hamilton
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock	Aaron Whitaker, Jr.
Morning Star	Bill Blevins	Willis Little
Little Bethel	Paul Dye	Covis Tackett
Family of Love	Buddy W. Carty	Delmas Hall
Macedonia	Burl Sturgill	Harrison Runyon
True Vine	Kennis Robinson	Alex Collier
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty	Johnnie Newsome
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle	Raymond Gayheart
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins	William B. Holbrooks

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Church	Address	City	State
Little Rebecca	Henry Road, Ph. 419-687-8838	Plymouth	Ohio
Maggie's Home		Dundas	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, Ph. 419-652-2485	Ruggles	Ohio
Mt. Olive	M-52, 4 miles N. of	Stockbridge	Michigan
Pleasant View	Box 48, 3589 Beat Road, Ph. 330-723-5345	Litchfield	Ohio
Little Family	S.R. 744, 1 mile west of	Jacksonburg	Ohio
N Little Angel	5733 Saltgaber Road, Ph. 614-492-0010	Columbus	Ohio
Antioch	10817 Barricks Road	Louisville	Kentucky
Rose of Sharon	5665 Carleton-		
	S. Rockwood Rd., Ph. 313-379-4870	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	I-64-Ex. 161 W. US 60-Rt. 182-4.6 miles	Grahn	Kentucky
True Vine	7992 Cleveland Mass Road, Ph. 330-882-6393	Clinton	Ohio
Little Melrose		Melrose	Florida
Eternal Rose	14061 Township Rd. 215	Lakesville	Ohio
Little Ellen		Alsip	Illinois

STATISTICAL TABLE

2003

CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	46	3:30 P.M. 3-E	450.00	July
Maggie's Home	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	1-M	175.00	July
Little Flock	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	3-M	300.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	17	2-M	175.00	June
Little Edna	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	21	4-M	125.00	July
Little Ida	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	72	1-M	500.00	June
Little Flossie	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	28	1-E	350.00	June
Little Zion	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	26	2-M	175.00	July
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	13	2-M	200.00	July
Mt. Olive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	4-M	150.00	July
Pleasant View	4	0	0	0	1	2	1	74	6:00 P.M. 1-E	300.00	May
Little Family	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	20	2:00 P.M. 2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	45	4-E	400.00	Aug.
Antioch	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	22	1-E	425.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	34	2-M	500.00	May
Lily of the Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	3-E	150.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2:00 P.M. 3-E	150.00	July
Morning Star	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	3-M	250.00	June
Little Bethel	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1-M	175.00	July
Family of Love	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	26	2:00 P.M. 4-E	250.00	July
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3-M	180.00	June
True Vine	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	3-M	100.00	Sept.
Little Melrose	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	1:30 P.M. 1-E	200.00	Jan.
Eternal Rose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	2-E	150.00	May
Little Ellen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3-E	80.00	June

2004 Church Contributions.....\$6,160.00

2004 Money for Pictures.....541.00

Other Contributions.....1,386.00

Grand Total **27 1 0 1 7 7 22 652** **\$8,087.00**

M — Saturday morning services

E — Saturday evening services

OBITUARIES

MEMBERS

GUSTAVA DEAN ALLEY

With great love and many beautiful memories and with the Lord's guidance, we write this obituary of a dear wife, sweet mother, loving grandmother, and sister in Christ — Gustava Dean Alley.

Gustava, daughter of the late Henry and Nannie Moore of Harold, Kentucky, was also known as "Gussie." Gustava married Edward Alley on December 2, 1944 in Los Angeles, California. They were blessed with three children: Ronald (Carol) of West Saint Paul, MN; Gary (Icie Marie) of Lincoln Park, MI and Phyllis (Richard) Nemeth of Trenton, MI; four grandchildren: Richard (Jennifer) Nemeth of Trenton, MI; Jason (Jennifer) Nemeth of Grosse Ile, MI; Samantha (Scott) Olson of Rochester, MN and Hugh Alley of Berkley, CA, and six great-grandchildren.



Gustava Dean Alley

Gussie was survived by one brother, the late Henry (Kathryn) Moore. Her siblings who preceded her in death were Dakota Newsome, Spicie Hamilton, Mindy Goble, Sadie Martin, Lexie Martin, Eva Page, and Andrew Moore.

As dawn was on the horizon, there was a soft gentle, warm summer breeze when Mom took her flight from her stricken body to her eternal home with the Lord Jesus Christ. She was laid to rest at the Lee Alley Cemetery in Grethel, KY.

Mom suffered a major stroke on December 27, 2001, leaving her unable to care for herself. With God's help our dear Dad, at 86 years of age, managed to lift Mom from the floor to the bed. His heart was breaking as he watched his dear wife of 58 years, die a little more each day. Mom only smiled when Dad would walk into the room and greet her with a kiss. Their love for one another was immeasurable. Dad cared for her every day during her last twenty months of life while she was at the Applewood Nursing Home in Trenton, Michigan.

Gussie joined the Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church in 1986. She lived her life as a wonderful example of Christian faith, hope and charity. Mom never met a stranger and she always had a smile for everyone.

Mom will be remembered for all the great family dinners she prepared and how she always had "extras" to send home with each family member. The grandchildren referred to the meals as "Gram's Care Packages." She was an inspiration to young and old, with a loving and generous heart; always giving so freely and willingly of herself.

We are thankful to everyone for all the prayers, support, cards and flowers. Many thanks also to all who visited with Mom during her illness. May God Bless you all.

Written by: Husband and Children

MY DEAR WIFE

*It hasn't been even one year since you passed away.
Sometimes to us, it seems like yesterday.
We watched you suffer Sweetheart, and often had to cry,
For we knew that soon, we'd have to say goodbye.
God gave us the strength to face our loss in this world.
But what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.*

*To know your pain is over, God gave us the strength to say
Goodbye, for a little while, Sweetheart,
we'll meet you again someday.*

*Sadly missed by your beloved husband,
family and friends*

BETTY LOU ANDERSON

Betty Lou (Tucker) Anderson was born March 24, 1939 in Pikeville, KY, and departed this life on March 9, 2004 at her home in Lorain, OH after a long illness, making her stay here 64 years, 11 months and 16 days. She was the daughter of the late Elder Roy Tucker and Della (Thacker) Tucker. She married Eugene Anderson March 19, 1957 in Clintwood, VA, and to this union was born two sons: Terry (wife-Peggy) of Jackson, OH; and Brad (wife-Amy) of Sheffield, OH;



Betty Lou Anderson

and two daughters: Malissa Anderson of Sheffield, OH and Connie Osborne of Amherst, OH. Sister Betty had 8 grandchildren: Ryan, Angela, Joshua, Zachary and Chad Anderson, Nicholas, Jacob and Kaitlyn Osborne. She is also survived by 4 sisters: Bessie Elkins, Essie Coleman, Marcella Casebolt, and Rosetta Bentley, all of Pikeville, KY. She also leaves to mourn her loss, her nephew Gary David Slone and a host of friends and relatives. In addition to her Dad and Mother, Sister Betty was preceded in death by 2 sisters: Elvie Tucker and Linda Slone; and 3 brothers: Delbert Tucker, Jesse Tucker, and Frank Tucker; granddaughter: Tacy Nicole Anderson. Sister Betty professed a hope in Christ and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Little Edna in Lorain, OH. She was baptized by Elders David Slone and J. E. Tolliver, on February 25, 1979. She took her membership to the Little Edna Church in Lorain where she remained a faithful member until her death.

Sister Betty loved to cook and enjoyed being with her family. She also was a big supporter of her grandchildren's sports endeavors. She was so proud of their accomplishments, Ryan playing football for the Clearview Clippers and now Baldwin Wallace College, and the younger children in baseball and other sports. But most of all, Sister Betty loved and trusted in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She enjoyed attending church and worshipping with her brothers and sisters. Sister Betty had been very sick for a very long time. Many times, others listened to the doctors and thought Sister Betty could not go much longer, but she put her trust in God and it was His good pleasure to restore her strength. When in nature, there seemed to be no way, God made a way. She would be so very sick and in a few days she'd be back on her feet, going to church, supporting her grandchildren, and giving God glory and honor. When we visited her, after the Little Edna Church service in February, just 9 days before her death, after being in ICU 4 days and receiving 6 units of blood, her interest was in whether we'd had a good meeting at Little Edna, and singing a few old songs of Zion and prayer. She helped sing "I'm A Winner Either Way" and rejoiced. It was good to see her smile and be so happy, although her life here on earth was slipping away. The doctors had wanted to move her to the Hospice Center, but her desire was to go home to die. God granted her the desire of her heart and permitted it to be so. She was always so happy when the brothers and sisters visited her. Although she no longer had the strength to open her eyes or speak when we visited her Sunday, just 2 days before her passing, she squeezed my hand and managed a faint smile, when I asked her if she was alright.

Sister Betty's troubles here are over and her soul now rests in paradise. She suffered much, physically in this life, but now all is peace, joy and love. Sister Betty has realized the fruit of her labor here and gone on to everly be with Jesus. Eugene, children, grandchildren and friends, you know how much Sister Betty loved you, but she couldn't save you. She only had enough oil for her lamp. If you're not ready to go, the same Jesus who watched over Sister Betty and took her home, stands with outstretched arms, offering His mercy to all those who are willing to deny themselves, take up the cross and follow Him. He judges the heart and nothing is hidden from Him, so diligently seek Him and He will give you comfort and peace. Her friendly smile and loving hand will surely be missed by us here, but we have the opportunity to go to a country where there'll be no more sad partings. Please don't put it off because we don't know if we'll have a tomorrow. Today is the day of salvation.

Written by her brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

HASSELL G. COMBS

With a heavy heart, I will try to write an obituary of a dear brother in the Lord, Hassell Combs. He was born March 22, 1911 to George W. Combs and Elizabeth Stallard Combs. He was preceded in death by six sisters and three brothers. He was the last of ten children. He met and married Pansy Caudill Combs on April 17, 1930. To this union was born a daughter, Verna Mae Combs Potter, and a son, Bobby Combs. He left to mourn his death five grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren who loved him very much. He was as humble a brother as I ever met. I remember well the night he came to the Little Family Church. He was so happy. He dearly loved his church and when we would go down to visit him and his dear wife, Pansy, he would be so happy. The Little Family Church has lost a great soldier, but our loss is heaven's gain. He was 92 years old when God called him home on August 5, 2003. His good wife, Sister Pansy was called home 4 months after him. I feel they are at rest today just waiting for that great day when God comes to take the old church home.



Hassell and Pansy Combs

Written by Elder Roy Caudill, Marvin & Verna Mae Potter, Elder Paul Boggs

PANSY COMBS

With the help of God, I will try to write an obituary of Sister Pansy Combs. She was born September 25, 1914, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Cornett Caudill Amburgey. Pansy had six sisters and seven brothers, two brothers and four sisters preceded her in death. Early in life she met and married Hassell Combs. To this union was born a son, Bobby Combs, and a daughter, Verna Mae Combs Potter. Sister Pansy was well loved. She leaves behind five grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren. She gave me her hand to join the Little Family Church the 12th night of December 2003. She wanted to go into the water and be baptized but God called her home about 8 hours after she gave her hand. She had the baptism that she needed with the fire and holy ghost. She said when she joined the church that she should have come when Verna Mae did.

Brother Hassell and Sister Pansy had a happy life together for 73 years. Hassell had only been gone 4 months when God took Sister Pansy so they could be together again. I hope all her family will meet her in Heaven. May God bless the family.

I will try to write a few lines to say how I felt about sister Pansy. She was so humble. When we would go to her house she always wanted us to sing a song and hold prayer. I loved her and Brother Hassell very much and even though I only knew them a short while, they were like mom and dad to me. I believe we will meet again in a place where there will be no parting. They are both at rest now and their bodies are taking a peaceful sleep.

Written by Roy Caudill, Marvin & Verna Mae Potter, Elder Paul Boggs

ELDER BILLY R. COTTON

Though surrounded by sorrow, yet with all the love in my heart, I will try, if God will help me, to write an obituary of my precious, loving husband of 40 years, Billy R. Cotton. My heart aches so, as I try to write this, as no words could ever express my feelings for my dear sweet husband. He was my sunshine in good times and my shoulder to lean on in bad times. He meant everything to me.

Bill was born on October 12, 1942 to William Eales and Eric Darcus Adams Cotton and was carried to Heaven on the wings of a dove on December 11, 2003. He was 61 years, 1 month and 29 days old.

Bill was a good son to his mom and dad. He never stayed out late because he didn't want to worry them and he always gave them most of his paycheck, just keeping enough to get by.



Elder Billy R. Cotton

Bill and I met at the Little Jewel Church on the fourth Sunday in June, 1963. We were married there on October 19, 1963 by my uncle, Elder Baxter Osborne. Our life together was so happy. We were always together. I know God intended us to be together. True love is a precious thing and when you meet your soul mate and God truly joins you together, the love will last throughout eternity.

Because of our love for each other, the Lord blessed us to have three beautiful, wonderful daughters: Brenda Gail Lewis and Barbara Lee Shivel of Ashland, KY, and Kimberly Ann Cotton of Flatwoods, KY. We were also blessed with one precious son-in-law, Robert Lee Shivel.

My darling daughters, I know how much you love and miss your Dad and you'll never know how many times he prayed for you and said how much he loved you. You were all his pride and joy. He would love to meet you some sweet day never to be separated again. His heart was broken when he knew he would have to leave you and I know that your heart was broken too, just as mine was. But God can mend a broken heart if you will let him. Just remember all the good times we had together and there was so many. Our blessings continued as our grandchildren started arriving. Our love grew along with our family. We have eight beautiful grandchildren: Charles David (Trey), Rebecca Elizabeth and Thomas Russell Lewis, Robert Lee Jr. and Sarah Kathryn Shivel, Kevin Dwayne II, Tessa Lee and William Caleb Peterman.

Shortly after Bill passed away, a great-grandson was born: Andrew Russell Newman. Bill would have loved this little one just as he loved all the others. Andrew will grow up knowing all about his great-grandfather and he will grow to love his memory just as we all do.

Bill left behind four brothers: Milford, John and Kenneth of Grayson, KY, and Larry of Russell, KY; four sisters: Tamery Short of Columbus, Ohio, Ellen Steele of Grayson, KY, Marjorie Gose of Grove City, Ohio, and Elizabeth Wilson of Raymond, Ohio.

Bill was a wonderful, wonderful man but in 1982 he realized he needed something more in his life. He prayed for about six months and on January 9, 1983, the Lord answered those prayers. He was so happy and on January 16, 1983 he joined at the Macedonia Church while Elder Harold Senters was preaching on the faith of Abraham. He was baptized that same day by his father, Elder Eales Cotton. As Bill always said, "On that cold January day".

He took his membership to the Kiser Branch Church. Several months after he joined the church, he said he felt like the Lord had called him to the ministry. Bill told his father about it and he opened services on the second Saturday in June, 1983, at the Kiser Branch Church. He served as moderator there for a short time and later took his membership to the Mt. Sterling Church where his heart had been for sometime, and where he served as assistant moderator.

He was moderator at Mt. Sterling and at Rose of Sharon when the Lord told him to come home and rest for a little season. His labor on earth was finished. He had preached his last sermon, sang his last song and prayed his last prayer. He has gained the ultimate reward. He is at rest in the arms of Jesus.

Bill was sick for about three years, but he never once let it hinder him from going to church. He loved the Lord and the Church more than anything. On the fourth Sunday of November, Bill was blessed to preach his last sermon at the Friendship Church in the Philadelphia Association. The next Sunday he attended church for the last time at the Mt. Sterling Church. He wasn't physically able to attend, but his heart and spirit were strong. Brother Paul Boggs and Brother Tony Osborne helped me get him to church. He wasn't able to walk so we took him in a wheelchair and a recliner was brought in for him to sit in.

Bill hadn't said much, but when Brother Paul Boggs was preaching he said "Yes Buddy", so I know he was enjoying the meeting and being with his brothers and sisters. Bill was dedicated to the Mt. Sterling Church, the brothers and sisters and everyone who attended there. Bill just glowed all over when people started coming into the church. He never missed church even when he wasn't able to attend.

Bill loved to have company come home with us and always tried to make everyone feel wel-

come and at home. He was the best man I ever knew. He was the best father to our children, the best grandfather to our grandchildren and the best husband anyone could ever hope for. I was so blessed and I miss Bill so very much. He was such a patient man, never speaking too fast, but always waiting for the answer to come from a higher power. We have some wonderful friends who helped us through this most difficult time. Thank you, Brother Paul Boggs and Sister Dorothy, and thank you Brother Tony Osborne. I don't know what we would have done without you. God surely sent you to us. He knows our every need and gives them to us.

I also want to thank my wonderful family, my brothers and sisters and Bill's brothers and sisters for being here for me and my family. Thank you Joan and Larry for all you did and thank you, Dan, for being my shoulder to lean on when I needed one so badly. And Brother Glen Frazier, I don't really know how to thank you for all your kindness, your caring and for just being there for me. Bill loved and respected you so much. I miss you Bill, my darling husband with all my heart and I love you more than any words could say. I hope by the grace of God that some sweet day I can come to you. Just wait by the river, my angel, and I'll be looking for you. And to my sweet daughters and to all the family that don't know God, please, if you want to see Bill again, make arrangements to go be with him. I know he will be waiting for you.

Written by your broken-hearted wife who loves you more than words can say

There will be a special memorial for Bill on the first Saturday night and Sunday of November. Ministers called are: Saturday Night-Elders David Robinson, David Lester, James Watts and Wayne Turner. Sunday-Elders Paul Boggs, Buddy Carty, Danny Carty, Delmas Hall and Johnny Thornbury. Everyone is invited and welcome.

SISTER STELLA DALES

Our beloved Sister Stella Dales was born December 26, 1920 to Elder Johnny and Sister Mandy (Keeene) Clevenger in Virginia. In her youth she met, loved and married Brother Alvin Dales. To this union was born two sons, Steve and John. Brother Alvin preceded her in death. She left to mourn her loss her two sons: Steve and his wife, Cindy of Fort Worth, Texas; and John and his wife, Millie of Hillsboro, Ohio; and their respective children and grandchildren. Also a brother and several sisters and a host of Brothers and Sisters in the church and many friends and neighbors mourned her passing.



Stella Dales

Sister Stella was baptized into The Little Family Church of Jacksonburg, Ohio on April 17, 1960. She went to live with Jesus on August 9, 2002 making her stay here on earth 81 years. To know Sister Stella was to love her and I believe everyone did. She was a very small woman with a very big heart. She always had a smile and a good word for everyone she met. The little children were always pleased to see her smile and to talk with her. Sister Stella was a strong and faithful member of the church. She rode to different churches with Sister Centa and myself after Brother Alvin passed away. We had so many good talks in traveling together. Sister Stella was so good to me. She quilted me a beautiful quilt that I cherish so much. Oh, Sister Stella, how we miss you. It's hard to wait for the time Jesus calls us to be with you and all our loved ones, especially our Saviour.

Sister Nora Fields and Sister Centa Caudill

JAMES & NORA DOTSON

John 14:27-28. Peace I leave with you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. You have heard Me say to you, "I am going away and coming back to you." If you loved Me, you rejoice because I said, "I am going to the Father," for my Father is greater than I.

I will, with the help of the Lord, write a short obituary of our Father and Mother. James Langley Dotson was born December 2, 1917 in Emma, Ky. (Floyd County). He passed away December 14, 2001 at 84 years and 12 days. The son of the late Elbert Dotson and Maggie (Burchett) Dotson. Preceded in death by 2 brothers and 1 sister. He attended school in Prestonsburg, Ky. He enjoyed playing football and won the All State Conference Champions for the Wildcat's Football Team. He served his country in the Army Air Force in Panama during WWII with pride.



James & Nora Dotson

He later met and fell in love with Nora Hudson Tackett. She had three children: Harold, Bobby and the late Betty Patten (2000). They were married November 21, 1945 in Napoleon, Ohio. They had two children: Dottie and Jim. Two families became one and they moved to Michigan in 1949. Jim was employed with Great Lakes Steel as a railroad engineer. He loved trains. Dad was known as "Honest Jim" until he retired in 1973.

He was baptized in 1954 into the Little Ida Church of Old Regular Baptist in Ecorse, MI. He was a very faithful and dedicated husband, father and friend.

Nora Hudson Dotson was born October 31, 1913 in Virgie, Ky. She was 90 years 4 months 9 days when the Lord called her home on March 9, 2004. Her parents Andy Hudson and Dellie Tackett Hudson, preceded in death by 3 brothers and 3 sisters, 1 daughter and beloved husband James L. Dotson.

Nora worked for Ford Motor Co. until her retirement in 1973. They had a wholesome marriage that lasted fifty-three years until Jim's death. God's blessing reigned on their unity. They were dedicated servants to the Lord. Nora gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized when she was nineteen years old into the Old Regular Baptist family. In 1952 she became a charter member of the Little Ida Church of Old Regular Baptist in Ecorse, MI. She was the last of the original members. She was a faithful member until her disability. Even then Jim would bring her to church every Sunday until his health started to decline. He took wonderful care of his wife for the last 12 years, at their home as she was confined to a wheelchair. One could see God's work and love in them. The last three years of her life were spent in the nursing home, the first eight months they were together there. Dad was still taking care of her until he died. They were very much loved there. They were of kind and gentle spirit. Nora always had a smile for everyone. She was good to everyone and everyone that knew her loved her. They worked very hard raising their children and believed in doing the right thing. They always had an open home for everyone. They loved God, their family as well as their church family.

They left 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-granddaughter. Dad and Mom have touched our lives in so many ways as we have watched their walk with God. We the family and friends are grateful for the many years of happiness, rendered by a God of mercy, and we are especially thankful for his help to endure our heartaches. Our loss is their eternal gain. They will be greatly missed by all. Some day we will be all together again with the mercy and love of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8-We are well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

By the family of James and Nora Dotson

DELPHA ELLIOTT

With a heart full of love and precious memories, I'll try with the help of our Lord to write the obituary of our dear sweet mother and friend, Delpha Elliott.

Mom was born September 10, 1924 in Floyd Co., Ky. to the late Herman and Fronie Mitchell. After a short illness, Mommy passed away December 7, 2003. Also deceased, besides her parents are her husband, Hurshel Elliott; three sisters and one brother. Mommy was married to the love of her life, Hurshel on February 18, 1946. To this union six children were born. Left to mourn are Glenda (Clovis) Lawson, Glema (Ralph) Manuel, Kenneth (Karen), Homer (Robin), Shirl (Charlie) Harris, and Venda (Bob) Carlson. Also left to mourn are eighteen grandchildren, and nineteen great-grandchildren; ten brothers: John Wm. (Leone), Earnest (Margileen), Arthur (Juanita), Thurman (Emma), Bill, Lawrence (Mary), Foster (Gladys), Lark (Glenda), Phillip (Opal), and Harmon (Tommi). Seven sisters: Judy Barton (Thurlow), Elsie Hamilton (Jimmy), Mary Stone, Sue Newman, Ola LeSage (Dennis), Barbara Mitchell, and Brenda Paige, plus a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Delpha Elliott

Mom gave her hand to the Little Rosa Regular Baptist on July 8, 1962. Together Mom and Dad traveled from state to state serving their churches. Daddy was a deacon, and a wonderful deacon he was. Mom cooked to help feed the churches. They were always side by side. Mommy's heart was broken on June 8, 2000 when she stood over Daddy as he took his last breath. She never got over missing him. She would carry his picture from room to room talking to him. Daddy's shoes are still sitting at the back door, just as they were when dad last came home and took them off. Mom cried and prayed for the day to come when our Lord would come to take her home to be with Him and dad.

Well Mom, your prayer was answered today, even though our hearts are hurting so, and oh how lonely we are. We know you're happy in your new home with Jesus, dad and great-grandson Anthony, as you'll suffer no more pain or sorrow, your prayer was answered at last.

Renea and John, mammaw's got Anthony in her arms now, so you get your lives in order so you too can go be with your baby one sweet day. Children and grandchildren live your lives the way Mom and Dad asked you to. Pray and seek Jesus, repent so you too can go be with mamaw and papaw and Jesus on that day.

Mommy never had a bad thing to say about anyone. She had enough love in her heart for everyone. Mom was always thinking about what she could do for her children, family and friends. She wanted to cook and feed anyone who came to visit. We'll never forget Mom's sweet smile and her loving, caring ways. Now we're all left orphans, all we have is one another, so please be good to each other. Be strong for each other, and most of all pray and live Christian lives so you can go be with Mom and Dad and Jesus one day. I love each and every one of you and I pray that our good Lord blesses and keeps each of you in his loving care.

Written by your broken-hearted daughter-in-law and Sister in Christ, Sis. Karen Elliott

*Mommy, you gave me life 51 years ago that day.
But God came to take you away.
You knew that you couldn't stay.
He knew what was best, you were going home to rest.
You were off to a better land,
You were going to hold Daddy's hand.*

*You are with him now we know.
We know now why you had to go.
We will miss you in this land,
But we know now you're holding Daddy's hand.
I love you,
Your Daughter, Shirl*

SISTER ELSIE GIBSON

As I sit here tonight many loving memories I have of one I love so much. Sister Elsie was born January 5, 1914 to the late Jasper and Faralena (Napier) Moore, deceased this life June 3, 2004 being 90 years old. That was a happy day for her and a very sad one for all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband Sam; Mom Dad, two sons: Johnny Jones, Jack Gregory; and a grandson she raised and loved as her own, Jack Gibson. One brother Farris Moore; four sisters: Lily, Violet, Iolet and Christine. She leaves behind a son James (Jim) Moore, four sisters: Nellie Marie, Lucinda, Irene, and Yvonne; two brothers: Chester and Dalton Ray Moore; and a very special niece Cappy Fields, who loved and helped care for her.

Sister Elsie was a member of the Little Flossie Church for many years and came to church many times when her health was very bad. Seeing her walk into the church house was a joy to all. We have lost a sweet loving sister and I have lost someone that gave me her love like a Mom. I miss my evening visits with her and many wonderful conversations we had about the Lord and how we came to repent. She told me that she had a bad fall and was in a coma for many weeks and when she came to know what happened she promised God if He would bless her to get well enough to go home she would live a different life and show her family and the world what great things God would do for people if they would repent and be born again.

I miss her so much. I find myself making plans to visit her after Russ leaves for work, then comes the sad thought that I cannot go now, but on that great day I can when God calls all His children home to never be separated again. I will always cherish the Motherly love she freely gave me. She will live in my heart and thoughts always.

With my love, Sister Darlene (Doll) Hicks



Sister Elsie Gibson

BROWNIE HALL

In loving memory and with the help of our Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband and one of the greatest loving dads a child could ever have.

My husband was born September 16, 1926. He passed away Monday, May 10, 2004 at Elyria Memorial Hospital, Elyria, Ohio, making his stay on this earth 77 years, 7 months and 10 days. He was the son of the late Wess and Lena (Caudill) Hall. He was preceded in death by his father and his mother, three sisters: Herma Thornsberry, Oma Thompson, and Juanita Hall; three brothers: Julius Hall, Earlos Hall, and Herman Hall. He is survived by his wife of 56 very happy years, Gladys (Tuttle) Hall; his daughters: Regina Hopkins of Hemet, California; Willetta Garcia of Vermilion, Ohio; Dalphene Shavor of Wellington, Ohio; and Ruby Cain of Lancaster, Ohio; one brother: John M. Hall of Chippewa Lake, Ohio, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, and lots of good friends, nieces and nephews.

Brownie worked hard for his family. He loved us all so very much. He worked for General Motors 31½ years before retiring in 1986. He had been sick for about 10 years. For the last few years he began to think about his soul and on June 18, 2003 in the ICU unit of Elyria Memorial Hospital, Brother Larry Newsome and Brother Hayes Chaffins came to visit him and he gave his hand to them and joined the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church, Litchfield, Ohio. He was very sick and didn't get to go to church much, but on September 7, 2003 he was baptized and got to go back to church to be welcomed home. He wanted to go to church so very much but was never able to



Brownie Hall

go back, but the brothers and sisters of the Pleasant View Church brought church to him in our home. I thank the good Lord for all the brothers and sisters of the Pleasant View Church. They were so good to visit Dad and were so good to me. Not long before he passed away, Dad told me he wanted to go home. I asked him if he wanted to go to our home, and he just looked up. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.

Blessed be the name of our Lord. Girls, if you ever want to see Dad again, you will have to do the same thing daddy did. Go to Jesus and beg forgiveness and fall out with your sins. I believe with all my heart that he went home to be with Jesus. He can't come back to us, but we can go to him. Oh how I miss him. Sleep on Honey. I feel it won't be long until I will be with you and we can enjoy all the good things together that the Lord has in store for us.

Written by his loving wife, Gladys Hall

Dad, we had to say goodbye and only the good Lord knows why, but with his merciful ways I will meet you again someday and there we will stay forever together.

With all my love, Mom

MARIE BELCHER MALONE

With the help of my Lord I will try to write the obituary of my sister-in-law, Sister Marie Malone. On September 16, 1928 a baby girl was born in the beautiful mountains of Eastern Kentucky to Willie and Nannie Louise Case Belcher of Caney, Kentucky. She was the granddaughter of Elder Newton Case of Caney, Kentucky. Marie died on March 25, 2004, making her 75 years old when she passed. She leaves to mourn her death a daughter: Sue Justice of Connecticut; a son: Larry Burke from Arkansas. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren. 3 sisters: Mae Burke of Michigan; Alberta Stockard of Illinois; Jeannette Holland of Kentucky. And one brother: Elder Herman Belcher of Kentucky.

Her mother and father preceded her in death. Also Ermil Belcher of North Carolina and Kermit Belcher of Illinois and Floetta Belcher of Kentucky preceded her in death. Marie found a need for a savior when she lived in Arkansas and started praying and going to church. Then the Lord saved her soul and she joined a Baptist church and was a member until she moved to Michigan. She always loved the Old Regular Baptist, because that is what she grew up in. Then she started going to church with her brother and sister. After going for a while she joined the Little Ida Church in Ecorse, Michigan. Marie was a faithful member until her death. She was baptized by her Brother, Elder Herman Belcher. What a day for both of them. Marie always wanted to talk about the Bible and the Lord, she loved them so much. She gave the Lord the praise for everything. Marie loved each and everyone of us. She loved all her brothers and sisters in the church and always wanted to come back to the mountains; it was home for her. But death took her and she is just waiting now for the Lord. He knows where she is buried. Her light surely did shine for the Lord. My children and grandchildren will always remember the love she showed them. When she said that she loved you, you knew it because you could feel it all over.

Written by her sister-in-law in life and sister in Christ, Sister Spicie Jean Belcher



Marie Belcher Malone

KENNETH RAY MULLINS

At 10:15 p.m. January 15, 2004, Kenneth Ray Mullins joyfully heard the Master say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matthew 25:21

Ken was born October 20, 1930 to Carl and Georgia Mullins, in Elkhorn City, Kentucky. "The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation." Psalms 118:14. Ken's spiritual birth was January 1984. The only regret Ken ever had was to have not known his Lord sooner. Ken was always in his Bible. He was very dedicated to studying the word, and from the word came his standard to live, to obey, and to be an example for us.



Kenneth Ray Mullins

Ken was a faithful member of Little Ruth Old Regular Baptist Church. He served there as an assistant clerk and treasurer for 19 years. He so loved his church.

Ken met his true love, Glenia Mae Coleman, shortly before he served his country in the Korean War. On October 9, 1954 they were joined as one followed by 49 blessed years of marriage. On March 31, 1959, Glenia gave birth to their only child, Debra Sue Mullins.

Debbie married Garry Newsome and had their only 2 grandsons, Brian and Keith. Ken was proud of his grandsons, and loved them dearly. Ken defined the words "role model" not only to grandsons but to anyone that observed his life.

Ken had an amazing sense of humor that often went unnoticed because of his quiet demeanor. Although his words were few and quiet, each were spoken in such a way to impact the entirety of our lives. The characteristic of giving was always present in Ken's life — he put others needs above his own, even in time of sickness. During his 2½ years of sickness, we never heard one word of complaint. Instead, Ken gave God the glory for his many blessings. In the words of Ken, "I'm a winner both ways." He so loved the time he spent here with his family yet he knew he had a better home waiting, with his Saviour.

Written by his wife and family

A TRIBUTE TO ROGER AND SARAH RATLIFF

The first time I saw Roger Ratliff was at Pleasant View Church. I was there along with my granddaughter Sarah. As we sat in the lunchroom that Sunday, I asked Sarah if she would like to meet some of the young people. I took her over and introduced her to Brother Rodney, then I turned to Roger and said "This is my granddaughter Sarah." He said "Well, who are you?", I'm Sarah's Mamaw" I said. Later I noticed him and Sarah talking as if they'd known each other all their lives.



Roger and Sarah Ratliff

Over the months that followed, Roger would drive to Kendallville, Indiana to pick Sarah up for church service at Pleasant View. Often I would slip some money in Roger's shirt pocket for gas and to get them a bite to eat on their trip. They became engaged and planned their wedding while they waited for Sarah to graduate from high school.

During this time, Roger saw his need for a Savior in his life and he began to pray for forgiveness of his many sins. He would tell people how that peace came into his life, as he knelt beside his bed at 4 a.m. one morning. He said "I had never prayed a prayer like that. I was naked before the Lord." I believe on that morning Roger was made ready for his departure from this earth to that good land. From that day on his mission was to tell everyone, especially the young people about Jesus' love and how He died for them. You didn't have to be around Roger very long until his con-

versation turned to Jesus and his joy of living for Him. Sarah had given her life over to God when she was 15 years old.

On that first weekend in May 1997, Roger and Sarah were baptized at Pleasant View Church. They took their membership and first communion there on that day.

On August 10, 1997, they were married at Pleasant View Church by Elder Chuck Kessee. Roger was so handsome that day, and Sarah was so beautiful with her long dark hair and dressed all in white. They made their home in Willard, Ohio for awhile. Roger worked for CSX Railroad and his job often took him away from home for a week at a time. So they moved to Indiana where he was near his work. Sarah was like little Ruth in the Bible. She followed her beloved Roger wherever his work took him.

On June 10, 2000 their son Gabriel Michael Ratliff was born. He is now three years old. On May 25, 2002 their daughter Grace Leann Ratliff was born.. She is now one year old. They joined their half brother Tyler Dale Ratliff who is now eight years old.

Little Grace was the joy of her Daddy's life. He would hold her up in the air and say "I will lose my daughter someday, but I hope she's dog ugly so no one will take her away from me!"

Roger was a good man. He loved Sarah enough to marry her despite her being legally blind. He often said "I can't die before her, I have to take care of her." But God had other plans for our Roger. Bright and early on a beautiful spring morning just as day was dawning, God sent His angels to bring Roger home. His work here was done.

The grief has been hard to bare for all of us who loved Roger. If I as Sarah's mamaw could take the hurt away from her I would. Until then Sarah, remember how much Roger loved you and often said "How could I ever want another woman but Sarah."

Written by Violet Thornsberry

SARAH RITCHIE

On Friday, April 9, 2004 marked the end of a life in which love triumphed over hardship, and family was everything for a long time sister of the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church. Sarah Ritchie, 87, of LaGrange, Indiana past away at her home with her husband Andrew and her family by her side. Sarah was baptized at Stone Cold Old Regular Baptist Church in Kentucky in 1950.

Sarah was born on April 7, 1917, in Handshoe, Kentucky to Elias and Elizabeth (Shepard) Smith. Her husband Andrew Ritchie of LaGrange, three daughters: Marie Tuttle of Phoenix, AZ; Hazel Miller of LaGrange, IN; and Marcella Griego of Highland Ranch, CO; three sons: Ervin Ritchie of Orland, IN; Linville Ritchie of LaGrange, IN; and David Ritchie of Kendallville, IN; 21 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren survive Sarah. Along with many other family and friends. Her parents and two infant daughters preceded Sarah in death.

Andrew and Sarah were married 70 years. Family members remembers Sarah and Andrew as true partners, sitting close to one another reading the Bible, holding hands and making it through hard times with faith and one another.

Sarah was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. Although she was bed bound towards the end, she still make attempts to get out of bed and cook for someone, anyone, just as she had for her whole life. She will be remembered for her fried apples, biscuits, and green beans. As through life if anyone came over no matter the time of day or night Sarah would offer food and bedding. Sarah and Andrew grew big gardens with enough vegetables to feed her family and neighbors. Friends will remember Sarah for her large flower gardens that she always had around her. The smell of roses was a common scent in her home.

Sarah's family remembers a woman who loved to laugh and not be able to stop. She always



Sarah Ritchie

had a smile for all to see which would spread to the person that she would smile at. The most important thing in her life was love. Love of God, love of family, and love of mankind.

When Sarah had first gotten sick, she asked Andrew for only one thing, not to send her to a nursing home. Her family and friends cared for her at home until her passing. They made sure that she was surrounded by her family, friends and love.

Written by Andrew Ritchie and a Friend

SAMUEL EUGENE (GENE) ROBINETTE

With a lot of memories, but feeling a great loss, I will try to write an obituary of my wonderful husband, Samuel Eugene (Gene) Robinette. He was born to Willard and Mae (Taylor) Robinette on February 21, 1938, at Varney, KY and died November 1, 2003 at Britton, MI. He married Rose Ann (Maynard) Robinette on August 4, 1956. They had one daughter and two sons: Erma Walderine Naylor of Auburn Hills, MI; Steve Edwin of Waterford, MI, and Stanton Eric who was killed in a car accident in 1987.



Samuel Eugene Robinette

He lives nine grandchildren: Andrew David Eastin, Terri Jean Scott, Jessica Rae Scott, Kristen Lea Naylor, Shane Everett Robinette, Seth Elden Robinette, Shannon Marie Robinette, Sheldon Eric Robinette, and Sheldon's two sisters: Autumn Rae Westfall and Savannah Shea Westfall, who called him Grandpa and whom he loved very much, all of Michigan, and Angela Dawn (Bennie) Jones of TN. Also, one great-grandchild Xander Jones of TN, who he never lived to see, but was so happy when Bennie called him with the good news and his face would light up every time he talked about him. I'm sure he was looking forward to seeing him.

He also leaves his mother, four sisters, Phyllis Lowe, Berniece Craft, Janis Lowe, and Sharon Korbal all of MI; two brothers, George of Varney, KY; and Jeffery of Interprise, AL.

He moved from Kentucky to Michigan in 1966 to find employment and retired from Pontiac Motors in Pontiac, MI in 1991, at the age of 53.

He joined the Little Zion Old Regular Baptist Church in the Northern New Salem Association at Romeo, MI in April 1970 and was ordained for a deacon in 1971. He moved his membership to the Little White Stone Church in the Union Association in Dundee, MI in July, 1997, where he was so free and happy until God called him home.

The Lord blessed him with a talent to do most any kind of labor, so therefore he was able to do a lot of work to help the churches and associations, which he delighted in doing. The Lord also blessed him with good health to within six weeks of his death. He drove to the Little Ellen Church in Chicago, over 500 miles there and back, on Sunday two weeks before he died. We only knew that he had cancer for one day.

I didn't only lose a wonderful husband, but also my best friend and someone I depended on so very much. Sometimes I feel I need to ask his advice or opinion on something, but since I don't have him to go to, I guess that causes me to depend on the Lord even more.

The church lost a very good deacon and we all miss him so very much. He made a lot of good friends in his short stay here. He was taken from us so suddenly, but I'm sure God must have had a good reason. I have so many good memories and so much to be thankful for. He will always be in my heart.

Written by his wife, Rose

LEONARD ROBINSON

Leonard Robinson was born March 8, 1920 on Greasy Creek in Pike County, KY, to the late Whetsel and Nannie (Justice) Robinson. He departed this life on January 20, 2004 at the Akron General Hospital in Akron, OH, making his stay here on earth 83 years, 10 months and 12 days. He is now at rest in paradise under the altar of God where there will be no more pain or sorrow.

He married Irene Kinney on December 23, 1939, and they spent 64 blessed years together. To this union was born 4 sons: Kennis L (Ethel); Larry Douglas, Tim R. (Jennifer) of Akron, OH; and Troy L (Bonijene) of Manassas, VA; and 3 daughters: Matti Ruth who died in infancy; Ida L Rafferty (Azra "Jim") of Akron, OH; and Vickie J. Mosier (Rick) of Tipp City, OH. He is also survived by 1 brother, Clinton of CA. He also leaves to mourn his loss 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild, and a great host of friends and loved ones. In addition to his parents and daughter, Matti Ruth, he was also preceded in death by 3 brothers: Corbett, Ersel, and Troy and 1 sister, Marie Adkins.



Leonard Robinson

Brother Leonard worked in the coal mines of Eastern Kentucky for 17 years. He moved to Akron, OH in 1956, where he lived the remainder of his life. He retired from the Ford Motor Company in 1985 after 26 years, where he had worked as an assembler. Brother Leonard enjoyed baseball, horseshoes, fishing, but most of all he enjoyed attending church and visiting with his brothers and sisters in Christ, when he was able.

Although Brother Leonard had a good wife, a loving family, and a good job, he felt a great void in his life. He sought our blessed Savior with much prayer and tears and Jesus heard his cries and forgave him of his sins and he received a new birth. He moved out on the promise he had made to the Lord and joined the Little Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ in Ruggles, OH on November 10, 1963, and was baptized by Elders Willie Collins, Bob Hunter, and Ray Hoover, who became ill and was unable to help. He took his letter to the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, OH in April, 1971 and was ordained a deacon in December, 1971. He took his letter to the Little Edna Church, Lorain, OH in November, 1982 and went in the arm to establish the True Vine Church, Clinton, OH in October, 1983 and remained a faithful member until his death. In addition to serving True Vine as Assistant Clerk/Treasurer and deacon, he also served as deacon to Pleasant View, Little Edna and other Old Regular Baptist churches. He was always a willing worker in both the physical building and the spiritual church, performing his office of deacon well. 1 Timothy 3:13 says, "For they that have used the office of a deacon well, purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith, which is in Jesus Christ." Surely, all of us who knew Brother Leonard, recognized his great boldness in the faith. He never compromised his values or beliefs to please anyone, and he always stood firm on God's word. He was a quiet natured man, but never failed to make his voice known on spiritual matters.

Brother Leonard had been in poor health for several years, but like Jesus, he wanted to live and be with his family as long as possible. He was diagnosed with lung cancer in November, 2003. The doctor wasn't sure that he understood what she'd told him because he showed no disappointment so she asked him if he understood. He told her that he understood fully but was not afraid because, "I made preparations for this over 40 years ago." He often told he he was not afraid to die. Two weeks ago, we went to see him. I thought he was asleep, but Sister Irene said he was still awake. When we went into his room, I asked him if he had been asleep and he said, "No, I was just thanking the Lord for all of His wonderful blessings." On January 20, 2004, God saw that Brother Leonard's work here was finished, and He sent His angels to bear Brother Leonard's soul to paradise, where all is peace and joy.

Brother Leonard fought the good fight, ran his race with patience, and now he has gone to reap his reward. His faith is now reality as he has received God's promise. Children, family and friends, I hope you will hearken unto the advice Brother Leonard has given you many times, to prepare to meet Jesus for yourself. We don't know the day or the hour when death will call us out of this old troubled world, but we do know that we will all have to face it. Today is the day of salvation. Seek Jesus while you have life and opportunity so you can spend eternity with Him.

Written by his brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

DINAH SMILEY

Psalms 89:15: Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

With love and many wonderful memories, we want to tell you about our mother, grandmother, very loving wife, and friend. Mom was born September 15, 1929 in Floyd County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Andy and Lizzie (Akers) Boyd. Also preceding her in death were brothers Kessie and Kelly Boyd.

She married Ermon Smiley on December 30, 1946, and to this union was born 8 children. Preceding her in death were her children, Ronald, Joey, and Renee. Living children: Helen (Willis) Dean, Ernie, Carolyn (Maddox) and another son, Ranold, who followed her to heaven shorting after her passing.



Dinah Smiley

In the early 1950s, Ermon and Dinah moved their growing family to Detroit to find work. This is where they planted their roots and raised their family. Mom worked for Interstate Manufacturing Co. for many years but never forgot her first priority, her husband and children. We grew up in a Christian household and attended church every week. She taught us many morals and values and the importance of religion. We watched mom give her life to the Lord on May 14, 1967. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist and made the Little Ida Church her home. Her faith in God was instilled in all her children by the way that she lived her life. Mere words could never do her justice for she was a kind and generous woman. She was soft spoken and had a beautiful smile, and she was loved and respected by all who knew her.

Mom loved to spend time with her family and was always here for us with open arms. She loved her 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren unconditionally. Her grandchildren cherished their grandmother, and she is sadly missed. Granny spent time with all her grandchildren and was never too busy to stop and talk, listen to our problems, or give us a much needed hug. Granny treated us all like we were special and there was never any doubt that she loved us all very much. The most important lesson in life that she taught us was to love God and family and to be good to each other.

Written by Dinah's Loving Family

We would also like to share a poem written for Dinah with love by her granddaughter, Sherry Gastin.

*She loved us all so dearly
Sadly she will be missed
Her spirit lingers in our hearts
She was one of God's most precious gifts.
We thank the Lord every day
That we had her for awhile*

*She gave us so many memories
That will always make us smile.
She lives in the House of the Lord now
No longer in any pain.
We can take comfort now in knowing
Someday we will see her again.*

DELLMAR SWORD

Dellmar Sword, born May 27, 1920, grew up in Pikeville, Kentucky. He was the son of Grover Cleveland and Mattie Sword. Dellmar's work ethic was instilled in him at a very young age. Upon journeying several miles afoot from where he and his siblings attended school, they took up mule-drawn plows to help their father tend their one hundred eight-acre farm. His love for gardening extended throughout his life. Some weekends were also spent at the family's sawmill.



Dellmar Sword

After graduating high school, Dellmar enlisted in the United States Army to defend his country. He served as medic in Germany and received an honorable discharge. He would light up as he told stories of the many friends he made while he was in the Army.

In 1946, after leaving the service, he was wed to Mildred Goff with whom he spent 40 years. He began working with some of his brothers in the coal mines of Kentucky. Aspiring to better his life for his family and himself, he traveled hundreds of miles to Columbus, Ohio to work for American Standard. He worked there for twenty years until the plant closed. Using his G.I. Bill for training to become a boiler operator, he went to work for St. Ann's Hospital and worked there long past his retirement, even after the hospital moved to Westerville, Ohio.

He was a forty year charter member of the Little Angel Old Regular Baptist Church. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 144 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He supported our troops and had a love for his country that was marked by action, not just words.

Papaw was an avid fisherman. He would often walk us many miles to what was his spot on the Walnut Creek. He would patiently teach us to fish or let us play freely in the surrounding woods.

Dellmar Sword was a man who commanded respect. He was full of love and concern for those around him. Seldom did he meet a stranger. He loved to laugh with others. Generous of time and treasure, Papaw shared anything he had as needs arose. Money seemed of little importance to him. He would rather see others getting needed gas for their car or happily going thrift shopping. He would rather see someone getting needed assistance than to keep anything for himself. It was the love he gave so freely we cherish the most.

We immensely treasure the time God gave us with him and miss him with equal fervor. Our hearts take comfort in our hour of loss knowing that he is eternally and blissfully reunited with God and the love of his life, Mildred.

Delmar English Sword, 83, died around 8:00 P.M. February 26, 2004. Mildred preceded him in death in 1986. Also preceding him were five brothers: Jeff, Jack, Woodrow, Lawrence and Daniel.

Survivors include three daughters: Donna Blankenship, Betty Bennett and Patty Sword; two sons: Delmar Junior and Cleve Sword; ten grandchildren: Marvie Gibson, Tammie Gibson, Jenean Messer, Michelle Jackson, Jamie Warner, Brian Sword, Traci Queen, Glen Blankenship, Mark Blankenship, and Danny Blankenship; and twenty-five great-grandchildren, all who will carry Papaw's life within their hearts.

Though separated for a short time, we look, with hope, toward the day we will be reunited forever with him. Until then, God bless Papaw. Enjoy your well-deserved reward in Heaven.

Written by his family

CLARA MAE (DUPIE) TACKETT

I am writing this in memory of my aunt Clara Mae Tackett. She was born on June 3, 1924 in River Rouge, Michigan to Ernest F. and Viola Mary (Shinavare) Dupie. She married Clarence E. Tackett on October 21, 1946. He preceded her in death as well as one daughter Rose Bradley; three sisters, two brothers: Pearl, Rosalie, Leona, Ernest, and Leander, and both of her parents. Their remaining children all live in Michigan. Marlene (Edward McCauley of Lincoln Park, Clarence E. (Lois) Tackett, Jr. of Wyandotte, Mary A. Landlois of Ecorse, and Nancy (Bill) Near of Westland, and a granddaughter they raised as their own, Gloria Nichols of Romulus. She has one brother, Donald Dupie of Belleville and sisters: Angeline Bennett of Belleville, and Marie Navarre of Brooklyn, Michigan. She had 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.



Clara Mae (Dupie) Tackett

Clara Mae practiced the Catholic faith for most of her life; she joined Morning Star Old Regular Baptist Church in 1986, where her husband belonged. She traveled alongside Uncle Clarence for many years even before she joined, working for the church and visiting the sick. I know he was so pleased to have her walking by his side. Although she hadn't been able to come to church for a long time she is still thought of and missed by many.

She was a quiet, gentle soul that was good to all she met and always had a smile to share. Her smile is what came to my mind when I heard her called "Cherry Grandma" the nickname one of her grandchildren gave her. She will be remembered for many things including her love for rocking chairs, the beautiful quilts she lovingly sewed, and how welcome you always were in her home.

Written by her loving niece Fran Calhoun

OLBY TUTTLE

As I sit here trying to write the obituary of Brother Olby I am very sad but very much at peace with his death for I believe that he has fought the battle and won. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Dear God let us face that battle with you at our side.

For as long as I can recall Olby has read his Bible and was well versed in it but like most of us, failed to ask God for help until the latter part of his life. Brother Ob as we called him entered at the eleventh hour but as God promised the laborers will be paid the same that enter the eleventh as those that enter the first hour.

For the last few years he and I would go to church as often as we could, sometime on Saturday but most of the time on Sunday. Then he became very ill and our trips were restricted to going when he felt like it.

On October 27, 2003 Olby joined the Crystal Spring Church and due to being very ill was able to go back the following month to be welcomed home. On December 17, 2003 he left this cruel world to go home with Christ on that great resurrection day.

Olby was born May 8, 1941 in Knott County, Kentucky to Able and Rosie Tuttle. Our family moved to Willard, Ohio in 1950 when he was 9 years old. In 1952 he returned to Kentucky and stayed until 1959. After high school he returned to Ohio to look for work.

Brother Olby died December 17, 2003 in Pinellas Park, Florida where he had lived for the past 23 years. He leaves behind to mourn his death Teresa Tuttle, his wife and four children: Kenny Tuttle of Sandusdy, Ohio; Marsha Kostoff of Willard, Ohio; Shane Tuttle of Pinellas Park, Florida;



Olby Tuttle

and Ginny Tuttle of Thomasville, Georgia. Also left to mourn his passing is one sister and six brothers: Faris Tuttle of Rome, Ohio; Arthur Tuttle of Plymouth, Ohio; Gladys Hall of LaGrange, Ohio; Talt Tuttle of Grafton, Ohio; Chester Tuttle of Morehead, Kentucky; Dennie Tuttle of Lake Placid, Florida; and Willard Tuttle of Greenwich, Ohio.

Olby we miss you but feel you are in God's care and love so you are better off than we are. We hope to meet you on that great day, so sleep on and may God bless you.

With love, your family

*You never said I'm leaving
You never said goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
A million times we've needed you
A million times we've cried
If love alone could have saved you
You never would have died.
If life we loved you dearly*

*In death we love you still
In our hearts you hold a place
That no one else can ever fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*

Sadly missed by all your family

GLENN ROBERT VAN BUREN

With much sadness and a broken heart we will try to write an obituary of my beloved husband and our wonderful dad who was born on October 20, 1954. He was the son of the late Gene Van Buren and Barbara Van Buren. God needed another rose in his garden and took him home March 16, 2004.

He married the love of his life, Jeanette Hamilton Van Buren on July 20, 1980. We were married almost 24 years, they were the happiest years of my life. The greatest gift we shared was our life with the Lord, our children and our precious grandkids. Glenn leaves to mourn his passing his broken-hearted wife, Jeanette Van Buren known to him as sunshine; also his two daughters: Melissa (Jose) Padilla; Trisha Van Buren of Ashtabula, OH; and his three sons: Ron Van Buren of Las Vegas, NV; Glenn R. Van Buren, Jr.; and Shawn (Holly) Van Buren both of Ashtabula, OH; 4 granddaughters: Adrianna and Tatiana Padilla; Abriell Van Buren and Autumn Van Buren. His wonderful mother, Barbara Van Buren; 3 brothers: Russ (Jan) Van Buren; Gary (Linda) Van Buren; Gregg Van Buren; 2 sisters: Cheryl (Jim) Reidl; Sandy (Bob) Fortune. And a host of loved ones and friends. He was preceded in death by his precious dad Gene Van Buren and his grandparents Morris and Leona Van Buren, Richard and Marge Synenberg. We enjoyed many trips together to our sister churches and also Glenn's dream to fly in an airplane.

Glenn realized there was a void in his life and turned his life over to the Lord. Glenn joined the Lily of the Valley Church in Geneva, OH on March 30, 1986. The last Sunday we went to church at the Lily of the Valley Church God blessed him to give out "Jesus Left His Home In Glory" more than ever before another thing Glenn wanted so bad to be able to do and God blessed him so good that day.

My precious teddy bear Glenn worked very hard and many hours to provide a better life for his family. He worked at RMI for 18 years till the company closed its doors. He was currently employed at Esab where he made many friends. We had a wonderful life together when I came home on March 16 and my teddy bear wouldn't wake up and they told me he was gone. A part of me died for we were truly as one. Rest on a little while my darling for your sunshine will meet you again in that morning of all mornings where we will be together forever. I go to bed at night with you on my mind and I wake up with you on my mind. I miss you so much. Our home will never be the same for my heart aches so much for you. Glenn loved his family and his brothers and sisters in the old church very much. His oldest daughter Melissa recalls the way her dad would



Glenn Robert Van Buren

always look at his children with so much love and care and he always put his children as one of his first priorities. He loved all of us and treated us equally. Ron and Rob will always remember their weekend visits to see their dad, they were so excited to see their dad just as much as he was to see them. All of the boys considered their dad as their best friend they could go to as one of the guys. Shawn would call dad every night after work no matter what time for almost anything he knew Dad would be there to listen. Trisha will always cherish the memories of her dad attending her many school activities and going to the fair every year. Trisha would go to her dad for advice. He was always there to make her feel better. His son-in-law Jose remembers meeting him for the first time on his wedding day when he married his oldest daughter Melissa. For 7 years he treated him like one of his very own sons. Not only does Jose feel he is losing a father-in-law, he feels like he is also losing his best friend. Holly Shawn's wife recalls one of the worst days of her life when he gave her a big hug and told her he loved her. She had just went through a lot in her life and he gave her what he called "happy eggs" which were Butterfinger eggs. He has also been there for all of us. He loved his grandchildren very much.

Rest on my dear Glenn. I love you and miss you every day. Kids and grandchildren if you ever want to see daddy and pa pa again you will have to go the same way he did. Repent and be born again. We would like to thank everyone. Those who traveled far and near to be with us in our time of sorrow and those who sent flowers or made food or just made a phone call or just gave us a hug or hand shake. May God bless you all.

Glenn's memorial will be preached on the odd weekend in April of 2005 on Saturday and Sunday at the Lily of the Valley Church in Geneva, Ohio.

Written by his broken-hearted wife and children

Glenn Van Buren was a good man. He gave help to people when they needed it. He was kind to everyone he met. He was good to his grandchildren. I know because I was one. I thank him for his love that he gave to all his grandchildren. I will miss the fun times we had. I will miss the laughter and happiness he gave to us but more importantly I will miss him. I will never forget my Pa Pa Glenn not just because he is part of my family but because he gave me lots of love, care and happiness. Thank you.

Written by granddaughter, Adrianna Padilla

To our brother Glenn: Our days were dark when you left us for we could not understand our loss. We now know God needed you to help Him tend to his beautiful garden and that you will be waiting there for us. We look forward to getting your warm hugs as we enter the garden and these thoughts help warm us now. We will watch over Jeanette for you, for we see you in her eyes each and everyday. Your children are also in our thoughts and we will send our love to them for you. Mom misses you everyday; we'll keep hugging her for you. Your brothers and sisters will always have you in our hearts and your spirit lives on in each of us. We love you. Be good.

Bro. Glenn had two families: a natural and a spiritual and I was blessed to be a part of both of them. I am so glad that God let me know a brother like Bro. Glenn. We have traveled all over together going to church and on family vacations. We had so many good times together. I miss him so much. We talked all the time. Sometimes in life God gives you someone you can talk to about anything and he was that for me. He was my best friend and I know Bro. Glenn loved his family. He worked hard to give them a better life. He would want me to tell you weep not for me for I have just gone home to be with my Lord. The great thing about losing someone who dies in the Lord you can see him again if you want to, but you must be born again in Christ Jesus. Psalms 116:15: Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his saints. I want you children to look at Bro. Glenn, your dad's life and I know you will see the Lord in it. We all must die but the main thing is to be ready so here is what Bro. Glenn would want me to tell you if you're not ready to meet him in his new home then get ready, call upon the Lord and get forgiveness and be born again.

Love, Elder Scott Hamilton

STALLARD WILLIAMS

Dad was born on February 25, 1928 in Honaker, Kentucky and passed away on September 29, 2003, at his home in New London, Ohio. He was the son of Silas "Sie" and Cassie (Moore) Williams.

Dad married Mom, Edna Mae Hamilton, on September 14, 1946, and they shared 57 years of happiness. They have 5 children, all who survive: Helen (Graeme) Frith; Sanda (Wayne) Pylant; Ted, Debra (Mike) Collins, and Carol Sue (Ritchie) Leibolt; and 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by 5 brothers: Delmar of Ivel, Kentucky; Amos of Newark, Ohio; Dingus and Allen of Shelby, Ohio; and Howard of New London, Ohio; and 2 sisters: Juanita Deppen of New London; and Vernedith Ratliff of Stanville, Kentucky. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 3 brothers: Rufford, Ballard, and Dennis (in infancy), and 3 great-grandsons: Justin Ley, Christian and Nolan Phillips.



Stallard Williams

Dad was a coal miner in Kentucky until 1952, when he moved the family to New London, Ohio. Although he lived in Ohio for the last 51 years, Dad's heart was always in the hills of Kentucky. After he came to Ohio, he worked for Walbridge Railroad Roundhouse, Toledo, Ohio, 23 years with E Biglow Title Company and Ohio Body Mfg Company, New London, Ohio, and retired from Conrail Railroad in 1989. Dad was a hard worker. Anyone he worked for, he gave his all. I remember how he would work long days and then came home and tended his garden. He would plow and sing the Old Baptist songs.

Dad put his faith and trust in the Lord in September, 1959. He was baptized at the Little Dove Church in Kentucky and joined the Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church at Plymouth, Ohio in 1959. Dad loved the Old Regular Baptist Church. He always wanted to get to church early. He enjoyed the shaking hands, fellowship with his brothers and sisters, the singing, and of course the preaching. Many a time Dad would say to me, "He is deep in the scriptures." How pleased Dad was, when he was unable to attend church, that the Brothers, Sisters, family and friends came to the house and held church. You will never know how much that meant to him. The whole family thanks you.

Dad loved to hunt. He enjoyed his dogs. I always said Dad was in his glory when he was hunting. When cancer was taking its toll on Dad's body, his hunting buddies still took him on their hunting trips. They always told us they would take good care of him and they did. They even stayed up all night at Dad's funeral. They watched over him as long as they could.

Dad never met a stranger. He enjoyed people. Dad and Mom's home has always been open to everyone. People were always welcome for a cup of coffee, a meal, or just to sit and talk. Even after he was sick in the bed, he wanted to make sure everyone felt welcome in his home.

It is hard to think of Dad as gone. He was always there. If you needed anything, Dad would try to help you. If Dad thought you were not living right, Dad would tell you. There is so much that is missed: Dad's strength of character, the shopping trips — Dad loved to shop and taught us well, Dad's flowers, his garden, Christmas — with Dad always buying hard candy, nuts, fruit, shopping on Christmas Eve, and always that extra present for Mom on Christmas Day. Dad was a simple man. He taught us to love family, to be honest, hard working, and to be good to others, and to respect the Lord's house. It was always a fact that if the grandchildren needed anything, call Papaw.

Dad always encouraged everyone to get an education and to live right. It's not the same without Dad, but he is no longer suffering and is in a better place. We were blessed to have such a husband, Dad, and Papaw in our lives. There is a vacancy in our hearts, our homes and in this world that will never be filled again. But because Jesus died and paid the price for our sins, this separation is only temporary. Dad repented and put his faith and trust in Jesus and if we do the same, we will meet again.

Written in loving memory by his daughter, San

OBITUARIES

FRIENDS OF THE N.N.S.A.

LOCIE BLAIR

It is with a sad and lonesome heart that I try to write the obituary of my mother, Locie Blair. Mom was born May 19, 1928 at Hall, Ky. And was called home to be with Jesus on May 13, 2004, making her stay here on earth 75 years, 11 months, and 13 days. She was the daughter of Bertha King Davis and Stumbo Davis of Kite, KY, both of whom preceded her in death.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Rheba "Joy" and Frank Carlson, Connersville; a son and daughter-in-law, Tommy and Shirley Blair, Connersville; 3 brothers; Olen Davis of Mooresville, Banner Davis of North Carolina, and Reece Davis of Kentucky. 2 sisters: Pauline McConnell of Florida, and Anna Hall of Connersville who lived much of her childhood with her. She is also survived by 4 grandchildren: Steve Carlson of Indianapolis; Kevin Frank of Connersville; Belinda Frank of Connersville; and Louis Frank of Connersville. April and Holly Hudson also considered her as a grandma.



Locie Blair

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Steve Blair whom she married December 16, 1948 in KY. He passed away in September of 1975. She is also preceded by a brother, Arnold Davis and 2 sisters: Reedith Gibson and Lizzie Moore.

Mom was a diabetic and lost her right leg 4 years ago, but before that, mom enjoyed life. She loved to get a car load of women and go to church and visit the sick. She loved being with people and helping others when they needed her. She would go when she really shouldn't have been driving herself. Mom always had a big smile on her face when people came to visit her. She enjoyed cooking and gardening, and she also loved pretty flowers and seemed to have a green thumb.

Mom never belonged to church but she went all of her life. The Little Children's Home Church was very special to her and she loved having company stay with her at church time. Everyone knew they were welcome. Mom couldn't talk for about the last 6 weeks of her life, but I believe she was calling on the Lord. She would look up at the ceiling with tears in her eyes. Though she hadn't been able to talk, a few hours before she passed away, she called on the Lord's name. I asked the Lord to give me a sign that she was alright with Him and the day after she was buried, I feel with all my heart he did. The song "Gone Away With A Friend" has a special meaning for my son and myself. So to all the family, we can meet mom again someday if we want to, it's up to us. I believe mother has a new leg and can open her little hands again. But most of all, I believe she's with Jesus. I believe she has gone away with a friend. She is sadly missed by her family and friends.

Written by her broken-hearted daughter, Joy Carlson

DIANA LYNN BAKER FICET

It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try with the help of God to write the obituary of my daughter Diana Lynn.

Diana was born February 3, 1958 at Wellston, Ohio to Bobby Lee and Lenoris Mullins Baker. She passed from this life November 4, 2003 after four weeks of illness with cancer. Her dad preceded her in death, as well as her grandparents, John and Bertie Mullins and Ira and Frankie Baker.

Left to mourn her loss are her husband Pat Ficet; her mother Lenoris Baker; one daughter and son-in-law, Bobbie Jo and Ben Bowles; one brother and sister-in-law, Johnny and Linda Baker; and one sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Franklin Cantrell. She leaves several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and friends.

Diana was a graduate of Vinton County High School and also of Hocking College. She was employed at Twin Maples Nursing Home of McArthur, Ohio where she was a nurse with so much compassion. She loved her work as well as her residents, co-workers, and employer's Fred and Virginia Ratliff. They were more like family to her. All of them were so good to her.

The last time Diana was at church was a few days before she died. Elder Buddy Carty was at Maggie's Home that Sunday. He said he and his wife were supposed to go to Indiana and she forgot her medicine, so they went back to get it, and he felt like he was supposed to come to Maggie's Home for a reason. He sang a beautiful song called, "Looking Through a Spiritual Window". After we came home, Diana said, "Mom, that preacher was sent here today for me to hear." She said, "Could you get him to preach at my funeral and sing that song and have Uncle Don be in my funeral." Her wish was fulfilled.

The day before she died she told me, "Mom don't worry about me, everything is alright with me and God." She told my other daughter Phyllis, "I'm leaving Bobbie Jo (her daughter) in your hands; you take my place in her life."

No one ever knows what it is to lose a child, until they have lost one. It is the worst thing that has ever happened to me, but God said he wouldn't put more on us than we could bear. He has helped me through many troublesome times and I have so much faith in him. I feel like all I have to do is raise my arm up and I can touch His hand.

I don't feel like it will be long till I can meet Him on that cloud.



Diana Lynn Baker Ficet

Sister Lenoris Baker

IF TEARS COULD BUILD A STAIRWAY

*If tears could build a stairway, and memories were a lane,
We would walk right up to heaven and bring you back
again. No farewell words were spoken,
no time to say goodbye, You were gone before we knew it,
and only God knows why.
Our hearts still ache in sadness, and secret tears still flow*

*What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.
But now we know you want us to mourn for you no
more, to remember all the happy times, life still has in store.
Since you'll never be forgotten, we pledge to you today,
A hallowed place within our hearts
is where you'll always stay.*

ELIZA HUNTER

How do you say goodbye to someone who was so special in so many lives? A niece, a cousin, an aunt, sister, daughter, mother, grandmother, and wife.

To some she was an aunt. Or you may have called her Nana. To her, her nieces and nephews were much like her extended children. She was always ready to listen when Mom and Dad didn't understand. A caring aunt who watched you all grow from babies and you know how much she adored you. Each of you made a difference in her life.

To some she was a sister. Someone you shared a room with growing up. You shared some secrets, and tears and so much laughter. You have known her your whole life. You know things about her I will never know. A sister has a special bond with her siblings. And mom shared that bond with each of you. She truly treasured each of you and the memories you shared.

Mom didn't know the term brother-in-law or sister-in-law, they were brother and sister. And they shared in her life as deeply as her own brothers and sisters. She loved them all.

For two of you, she was a daughter. A daughter who strived to be the best she could be in your eyes. She always wanted to be there for you. You gave her life, love and guidance throughout her life. She loved you both so much.

For one special man he was her life. A partner for 34 years. They have shared so many of life's ups and downs. Through it all their love for each other stood strong. She was so thankful that you were there dad, to help take care of her. You have done everything you could do to make her happy and comfortable. I know she felt very blessed to have shared her life with you. She loved you with the kind of love that doesn't end.

To two special children, she was mamaw. She was so proud of her grandbabies. You both brought so much joy and happiness into her life. She treasured all the time you were able to spend together. Always remember the special times you shared, like when we visited the ocean, or you were able to spend the night. Those times meant so much to her. You were her babies and she loved you will all she had.

To me, for many years, she was "just Mom". Once I had children of my own I quickly removed the "just" from that phrase. Later on as I grew up she became so much more than "just mom". In reality, she had always been so much more. She became to me what she was to all of you, my friend. We talked everyday at least once, sometimes more, sharing all the silly details of daily life. I never thought I could miss the sound of a phone ringing, but I do. She was always telling me how proud she was of me and how strong I was. But really she was my strength. She always encouraged me. She taught me to be strong.

She handled her sickness with such courage and grace. Always worried about how we were all handling it, instead of worrying about herself. Each day her faith strengthened as her body weakened. She was surrounded by family and friends who showed how much they loved everyday.

There is a saying: live each day to the fullest for tomorrow is promised to no one. Mom waited too long to fulfill many of her dreams. We were able to help with a few. The trip to the ocean, which we had promised her while she was recovering from surgery in ICU, and the wedding she always wanted. To some these may seem pointless or silly. But to us they were important. But one thing I have learned from my mother's life is to live. Whatever your dreams are, fulfill them. God gave us of us a life to live. Honor Him, but still live.

Today I know she would understand our sadness. But she would want us to rejoice in her life. When you remember Mom, remember her great capacity to care so deeply. Remember the friendship you have shared. Just always remember her.



Eliza Hunter

So the answer to my question, how do you say goodbye to someone so special? You don't say goodbye forever you just say goodbye for now.

RONALD ALAN GROVE

Talking about our father, Ronald Alan Grove, makes both sad and happy times for our family.

Dad was born in Logan, Ohio on February 2, 1933 to Bernard Walter and Carmella Ann Grove. He was the third of six children, and as kids ourselves, we grew up knowing how much he was loved and cared for by his big family, especially his siblings.

Dad came to Columbus as a teenager where he later met and married our mom, Betty Louise Wicker, on December 20, 1952. He gave her yellow roses every year on her birthday. They were married 51 years at the time of his death April 10, 2004. He was 71 years old.

Besides mom and his brothers and sisters, dad leaves behind five children: Walter (Donna), Steve, Cheryl, Judy, and Ron (Mary Kay); 12 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, sisters and brothers-in-law, cousins, neighbors and family.

He was a gentle man in life, loved and respected by many. He was always there to lend a helping hand. His door was always open to those in need and knew no strangers. He loved to watch old movies, the OSU Buckeyes, and the squirrels outside his window. Dad loved the outdoors, feeding the birds, and before he was sick, working in his garden, playing with his grandkids, coaching little league, cooking breakfast in the backyard.

We hope he has found peace in Heaven, freedom from his pain and a breath of fresh air. We miss him more than words can say.

Written by his daughters, Judy Betts and Cheryl Rodgers



Ronald Allen Grove

WILLIAM HENRY GRIFFEY

William Henry Griffey passed away July 2, 2004 at Hospice of Marion County in Ocala, Florida, making his stay here 81 years and six months.

Henry married Dora Maynard in 1941. They have one son, Silas Griffey of Ocala, FL, and a daughter Evelene (Mrs. George Potter) of Summerville, FL. They have 3 grandchildren. Henry and Dora celebrated 63 plus years together.

Henry was born in Pike County, KY to the late Alie Griffey and Dulcy (Roop) Griffey. Henry had 7 brothers and 6 sisters: Robert (deceased), Ellice (deceased), Paul and George of Prestonsbury, KY, Elmer, Ester, and Moses of Indiana, Lyda (deceased), Dora Alice (deceased), Mary Elizabeth (deceased), Marie and Martha Jane of Prestonsburg, KY, Ruth of Pikeville, KY.

Henry never joined any formal church but he told me in the Melrose church meetings "that there was nothing that stood in his way."

Henry and Dora were instrumental in getting a church started at Crystal Springs, FL.

So, old friend, rest until God calls you on that great resurrection morning.

Written by: Sister Dora Griffey, Brother Hansel Brown



William Henry Griffey

ROMAN JOHNSON

Roman was born to Noaroe and Julia Johnson on July 27, 1948. They were living at Virgie, Kentucky at the time.

Roman didn't belong to a church, but went somewhere every Sunday. He was a generous man. He worked at Ford Motor Co. at Commerce, MI.

Roman leaves a son, Scottie, a precious mother, Julia. Two brothers: Paul (Lillie), Raymond (Betty); two sisters: Minnie (Tommy), Virginia (Lester), with a lot of memories. A host of nieces, nephews and friends.

After serving in Vietnam, he was pretty messed up with things that happened over there. It haunted him the rest of his life. Roman was a lonesome man. He was always visiting the sick. He would go to all the funerals he knew about. He had them listed in the back of his Bible. Roman would always discuss things with me. My opinion seemed to mean so much to him. I believe Roman was a Christian, because I had too many good dreams about him. The last him was how he got out of that hospital bed. Took all the tubes out, and went all over the hospital telling all what the Lord had done for him. He had a stroke on the job December 12 and died on January 12, 2002.

Written by his sister-in-law, Lillie Johnson "See you in that morning—Praise the Lord"!



Roman Johnson

JOHN H. MCCOY

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NIV. My grandpa, John H. McCoy, was all these things.

Grandpa was always patient. His patience was reflected in the countless hours he spent tending to the beautiful flowers he grew every year and could be seen in the time he spent working on cars in his garage with Uncle Paul. Grandpa taught us to persevere and never give up. Grandpa was always kind. He would always offer you a snack or candy when you were around. It was common to see Grandpa sharing his peanuts with the squirrels outside his front door. Grandpa delighted in the simple things. Grandpa always had a Hershey bar waiting for my mom when he could not be at home with her. He made an effort to remind his children that he was always thinking about them even when he was not around. My Grandpa was humble and quiet. In fact, there were times when he hardly said a word but he didn't have to. Grandpa was always there. He communicated through patience, kindness and love. Grandpa made sure our family knew his love was unconditional and that is perhaps what we will miss most of all.

Born August 10, 1929 in Beauty, KY to Will and Eveline McCoy, Grandpa married his loving and faithful wife, Lillian Faye on August 6, 1954. To this union the couple added 4 children, 2 sons-in-law, a daughter-in-law: JoAnn McCoy, LouElla (Garry) Yank of West Jefferson; Paul (Linda) McCoy of Columbus; and Winnie (Darren Colburn of Darbydale along with 4 grandchildren: Devan (Allan) Humphries, Brandon Borders and Casey Colburn. He is also survived by 2 sisters: Mary (Harim) Parsley of Kentucky and Ethel (Albert) Pinson of Columbus. Grandpa was a faithful attendant of Little Angel Baptist Church in Columbus, OH. He retired from General Motors in 1987 and was a Korean War Veteran. On Tuesday, March 9, 2004, Grandpa went home to rest with the Lord, preceded by his infant daughter, JoAnn and many brothers and sisters.

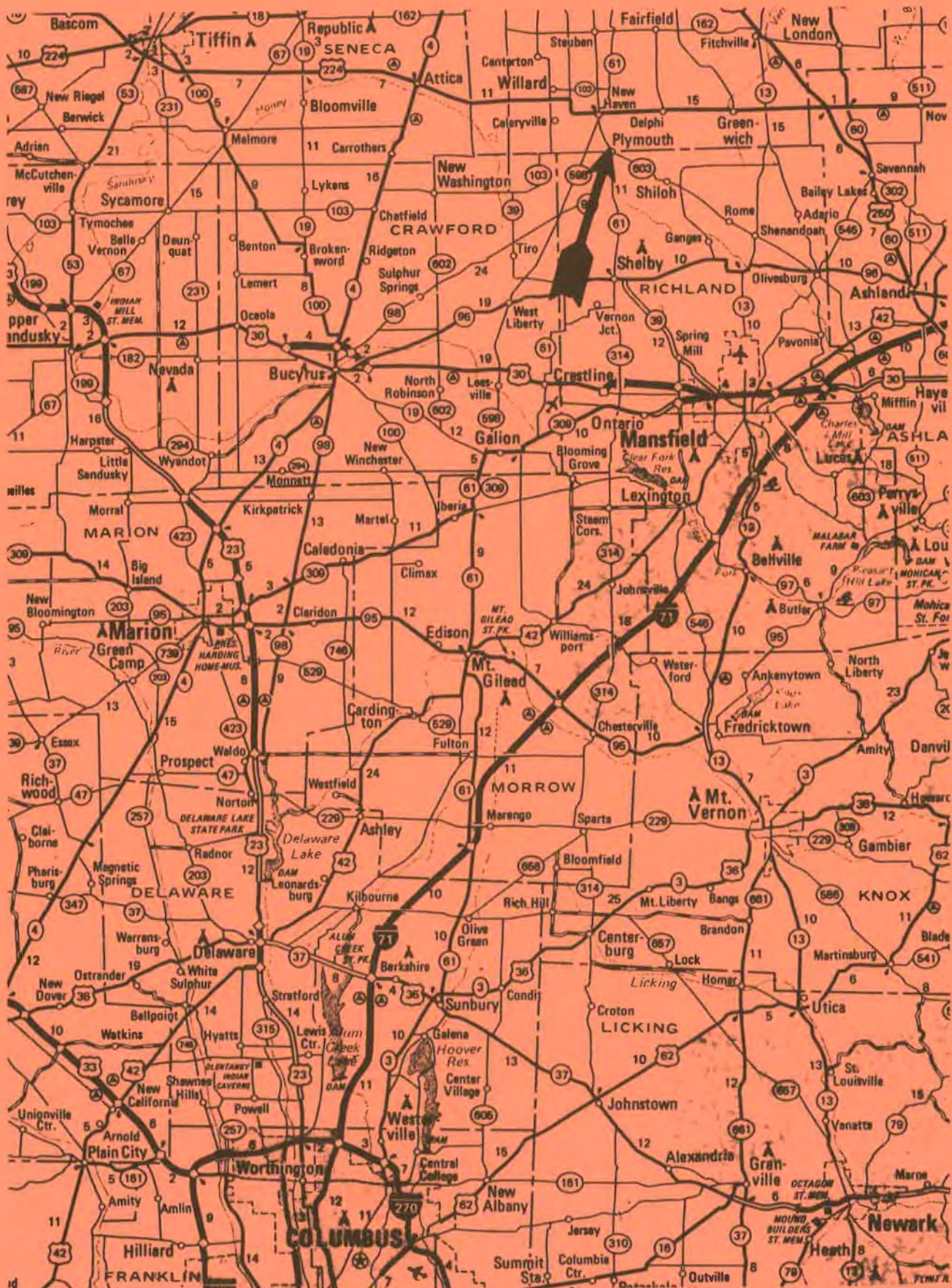
Written by Dawn Humphries, Granddaughter



John H. McCoy

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