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



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

We wish to dedicate this 50th Annual Session of this blessed Old Association to the memory of our beloved Elders, brothers and sisters who have deceased since our last setting.

We extend to you our condolence in your loss. Their memory shall comfort we that remain, until we're blessed to join their company in the presence of the Lord, and there we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

With deepest sympathy,
Bro. Newsome
Bro. Elkins — Clerks

Smiles are useless, without kind words.
Bro. Newsome



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

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Introductory Sermon for 2008— Eld. Scott Hamilton

Alternate — Eld. Danny Carty

Circular Letter — Eld. Larry Newsome

Reprinted Items from the 1964, 1965, 1970, 1980 and 2003 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 1965 – Item 16: That each church in our union shall hold its own key, and it is to be the sole judge of the members as long as it does not violate the Word of God, the order of the Association or Old Regular Baptist principles.

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 wordly 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.)

Year 2003 – Item 15: A motion was made by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Eld. Harrison Runyon that we as an adviser and counselor answer the request of the Pleasant View, Eternal Rose and True Vine churches concerning Item #17 of our 2002 Minutes. The following will replace Item #17: "We say to our churches to advise their ministers to refrain from taking any part in the services of churches not in correspondence with the Northern New Salem Association. This means preaching or baptizing members into their fellowship. If this is violated the minister will be silenced for a period of time, satisfactory to his home church. Under no circumstance will this be less than twelve (12) months for the first offense, and if this should happen a second time he would automatically be excluded.

Concerning funerals: If a family wants a minister of the Old Regular Baptist faith to participate in a funeral service where another church minister (not of our correspondence) is going to take part or be used in part of the services. This is acceptable as long as the Regular Baptist minister separates the services by song, prayer and dismissal called. See Item #17 of our 1970 Minutes. This advice is to be printed in our Minutes until future action is taken

PROCEEDINGS

Of The
Fiftieth Annual Session of the
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist
The Church of Jesus Christ
August 3, 4, 5, 2007

Friday Session

The sky was overcast, yet the gladness in the hearts of these blessed pilgrims, both young and old, shown forth on their faces were smiles of joy and happiness, as they began to blend their voices in singing the inspiring songs of heaven. One soon forgot the many miles one had traveled on the tedious highways and byways to attend this 50th annual setting of the Northern New Salem Association.

Alternate Eld. Hargis Tuttle with thankfulness in his heart approached the stand in meekness and humbleness. The holy spirit moved and Bro. Tuttle was soon blessed to preach a perfect love, man is to fear God, and to seek of His goodness. We are compared as trees and the timber is made ready out in the field. When it gets to the building it will fit, and will be a support in this blessed old Church. He begged men and women to get ready in this life to live eternally in glory. A very warm and uplifting prayer was offered by Eld. Tuttle.

Being chosen by the delegates at our 2006 session to preach the Introductory Sermon for this year, Eld. Robert Wallen, an elder Bro. in the gospel, laboring for these many years in the vineyard of the Lord. In meekness he began to tell of how the Lord came to him when he was a young man. He preached a travel from nature to grace, and by that travel he was led to repentance, and given a hope of eternal salvation. Like Abraham, the Lord has blessed him with bountiful blessings, and now he was on his journey home.

Those who were not delegates were asked to remain in the pavilion where the preaching would be conducted. The delegates were advised to assemble in the sanctuary of the Little Angel Church where the business of the Association would begin. The following Elders were chosen to preach at the place arranged: Elders (1) Marcus Huff-New Salem; (2) Danny Hurley-Old Friendship; (3) Ira Adkins, Jr.-Philadelphia; (4) Danny Belcher-Union.

After gathering in the house and one of Zion's songs was sung, Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders-Union, was called on to make remarks and Elder Herman West-Union led in prayer.

Our beloved Moderator, Eld. Buddy W. Carty, announced that the 50th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, August 3, 2007

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 Elder Robert Wallen and second by Elder Arvid Blevins, the letter from the Little Angel Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Elder John M. Elkins, second by Brother Jimmy Sowards to receive the letters, seat the delegates and refer all queries and requests 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: Tommy Dials, David Lester and Murl Caudill. Officers elected:

Moderator	Eld. Buddy W. Carty
Assistant Moderator	Eld. Ray Hamilton
Clerk	Eld. Hillard Newsome
Assistant Clerk	Eld. Dennis Elkins

- (a) Noted by the Association concerning our Finance Committee and was moved and seconded that our Finance Committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers. The Moderator appointed: Elders: Chester Cochran, Chuck Hall and Hobart Hamilton. Elder Doug McCarty made a motion, second by Elder Lowell Mullins to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharge them of their duties.
3. By a motion made by Brother Jerry Caskey, second by Brother Ernest Owens, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
 4. By a motion made by Brother Cletis Easterling, second by Brother Jimmy Sowards, the Constitution, the Rules of Decorum, and the Articles of Faith were read by the Clerks.
 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: Ronnie Halbert, Leonard Hamilton, Jimmy Dye, Ralph Slone Jr., Chuck Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, Coy Combs, James Tackett, Squire Hamilton, Carlos Akers, Reeves Carroll, Autie Puckett Jr., James Waddles, James and Elisha Branham, Milton Dye, Ronald McCarty, Clyde P. Lewis, Darrell Calhoun, John Paul Hamilton, Abe Howell, Ricky Stumbo, Don Lambert, Freedy Kidd, Glenn Frasure, Johnny Thornsberry, Homer Isaac, Ledus Hamilton, Johnny Hamilton, Preston Lewis, Ted Burke, Dee Osborne, Paul Matthews, Clois Hamilton, Larry Bryant, Charles Mullins, Bill Tackett, John B. Hamilton, Pete Hensley, David Maynard, Willard Hicks, James Maynard, Hillard Hamilton, Teddy Honaker, Jeff Reed, Offie Bartley, William White, Marcus Huff. Letter in the hands of Elder Leonard Hamilton. A motion was made by Elder Arvid Blevins, second by Elder John M. Elkins to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (b) **Union** — Represented by the following delegates: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Danny Belcher, Bobby and Gene Johnson, Floyd Judd, Danny Adams, Herman West, Estill Hamilton, John B. and Gary Sanders, Homer Compton, Earl Hill, Danny Robinette, Glen Dixon, James Barney, Lonnie Staten. Letter in the hands of Brother Bobby Johnson. A motion was made by Elder Lowell Mullins, second by Brother Rick West to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — Represented by the following delegates: Lowell Adkins, Harlan Barney, Gary Adkins, Luther Ramey Jr., Bob Taylor, Paul D. Moore, Ira Adkins Jr., Jacob and Curtis Seagraves, Bobby Baker, Howard Adkins, Charon Gilliam, Wayne Caudill, Mark Elkins, Willis Tolliver. Letter in the hands of Brother Paul D. Moore. A motion was made by Elder Elmer Edwards, second by Elder Denver Meade to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.

We your Sister the Philadelphia Association, wish to express to you our Sister the Northern New Salem Association, our condolence in the departure of your Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last assemblage.

May the memory of them comfort you, as their life did while they were once blessed to live and work with us here in the vineyard of the Lord. Let us wait patiently in hope of that great glorious day when we shall see them again in a land of perfect peace.

Brothers in Christ, Brother Charon Gilliam, Brother Gary Adkins

 - (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Chester Cochran, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Charles Jarrell, Daniel Stanley. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton. A motion was made by Brother Basil Elliott, second by Brother Kenneth Slone 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 F. Lester, George Thomason, Danny L. Hurley, Danny C. Justus, James D. Stacy, Dewey Matney, Johnny Matney, Junior Coleman, Thurman Hurley, Travis Hunt, Fred Bailey, Sherd Mullins, Arthur Short. Letter in the hands of Brother Junior Coleman. A motion was made by Elder Hargis Tuttle, second by Brother Claud Hale 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: Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Murl Caudill, Delmar Jones. Letter in the hands of Brother Aaron Whitaker, Jr. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, second by Elder Billy Miller to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
7. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of the delegates from the Little Angel Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches to arrange the ministers for Friday evening and Saturday morning who reported as follows: Friday evening — Elders: (1) Charles Jarrell-Sardis; and (2) Danny Adams-Union. Saturday morning Elders: (1) Danny Justus-Old Friendship; (2) Murl Caudill-Old Indian Bottom; (3) Chuck Hall-New Salem; (4) Herman West-Union; and (5) Squire Hamilton-New Salem.
 8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Elder Raymond Stapleton, Elder Don Lawson, Elder Conley Daniels, Elder Paris Tackitt, Elder Karrel Addington and Elder Sam Franks
 9. A motion was made by Elder Robert Wallen, second by Elder Ralph Caudill 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. The Moderator appointed a committee to arrange the agenda for Saturday, consisting of one delegate from each church, together with the officers of the Northern New Salem Association, and the officers and delegates from our corresponding Associations. Committee on Arrangements to meet back at the house at 2:15 P.M. Friday afternoon. Brother Marty Carty made a motion, second by Brother Jerry Caskey to accept the committee appointed.
 - (a) Elder Scott Hamilton made a motion, second by Elder Hargis Tuttle that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 4, 2007.
 - (b) The committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday afternoon and completed its work on the Bill of Arrangements. The services for the evening were introduced by (1) Elder Charles Jarrell-Sardis; and (2) Elder Danny Adams-Union.

Saturday, August 4, 2007

Met pursuant to adjournment this, the second day of three of the Northern New Salem Association. This being the second day of the setting of the Fiftieth Anniversary of this blessed old Association, melody was made in the hearts of the congregation, as they began to blend their voices together, in singing the glorious songs of Zion. In praises of glory and honor to our Heavenly Father for all His goodness, services for the morning were introduced by Elder Jimmy Dye of the New Salem Association. Prayer was offered by Elder Teddy Honaker of the New Salem 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 Brother Basil Elliott, second by Elder Doug McCarty to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Elder Eddie Wallen for our 2007 session was read. A motion was made by Elder Arvid Blevins, second by Elder John M. Elkins to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2007 Minutes.

4. The finance committee appointed Friday, Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Chester Cochran, Chuck Hall and Hobart Hamilton, reported as follows:

2007 Church contributions	\$6,510.00
2007 Money for Pictures	650.00
Other contributions	1,000.00
Total money received for 2007	\$8,160.00

A motion was made by Elder John Elkins, second by Brother Jerry Caskey to accept the report of the Finance Committee and discharge them of their duties. The Moderator, Elder Buddy W. Carty asked if there was anyone that would like to contribute any money to the Little Angel Church to help in hosting the Association. Thanks to one and all for a sum of \$1,539.00.

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

Treasurer's Report

A. Balance as of August 4, 2006	\$5,874.30
2006 Church contributions	6,705.00
2006 Picture money	640.00
Other contributions	1,000.00
Total money on hand as of August 3, 2006	\$14,219.30

Expenses for 2006

B.	
Printer's Fee	\$6,767.00
Secretary's Fee	200.00
Postage, U.P.S. Freight.	485.90
Supplies	-0-
Other	-0-
Total Expenses for 2006	\$7,452.90
Total of A.	\$14,219.30
Less Total of B.	7,452.90
Balance	\$6,766.40
Plus interest earned	19.63
Balance August 3, 2007	\$6,786.03
Plus money received for 2007	8,160.00
Total money on hand August 5, 2007	\$14,946.03

Note: Money sent by the Sister churches of the Northern New Salem

Association to the Little Angel Church in helping host the 2007 Session\$9,525.00

6. Elder Elmer Edwards made a motion, second by Elder Doug McCarty to receive the Treasurer's Report. By the same motion Elder Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 3,360 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. Brother Gillis Hamilton made a motion, second by Elder 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: (1) Elder Sam Franks, prayer by Elder Ray Hamilton, both of Northern New Salem; (2) Elder Wayne Sartin-Northern New Salem; (3) Elder Hillard Newsome-Northern New Salem. Sunday morning: (1) Brother Scott Little, prayer by Brother Steven Miller; (2) Elder Dennis Elkins; (3) Elder Hillard Newsome; (4) Eld. Ray Hamilton;

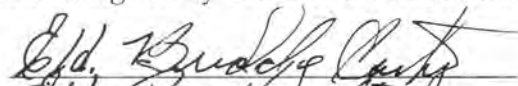
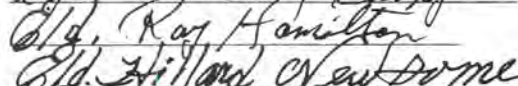
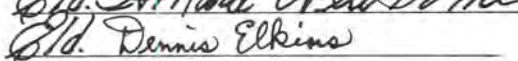
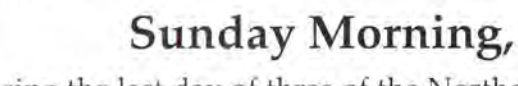
- and (5) Elder Buddy W. Carty. By a vote of the delegates, Elder Scott Hamilton was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Danny Carty to be his alternate, and Elder Larry Newsome to write the Circular Letter for our 51st Annual Session.
9. On motion by Elder Elmer Edwards, second by Brother Gillis Hamilton, the report of the Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the year 2006 and 2007 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 2007 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Karrel Addington, I. V. Hudson, Ray Hamilton, John M. Elkins, Stony Blackburn, Scott Hamilton, Ernest Owens, Dewayne Graves, Buddy W. Carty, Conley Daniels, William B. Holbrooks, Mose Bentley. Letter in the hands of Bro. Conley Daniels.
 - (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 2007 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Karrel Addington, I. V. Hudson, John M. Elkins, Arvid Blevins, Stony Blackburn, Buddy W. Carty, Elbert Hagerman, Mose Bentley, Luther Hagerman. Letter in the hands of Elder John M. Elkins.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the South Fork Church at the Association Building at Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2007 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Karrel Addington, Ray Hamilton, I.V. Hudson, John M. Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Dennis Elkins, Bill Blevins. Letter in the hands of Elder Karrel Addington.
 - (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 2007 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Karrel Addington, I.V. Hudson, John Elkins, Arvid Blevins, Stony Blackburn, Duane Graves, Buddy W. Carty, Ray Hamilton, Dennis Elkins. Letter in the hands of Eld. Arvid Blevins.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Panther Creek Church, Panther, W.VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2007 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Karrel Addington, I. V. Hudson, John M. Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Ray Hamilton, Bill Blevins. Letter in the hands of Elder Ray Hamilton.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the host churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pinetop, KY. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 2007 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Karrel Addington, I. V. Hudson, Paul R. Moore, Buddy W. Carty, Roy Caudill. Letter in the hands of Elder Roy Caudill.
 11. The request from the Family of Love Church was read requesting that Item 16 of the 1965 minutes be printed yearly as a standing item. A motion was made by Brother Gillis Hamilton, second by Brother Ernest Owens to grant their request. See page #2 of current minutes.
 12. The request from the Lily of the Valley Church was read asking to host a memorial of all deceased of the Northern New Salem Association on the odd weekend in May, 2008. A motion was made by Elder Arvid Blevins second by Brother Jerry Caskey to grant their request. All Old Regular Baptist ministers of our correspondence are invited.
 13. The request from the Pleasant View Church was read concerning letting each church decide about putting in a baptizing place. A motion was made by Brother Basil Elliott, second by Brother Cletis Easterling to grant their request. Requesting to have item #13 of

our 1994 minutes changed, so any church wanting to build a place for baptizing need not bring a request to the Association for approval. An objection was made by Elder John M. Elkins. The motion failed on a vote of 20 for, 44 against.

14. The request from the Little Ida Church was read concerning excluded members who want to regain their fellowship. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, second by Elder Bill Smith to grant the request of the Little Ida Church. Requesting to have an item placed in our minutes to read as follows: That any excluded member of a Church in the Northern New Salem Association, desiring to have their membership restored, must go back to the church from which they were excluded, and make peace with said church.
15. The request from the Little Flock Church was read concerning when a person obtains faith. After some discussion on the subject, the Little Flock Church delegates agreed to have their request taken back.
16. The request to host the 2008 Association from the Rose of Sharon Church was read. A motion was made by Elder Arvid Blevins, second by Brother Basil Elliott to grant the request of the Rose of Sharon Church the honor of hosting the 2008 setting of this blessed old Association.
17. Elder Eddie Wallen made a motion, second by Brother James Wagner, to forego the reading of the current minutes.
18. A motion was made by Elder Paris Tackitt, second by Elder Roy Caudill to adjourn to the place and time mentioned in Item #16 of Saturday's work in the current minutes.

Bringing to a close this the 50th setting of this grand Old Association. Elder Danny Belcher, Clerk of the Union Association was blessed to preach of the joy and happiness of living for the Lord, and what an honor and privilege to be a member of this blessed Old Church. A very humble and uplifting dismissal prayer was offered by Elder David F. Lester, Moderator of the Old Friendship Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

	Moderator
	Ass't. Moderator
	Clerk
	Ass't Clerk

Sunday Morning, August 5, 2007

This being the last day of three of the Northern New Salem Association. As the brothers, sisters and faithful followers of this blessed old church began to take a seat in the sanctuary of the Little Angel Church, the sunshine of God's love began to flow from breast to breast.

The services of the morning were introduced by Brother Scott Little of the Antioch Church, a young brother in the ministry, meek and humble. A humble prayer was offered by Brother Stephen Miller of the Little Ida Church. A young brother which brought back memories of many years ago, when I (Brother Newsome) enlisted in this great army.

Elder Dennis Elkins, Assistant Clerk was second on the stand. He was well blessed to preach repentance in a warm, meek and humble spirit. Words of truth were proclaimed, as he covered so many subjects that were filled with crumbs for God's little children. Brother Newsome-Clerk.

Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk, came forward in his humble way. God shortly overshadowed him and he spoke of the light that shined to him. The Bible tells us that we must take heed to that light that shines in darkness. Take time to thank Him, and to show our love, not only to the brothers and sisters, but to everyone.

Assistant Moderator, Elder Ray Hamilton, came forward and God blessed him to preach how God's spirit visited him and made him ashamed for the sins he committed. Yet he wasn't ready to be obedient. He became scared and got concerned, and was afraid that he had waited too long. He asked that God would give him that spirit again that would bid him to pray. God will surely lead you, but you must follow in order for it to do you any good. Repent and live, give God glory and honor.

Elder Buddy W. Carty, Moderator, came to the stand to close out this 50th setting of the Northern New Salem Association. He spoke of the need to have an humble spirit. When Abraham sent his servant to get Isaac a wife, he didn't know who she was, but he went in faith believing God would reveal her to him. When we're traveling by faith, we're going toward a country we haven't seen. He spoke of a little vial where Satan mixes a little good with a little bad and stirs it up. Later he pours it out as poison doctrine to deceive the weak. The prodigal son drank of that vial, and it brought him pleasures for a season. We also drank of that vial, and it killed us dead in trespasses and in sin. The light comes to people and lets them know that they're lost, but if they will be obedient to the spirit, it will lead them to repentance. His worry is not whether or not people will see the light, but will they take heed to the light, and be obedient to what the spirit teaches them.

Elder Floyd Jude of the Union Association offered the dismissal prayer, bringing to a close this 50th Annual Session of this grand Old Association.

We wish to extend to you the members and friends of the Little Angel Church, the Little Flock, Maggie's Home and the Little Ettie Churches. Our thanks and appreciation for your long hours of hard work in caring for we weary travelers. We found the food to be of the finest quality, served with love and a welcome smile. To those who provided the tent, table and chairs, we say, "A Big Thank You."

The neat little homes in Campers Village looked like a well built picturesque subdivision. We found your goodies to be delicious filled with pure love. Roll on safely, and may you reach your destination, and find all well, filled with God's blessings.

Thanks for your generous contribution of \$500.00 for the Little Angel Church.

With much love, Brother Newsome, Brother Elkins, Clerks

Circular Letter by Elder Eddie Wallen

To the delegates that composes this the fiftieth annual meeting of THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION.

Being chosen for at last year's association to write this letter for your approval or rejection. After much prayer and trying to write this I pray that GOD has led my mind to want to please Him above all things. I worry about our children who are in the world. I wish that they would take heed to that low still voice that's calling them. And make a choice. The Bible says choose this day whom you may serve whether it be God or mammon, feel that they must first fear God who can destroy both body and soul in hell. For the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. I believe that sinners are called to repentance and have the tools they need to get salvation. From the time they come into the world GOD has given them the measure of faith. For in ROMANS 12:3 it says that GOD dealt to every man a measure of faith. A person must first believe that there is a GOD and he is a rewarder of those who seek after him. Using faith and believeth and the spirit of GOD and being obedient. I believe that a person goes through a travel from nature to grace and in this travel there led by the spirit of God being taught what to lay down and what to pick up. I would like to tell you of a Great Warfare when I first started calling on the LORD. A strong man had control of this house and he had helped me pick up things of the world. And I needed the stronger's man help. I tried to do this on my own but my works came as filthy rags. Having a heart filled with con-

demnation and burden that I could not carry any more, felt the LORD lead me to a place that is special to me with my face buried to the floor. I then was able to offer him the very best I had my life this whole man. The Bible says we are saved by grace through faith, which is a gift of GOD. Brothers I feel that I got the greatest gift that GOD could give me. That being SALVATION a deliverance from the dead state of sin into a lively HOPE of JESUS this hope that I have made me a promise I'll never leave you or forsake you. He left a witness in my soul a witness that keeps me. A strong man came in bound the strong man spoiled his goods and cast him out to the earth. Does he still bother me? He sure does he has a job to do and he does it well, but we have that advocate with the father that we can call upon. I don't want you to think that I just hope I'm going to heaven, I feel my hope will take me there. Some say that this outward man is a dirty man. I feel that he's had a change too. And he is striving after perfection not perfect yet. Because he still makes mistakes and has to repent daily. But there is a time coming when he'll get his reward in the morning of all mornings when the father tells the son it is time to go get your bride. Then body and soul will reunite and be changed into a most glorious body to be presented to the father without spot or blemish. I believe he'll know his bride by a special mark up on them a blood mark that fountain was open in the tribe of Judah and the house of David. A fountain that brought forth both blood and water. I feel when a man has drank from this fountain and had his robes made white in the blood of the lamb he knows something about it. Having this seal up on them he knows who are his. And we know whom we serve. And if you don't have any knowledge of your salvation I think men should still be searching. For how can a man have such a great gift, a deliverance then deny it, knowledge come by faith and the spirit of God. And this is the witness that he gives men. In 1 John 3:24: *And hereby we know that he abideth in us by the spirit which he has given us.* In 1 Corinthians 13:13: *And now abideth faith, hope, charity these three; but the greatest of these is charity.* Charity the love of God shed in our hearts. The bible says that even though I understand all things and have all knowledge and have all faith to remove mountains and don't have charity I am nothing. My brethren let us show the love that God has put in our hearts to those that are without. Let the world see a difference in us; let them see our savior in our walks and talks, let them see that we are that city set on a hill that cannot be hid. For charity first can be at home. Let us love each other. We say that we do. Let's show the world. How are we going to gain them except by love and kindness. Let us use our faith, our hope and charity, to pile up a few stones along the way so if our children come this way they can surely see that light hanging in the window and get a desire to have what I feel we have. I want them to be like Little Ruth where you live I want to live, where you die, I want to die. But most of all when you get up in the morning I want to all so. I want them to feel that love that flows from breast to breast. Let him see our good works and glorify our father whose is in heaven. For I believe that we had good works and God gave them to us. For in Revelation 22:12: *And behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me to give to every man according as his work shall be.* For now there are works for all to do. For sinners it is to repent and be born again. If they don't their reward is the lake of fire. For the saints of God to walk upright in this world showing. The world that we walk by faith who are blessed hope is. But most of all charity. For I feel our reward is a mansion in heaven. Brethren I've done the very best that I could with God's help.

Your brother in Christ, Elder Wallen

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 contrib-

uted 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 reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.

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DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Church

Delegates

Little Rebecca	Marty Carty, Dave Pullum, Lowell Thornsby
Maggie's Home	Harold Prater, Luster Prater, (Claud Hale-yielded to>), Paris Tackett
Little Flock	Floyd Newsome, Hank Forgey, Charles Edwards
Little Ruth	Bill Smith, Arnold Mullins, Adran Counts
Little Edna	Elmer Edwards, Denver Meade, Jerry Caskey
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Arvid Blevins
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Fred Jones
Little Zion	Rick Akers, Matt Maddox, Joseph Akers
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny C. Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Darrell Hall
Mt. Olive	Elbert Hagerman, Luther Hagerman, William B. Holbrook, Jr.
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome, Basil Elliott, Kenneth Slone
Little Family	Jerome Watts, Jr., Earnie Tuttle, Roy Caudill
Little Angel	Wilburn Nichols, James Finley, Jaime Tickle
Antioch	I.V. Hudson, Scott Little, Wayne Sartin
Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley, Gillis Hamilton, Rick West
Lily of the Valley	Roger Newsome, Scott Hamilton, Dave McCracken
Little Children's Home	James Wagner, Mike Hiatt, Buford Brock
Morning Star	Bud Calhoun, Don Little, Willis Little
Little Bethel	Roby Patton, Glenn Conley, Ernest Owens
Family of Love	Lavon Isaac, David Carty, Earnest Martin
Macedonia	Harrison Runyon, Ernest Middleton, David Sturgill
True Vine	Bob Williams, James Coleman, Terry Ratliff
Little Melrose	Mark Baker, John M. Elkins, Doug McCarty
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Wendall Gayheart
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, Cletis Easterling

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2007-2008

NOVEMBER – 2007

LITTLE MELROSE - First in November (2007). Roy Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Paul Boggs, Murl Caudill, Arnold Whitaker, Scott Hamilton, Squire C. Hamilton.

APRIL

ANTIOCH - First in April. Allan Dee Osborne, Paul Matthews, Ben Little, Roger Hicks, Willis Tolliver.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in April starts at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. Roger Hicks, Curtis Hall, Danny Adams, Jeff Dillon.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in April. Larry Newsome, Bill Blevins, Charles Duke, Joe Gibson.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in April. Eddie Wallen, Richard Staten, Hobart Hamilton, Doug McCarty, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Bill Blevins, Mike Justice, Sam Franks, James Barney.

MAY

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

LITTLE IDA - First in May. James Branham, Elisha Branham, Willis Tolliver, Gary Adkins, Hershel Slone, Gary Young, Dennis Elkins.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in May. Scott Hamilton, Squire C. Hamilton, Bill Smith, Barry Lucas.

LITTLE RUTH - Second in May. Karrel Addington, James Branham, Willis Tolliver, Milton Dye.

LITTLE ZION - Second in May. Rick West, Steven Miller, Jerry Caskey, Mose Bentley.

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

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, Hayes Chaffins, Hargis Tuttle, Elbert Hagerman, William B. Holbrook, Dennis Elkins.

MACEDONIA - Third in May. Garfield Thacker, Roger Justice, Hershel Slone, Paul Coleman, Orbin May, Eddie Wallen.

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

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL - First in June. Bill Blevins, William B. Holbrook Jr., Jackie Yates, Earl Dean Yates, Elbert Hagerman, Scott Hamilton, Johnie Bentley

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in June. Danny Carty, Scott Hamilton, Doug McCarty, Garland H. Deel, Bobby Whitaker, John Elkins.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in June. Elbert Hagerman, Johnie Bentley, Estill Hamilton, Cledith Hall, Billy Miller, Larry Dixon.

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in June. Doug McCarty, Chuck Hall, Paul Matthews, Allan Dee Osborne, Deffort "Honey Bun" Thornsberry, Danny Belcher.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in June. Sat 2 p.m. Danny Belcher, Billy Miller, Mose Griffith, Gary Blevins, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Charles Jarrell, Otis Williams.

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in June. Ralph Caudill, Gorden Akers, Billy Miller, Estill Hamilton, Lowell Mullins.

MT. OLIVE - Fourth in June. Russell Hicks, Eddie Wallen, Danny Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Robert Wallen.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in July. Danny Belcher, Lacy Walters, Barry Lucas, Wayne Sartin, Gary Blevins.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in July. Charles Jarrell, Charles Edwards, Richard Staten, Kennis Robinson, Northern Gayle Brown, Hobart Hamilton.

AUGUST

TRUE VINE - Third in August. Danny Belcher, Paul Matthews, Barry Lucas, Scott Little (Antioch), Wayne Sartin, Danny Adams.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in August. Buddy W. Carty, Karrel Addington, Larry Newsome, Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Scott Hamilton.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in June. Daniel Newsome, Charles Edwards, Clyde Lewis, Gary Young.

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Danny Carty, Gary Young, Gary Adkins, Russell Hicks, Greg Sowards.

LITTLE RUTH - Second in July. Kennis Robinson, Danny Belcher, Lloyd Ray, Scott Hamilton, Delmas Hall.

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

LITTLE IDA - First in April. Buddy W. Carty, Danny Carty, Gene Johnson, Estill Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Hobert Justice.

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

LITTLE ZION - Second in July. Edsel Slone, Joe Havlic, Johnie Bentley, Bill Blevins, Dennis Elkins.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in August. Scott Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Hobert Justice, Paul Dye, Russell Hicks.

MT. OLIVE - Fourth in August. Larry Dixon, Johnie Bentley, Scott Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Willis Little, Phillip Beverly.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in June. Ray Hamilton, Paul Matthews, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in October (2007). Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome, Willis Tolliver, Murl Caudill, Ralph Caudill.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in March. Charles Duke, Hargis Tuttle, Scott Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Hillard Newsome, Dennis Elkins.

ANTIOCH - First in June. Buddy W. Carty, Scott Hamilton, Danny Carty, Teddy Honaker, Hargis Tuttle, James Tackett.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in October (2007). Leonard Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Dennis Elkins, Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley.

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Third in July. Danny Hamilton, Hobert Justice, Matt Slone, Russell Hicks, Hargis Tuttle.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in September, (2007). Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Ira Adkins, Jr., Roy Caudill, Russell Hicks.

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

LITTLE BETHEL - First in September (2008). James Branham, Elisha Branham, Dennis Elkins, Ray Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Danny Carty, Ronnie Halbert, Abe G. Howell.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in October, (2007). Paul Boggs, Morris Wicker, Russell Hicks, Deffort Thornsberry, Estill Hamilton, Joe Gibson, Danny Belcher.

MACEDONIA - Third in September, (2008). Edgar Howell, Jerry Runyon, Johnny Bryant, Raymond Stapleton, Don Lawson, Red Alley.

TRUE VINE - Third in October (2008). Garfield Thacker, Larry Newsome, Danny Carty, Phillip Beverly, Kennis Robinson.

LITTLE MELROSE - First in May. Eddie Wallen, Greg Sowards, James Barney, Garland H. Deel, Willis Bartley, James Waddles, Danny Carty.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in June. Alex Collier, Elmer Edwards, Jeff Dillon, Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE ELLEN - Third in Oct. All Old Regular Baptist Ministers Invited.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

LITTLE FLOCK-MARCUM MEMORIAL - First Sunday in June, 2008. (Location: Wilkesville, OH, near intersection 160 and County Road 8, Newsome Road, about three miles from the intersection). Ministers called: Russell Hicks, Harrison Runyon, Chester Cochran, Lloyd Ray, Greg Sowards, Willis Tolliver.

LITTLE FLOSSIE-CHAFFINS CEMETERY MEMORIAL - The Sunday before Memorial Day at Four Mile, KY. On Route 550, from Garrett, go toward Mousie to coal belt line over the road, right up the holler. Ministers called: Clyde Lewis, Gary Blevins, Creed Thomas.

LITTLE REBECCA-MEMORIAL OF GEORGE HAYMOND - Third weekend in September 2008. Ministers called: Joe Gibson, Phillip Beverly, Lon Beverly, Larry Newsome, Hargis Tuttle, Paul Matthews.

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Odd weekend in May, 2008. Special Memorial of all deceased of the Northern New Salem Association. All Old Regular Baptist Ministers Invited.

LITTLE BETHEL - A special memorial for Sister Sylvia Tuttle will be held the first Saturday and Sunday in Oct. 2007. Ministers called: Elders James and Elisha Branham, Paul Dye and Willis Little.

LITTLE REBECCA - A memorial for Donna Hicks will be held the 3rd Sunday in January 2008. Ministers called: Elders Joe Gibson, Hargis Tuttle, Danny Carty and Delmas Hall.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

LITTLE REBECCA

Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-9501
Elder Phillip Beverly	4076 Bull Head Road, Willard, OH 44890	419-933-3740
Elder Danny Carty	5346 St. Andrews Dr., Westerville, OH 43082	614-899-9815
Elder Joseph Gibson	1838 Lyons Rd., Willard, OH 44890	419-933-7820
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 Johnny Newsome	60097 Locker Plt. Coleman Rd., McArthur, OH 45651	740-596-0447
Elder Albert Osborne	42651 St. Rt. 160, Wilkesville, OH 45695	740-669-4002
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., Vinton, OH 45686	740-669-5055

LITTLE RUTH

Elder Bill Smith	11937 St. Rt. 736, Marysville, OH 43040	937-642-4106
Elder Bill Staton	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 Jesse 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 Goddard Rd. Apt. 107, Southgate, MI 48195	734-287-6965
Elder Ralph Caudill	1594 Wilson St., Lincoln Park, MI 48146	313-381-3710
Elder Elbert Compton	1539 Capitol Ave., Lincoln Park, MI 48146	313-382-4939
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 Harvey Tuttle	955 South 900 East, Lagrange, IN 46761	260-499-7997
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 Joseph R. Akers	105 S. Walker, P.O. Box 427, Capac, MI 48014	810-395-1623
Elder Rick Akers	2828 Lorraine St., Marlette, MI 48453	989-635-7393
Elder Jeff Dillon	7939 Adair Rd., Casco, MI 48064	810-329-4368
Elder O. C. Holbrook	5479 Old Banner Trail, Grand Blanc, MI 48439	810-694-5193
Elder Matt Maddox	36815 Mulberry, Clinton TWP, MI 48035	586-615-0483

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME

Elder Danny C. Hamilton	367 Twp. Rd. 1031, Nova, OH 44859	419-652-2485
Elder Eddie Wallen	330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090	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
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PLEASANT VIEW

Elder Stoney Blackburn	2598 Dix Fork Rd., Sidney, KY 41564	606-353-4522
Elder Hayes M. Chaffins	403 S. Center St., LaGrange, OH 44050	440-355-8461
Elder Alex Collier	961 Pepperwood Ln., Brunswick, OH 44212	330-273-3505
Elder Conley Daniels	3624 W. 114th St., Cleveland, OH 44111	216-251-0709
Elder Charles Duke, Jr.	1032 S. Main St., Grafton, OH 44044	440-926-2602
Elder Dennis Elkins	2263 Pontius St. N.E., Hartville, OH 44632	330-877-7931
Elder Donel D. Gibson	222 Stonehedge Dr., Elyria, OH 44035	440-322-0299
Elder Larry Newsome	2216 Brownhelm Sta. Rd., Vermilion, 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 James D. Watts	1719 Edgelawn Dr., Mt. Sterling, KY 40353	859-498-6232

LITTLE ANGEL

Elder John Jude	1609 Fallbrook Rd., Columbus, OH 43223	614-274-7122
Elder Forrest Osborne	255 Berryville Rd., Columbus, OH 43207	614-492-9435

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	4155 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-574-1740
Elder Wayne Sartin	1613 South 4th St., Louisville, KY 40208	502-638-0688

ROSE OF SHARON

Elder Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd St., Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-2983
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	498 West Main Rd., Conneaute, OH 44030	440-599-2362
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	272 Suburban St., Danville, IN 46122	317-745-4629
Elder Zee Holbrook	15028 Shady Lake Rd., Laurel, IN 47024	765-698-2583

MORNING STAR

Elder Bill Blevins	10702 Oak Lane, Apt. 14214, Belleville, MI 48111	734-699-8204
Elder Ishmal Hall Jr.	36876 Thinbark, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-0194
Elder Willis Little	4541 Grace, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-4486

LITTLE BETHEL

Elder Paul Dye	Box 122, Tiro, 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	1011 Sandusky St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-0945

MACEDONIA

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

Elder Terry Ratliff	892 Woods Edge Ct., Wooster, OH 44691	330-262-4389
Elder Kennis L. Robinson	2769 Clearfield Ave., Akron, OH 44314	330-848-4518

LITTLE MELROSE

Elder John M. Elkins	131 Winchester Ave., Interlachen, FL 32148	386-684-4559
Elder Albert Hamilton	3819 Randall Rd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043	904-284-6046
Elder Doug McCarty	P.O. Box 2018, Keystone Heights, FL 32656	352-473-3424

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 West 500 South	Wabash, IN 46992	(260) 563-5001
Little Zion	Gerald Akers	2311 Chestnut Ln.	Burton, MI 48519	(810) 743-4570
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny C. Hamilton	367 TWP Rd. 1031	Nova, OH 44859	(419) 652-2485
Mt. Olive	Lonnie Staton	4109 Page Ave.	Michigan Center, MI 49254	(517) 764-3105
2 Pleasant View	Dennis Elkins	2263 Pontius St. NE.	Hartville, OH 44632	(330) 877-7931
Little Family	Earnie Tuttle	6369 W. Alexandria Rd.	Middletown, OH 45042	(513) 423-1375
Little Angel	James Finley	3996 Paradise Rd.	Sugar Grove, OH 43155	(740) 746-9621
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	Charles Blevins	4940 Moore St.	Wayne, MI 48184	(734) 729-8313
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 Pontius St. NE.	Hartville, OH 44632	(330) 877-7931
Little Melrose	John M. Elkins	131 Winchester Ave.	Interlachen, FL 32148	(386) 684-4559
Eternal Rose	Raymond Henderson	5840 CR 50	Lakeville, OH 44638	(330) 378-2223
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	Danny Carty
Maggie's Home	Donald Mullins	Albert J. Osborne
Little Flock	Sam Franks	Charles Edwards
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	Don Lawson
Little Edna	Hobert Justice	Jesse 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 C. Hamilton
Mt. Olive	Elbert Hagerman	William B. Holbrook, Jr.
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome	Alex Collier
Little Family	Roy Caudill	James D. Watts
Little Angel	Danny Carty	Bill Smith
Antioch	Hillard Newsome	Karrel Addington
Rose of Sharon	Ray Hamilton	William B. Holbrook, Jr.
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	Willis Little
Family of Love	Buddy W. Carty	Delmas Hall
Macedonia	Burl Sturgill	Harrison Runyon
True Vine	Kennis L. Robinson	Alex Collier
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty	Albert Hamilton
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle	Raymond Gayheart
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins	None

CHURCH ADDRESSES

(Preferably, mail correspondence to the Clerk's address)

Church	Address	City	State
Little Rebecca	Henry Road, Ph. 419-687-8838	Plymouth	Ohio
Maggie's Home	Benner Road	Dundas	Ohio
Little Flock	1900 Borland, Rte. 1	Ray	Ohio
Little Ruth	Route 3	Marengo	Ohio
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain	Ohio
Little Ida	4060 Drennan Street	Ecorse	Michigan
Little Flossie	159 W. Greenwood	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	3589 Beat Road, Ph. 330-723-5345	Litchfield	Ohio
Little Family	S.R. 744, 1 mile west of	Jacksonburg	Ohio
Little Angel	5733 Saltzaber 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	State Route 228	Green Springs	Ohio
Family of Love	18061 S.R. 231 (Wyandotte) Ph. 614-482-2434	Nevada	Ohio
Macedonia	I-64-Ex. 161 W. US 60-Rt. 182-4.6 miles	Grahn	Kentucky
True Vine	7992 Cleveland Massilon Rd, Ph. 330-882-6393	Clinton	Ohio
Little Melrose	201 Pearl St.	Melrose	Florida
Eternal Rose	14061 Township Rd. 215	Lakeville	Ohio
Little Ellen	IL 50, W. 115th, Rt. on Lawler, Left 11200 S. Avon	Alsip	Illinois

STATISTICAL TABLE

2005

CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	42	2:00 P.M. 3-E	325.00	July
Maggie's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	32	1-M	150.00	July
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	24	3-M	300.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	16	2-M	200.00	June
Little Edna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	4-M	150.00	July
Little Ida	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	69	1-M	500.00	June
Little Flossie	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	27	1-E	350.00	June
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	21	2-M	100.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	2-M	225.00	July
Mt. Olive	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	12	4-M	150.00	July
Pleasant View	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	64	6:00 P.M. 1-E	350.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	2:00 P.M. 2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	31	4-M	400.00	Aug.
Antioch	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	3:00 P.M. 1-E	500.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	32	2-M	500.00	May
Lily of the Valley	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	6:00 P.M. 3-E	125.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	8	2:00 P.M. 3-E	200.00	July
Morning Star	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	17	3-M	250.00	June
Little Bethel	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	12	1-M	150.00	July
Family of Love	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	2:00 P.M. 4-E	250.00	July
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3-M	180.00	June
True Vine	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	15	3-M	300.00	Sept.
Little Melrose	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	14	1:30 P.M. 1-E	350.00	Jan.
Eternal Rose	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	15	6:00 P.M. 2-E	175.00	May
Little Ellen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4:00 P.M. 3-E	80.00	June

2007 Church Contributions	\$6,510.00
2007 Money for Pictures.....	650.00
Other Contributions	1,000.00

Grand Total **13 6 0 1 6 11 21 589** **\$8,160.00**

M — Saturday morning services

E — Saturday evening services

OBITUARIES

MEMBERS

ELDER HIRAM ADKINS

In a little community south of Pikeville the county seat of Pike County, the largest county in the state of Kentucky, the community known as Fords Branch, where the raging waters of the Big Sandy River flows swiftly on to bigger wider bodies of water, leaving behind many turned and unturned pebbles. Where the noisy chu-chu passenger trains of yesterday carried many passengers as they traveled from community to community. Now the whistles of the trains carrying coal from far beneath the lovely hills of Eastern Kentucky, can be heard as they ramble the tracks leaving behind precious memories as this our beloved and highly esteemed Brother has, Elder Hiram Adkins.



Elder Hiram Adkins

A great Warrior has fallen, and we are sad, yet we all realize that he has fought many battles, and now has won the victory. We his fellow soldiers must continue on laboring on the battlefield of our Lord. We must continue to carry the cross as he did that some day we can win the victory as we feel Bro. Hiram has. He blew the gospel trumpet loud and clear warning all of the danger that lies ahead.

Bro. Hiram was given as a blessing when he graced the home of his parents, the late Elder Grady Adkins and Minnty Brown Adkins, on April 8, 1932. It was here in this humble Christian home he joined his other siblings. Number seven of sixteen children, he soon learned to work on the farm like many of us, growing food on the hillside farm to sustain through the long cold and chilly winters. I have been blessed to dine at Sister Mint's table. I found the food to be wholesome and plentiful, and I am sure Bro. Hiram was one of the first to assemble around the table. He was preceded in death by the following brothers and sisters: Lenford, Charlie, Grover, Barrett, Warren, Frank, Ruby, Onamae, Fayetta, and Margaret Catherine. He is survived by one brother, Redford Adkins of Dorton, Kentucky; four sisters: Ella Harvis, Ruth Bartley, both of Fords Branch; Madge Adkins of Glasgow, Kentucky; and Minnie V. Raynes of Breaks, Virginia; and many nephews and nieces who I am sure will long remember an uncle of his standing.

On December 22, 1951 he took by the hand, a beautiful, lovely girl Nell Jones. In holy wedlock they promised to be to each other a devoted, faithful, caring, and loving husband and wife, and to this they have done well. For fifty-five years these two have lived as one. Through good times and bad, sparse years and plentiful years, through sickness, disappointments and the struggles of life they were there for each other. Their home was blessed with three pretty little girls: Jackie Slone of Knoxville, Tennessee; Elizabeth Adkins and Sandra Kay Putty, both of Fords Branch; also two sons: Roger and Richard Adkins, both of Fords Branch. These children in return gave him six grandchildren. I am sure you children and grandchildren will long remember the love, good advice, and council as well as the good examples this mother and father has given you over these years. I would ask you one and all to hold your heads high and tell all that you are the children of Nell and Hiram Adkins. Their home was humble and hospitality was plentiful.

Bro. Hiram was a veteran of the Korean conflict serving from January 6, 1953 to January 6, 1955 in defense of our freedom all of which we're so grateful. He was a carpenter by trade. Many of our church houses that we are blessed to worship in today was built under the supervision of Bro. Hiram. Long will we see his handy work and remember him as a master builder. Bro. Hiram loved to till the good Earth. To many he was a professional gardener.

On the fourth Saturday night in September 1957 at the Little Creek Church, he gave his hand to become a member of this blessed Old Church. He was baptized on the second weekend in October 1957 by the hand of his father, Elder Grady Adkins and his brother, Elder Grover Adkins.

He took his membership to the Elizabeth Church. In this little church he was ordained to the full functions of the gospel on the second Saturday in August 1960. For over forty-six years he has lived and upheld the teachings and orthodox practices of the Old Regular Baptist Faith. He served the Little Angel Church in Columbus, Ohio as Moderator since it was organized. He also served as Moderator of the Elizabeth Church for several years, as well as at Chloe Creek, and Ratliff Church. For endless miles he traveled far and near to proclaim the goodness of the Lord. He fed the sheep and warned poor sinners of the danger of living and dying in sin. He was blessed to travel to the Holy Land twice. His personality was warm and pleasant. His life touched countless many inspiring them of the happiness of living for the Lord.

Bro. Hiram hesitated not when it came time to go visit the sick. He preached many a funeral and baptized countless many upon their profession of faith. He performed many marriages, always up and about his Father's business. He could talk to men of the highest caliber, yet he was humble enough to talk to sinners. Yes, we have lost a great soldier of the cross and a true friend. His suffering here has ended, no more sickness, no more treatments, no more worries, no more heartaches, no more miles to travel, no I am Home now. Please, oh please love each other. Continue to speak well of each other and let your light shine that those that walk in darkness will have a desire to come and walk in the light as I have all these many years. My traveling with you has been sweet; your fellowship has been one of my treasured blessings. We want to remember Brother Hiram as a faithful and devoted Servant of the highest King, King Jesus. Yes he carried the cross for almost fifty years and now he will wear the crown for eternity.

In 1932, Bro. Hiram began to write a book titled, *The Book of My Life*. In 2006 he closed the book. We that are left will often open the book and read the interesting chapters of his life. On every page we'll find good advice and council, and each page will be filled with precious memories of one we loved and labored with here on the way to the Promise Land. He was born in early spring when beautiful, colorful wild flowers were beginning to push their way through the fertile soil bringing beauty to the lovely hills of our beloved Pike County. He slipped away in beautiful fall when the Master artist with His paint of lovely fall colors had began to paint beautiful scenes on the canvas of these lovely hills. What a homecoming he had when he gathered his robe around him in his little humble home Saturday morning just before the dawn of a new day, October 21, 2006. After traveling here and laboring here in the vineyard of the Lord sowing seeds of kindness for 74 years, six months, and seventeen days that God blessed him to live upon His good Earth. Yes, he used his time wisely, bringing God glory and honor.

He expressed to Sister Nell many times that his mother was coming to get him. He called the names of so many of his loved ones that had departed and gone on. What a consolation he had that Jesus would be with the Angels to carry his soul to the Promise Land, the Land he sang about. By an eye of faith I can see as Bro. Hiram began to close his eyes here to the scenes of this world. He was blessed to see the beauties of Heaven sweet Heaven. Perhaps his mother, Sister Mint, could see him coming in the distance. She calls for Bro. Grady, Bro. Grover, Bro. Charlie, and the other children to come look. I believe that is Hiram, he is well now, no cross to bear. Welcome home child, yes you are safe at home. In this Land the streets are pure gold, the walls are made of jasper, there's no night here, just one eternal day. Here we live in the Land of pleasure, with no measure of time.

To Sister Nell, your life has proved you to be a loving, caring, devoted wife. Yes, you were there when the nights were so long, all because of your love for him. His clothes were ready for him to go doing the will of the Father. A great servant has fallen, a humble servant has won the victory, and you can't lose in the Lord. To you children, please prepare to get ready to go and meet Bro. Hiram again. His humble hands labored providing your needs; his tongue mentioned our names often in prayer. By his life we that are here today are richer by knowing him.

Bro. Hiram we loved you in life and in death the same, yet in all our tomorrows you will be missed and often your name will be mentioned.

My love, Bro. Newsome

MARY JANE BROCK

With the help of our Lord we will try to write the obituary of our Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Mother-in law, and Sister in Christ, Mary Jane Brock.

Sister Mary was born to Charlie Wagner and Lettie Kincer Wagner March 6, 1922 in the town of Mayking of Letcher County, Kentucky. On July 8, 1944 at the Courthouse in Whitesburg, Kentucky, Sister Mary married (the future Elder) Alvin Buford Brock and to this union God blessed them with four daughters and one son, who in turn were blessed to present them with 12 grandkids and 20 great-grandkids. She went home to be with the Lord Jesus on November 11, 2006 making her stay here upon God's footstool 84 years, 8 months, and 5 days.



Mary Jane Brock

Left to mourn her passing is her broken-hearted husband, Elder Buford Brock of Danville, Indiana; and her four daughters and their husbands: Julia Ann Fowler with her husband Hank of Danville, Indiana; Lettie Armittie Webster of Danville, Indiana; Ruth Jeanette Hiatt with her husband, Michael of Danville, Indiana; and Retha Marlene Branam and her husband, Donnie of Rockville, Indiana. Her only son, Charlie E. Brock Sr. left this veil of tears on March 28, 2002. She had three brothers: Lundy Kincer, Dave Wagner, and Henry Wagner who preceded her in death. Also left to mourn is one brother: Jimmie Wagner of Mayking, Kentucky; 12 grandkids and 20 great-grandkids, many nephews, nieces, great-nephews and nieces who loved her dearly. Also a host of Brothers and Sisters in Christ and friends who are left to mourn her loss.

Sister Mary joined this band of Pilgrims over 60 years ago at the Mayking Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ and all through the years her and Brother Buford have been very faithful in filling their seats, visiting the sick, and being faithful in visiting other Churches far and wide. Why did they go? Love! Love of God, Love of the Brothers and Sisters, Love for the lost Souls. Hers and His (because it is hard to speak of one and not speak of the other) was a Love born of God. For their Love was not just a love of words but it also was actions born of Love.

Sister Mary has now went on to that City that lays four square. To the children and grandchildren, who want to see her again there is only one Way, and that is the same way that Sister Mary came and that was by forsaking the things of this world, believing in Jesus Christ and coming to Him asking for mercy.

Written by her broken-hearted family

DANIEL DOUGLAS BROWN

Psalms 55:22: Cast thy burden on the Lord, and he shall sustain thee; he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

In much sorrow and because of our love for the family, we will try to compose this obituary of our Brother in Christ: Brother Douglas Brown.

In the early hours of the morning on July 21, 2007, Brother Doug passed quietly from this life, his soul returning to the "Giver of Life," our Lord and Savior, making his stay here on earth 59 years, 3 months, and 12 days.

Doug was born 1 of 14 children to Robert and Angeline (Adams) Brown, Letcher County, Kentucky. Father, mother, and 7 brothers and sisters preceded him in death, as well as his wife and their son. Later, he met and married Arlene, who he leaves to mourn his passing along with his brothers: Vernon



Daniel Douglas Brown

Brown, Bellevue, Ohio; Bill Brown, Westland, Michigan; Marcus Brown, Fostoria, Ohio; Don Brown, Tiffin, Ohio; Robert Brown, Jr., Taylor, Michigan; his sisters: Loretta Combs, Tiffin, Ohio; and Pauline Caudill, Taylor, Michigan; and nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of neighbors and friends.

Bro. Doug worked and retired from the General Motors Company after 30 years of service. He got concerned about his life and how it would be with the Lord. He joined the Little Ida Church in October 2004 and remained a member until the Lord took him home.

Suffering bad health and many sorrows in this life, he got unable to attend church but would call and ask how church services went and was always concerned about those who were sick, putting himself last.

Now Doug is taking his rest from the weary body he lived in, resting in hope until the day of glorious redemption of God's children. To the family, he would want us to say get ready for that great day to come and live again. He'll be missed by family, friends, and the church. We share in your sorrow.

Written by your humble servants in Christ, Brother Ralph and Sister Leona Caudill

BOBBY RAY BURKE

It is with much sadness and precious memories that we try to write this obituary for our beloved husband, father and papaw, Bobby Ray Burke.

He was born on December 17, 1935 in Beefhide, Kentucky and was called home to be with the Lord on November 1, 2006, after complications from a massive stroke. He was the son of the late Oval and Marybelle Burke. Also, preceding him in death were two brothers: Johnny and Donald; and one sister: Gladys Potter.

He is survived by his faithful and loving wife, Fannie (Pelphrey) Burke; three daughters: Linda (Dean) Rogers of Wakeman, Ohio; Betty (Leon) Adkins of Milan, Michigan; and Judy (Dan) Vealey of Belleville, Michigan; one son: Eddie (Lynn) Burke of Norwalk, Ohio. He also leaves 10 grandchildren: Brian Adkins, Billy Maples, Leland Maples, Miranda Maloney, Matthew Maloney, Jamie Burke, Samantha Burke, Daniel Vealey, Jennifer Vealey and Garrett Burke. Four great-grandchildren, one brother: Raymond (Margie) Burke; one sister: Lorene Stanley and countless other family members and dear friends survive.

After growing up in Kentucky, Dad moved to Michigan in 1954 and began working at the Lincoln-Mercury Plant in Wayne, MI. He met Fannie Pelphrey and they were married April 14, 1956. He was transferred to the Ford Plant in Lorain, Ohio in 1959. He retired from Ford Motor Company in 1986 after 32 years of employment.

He joined the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church on July 3, 1982 and was baptized on August 8, 1982. Dad was ordained as a deacon on June 3, 1984. He was very proud to hold this position within the church. Dad and Mom were very active members of the church and fulfilled their duties as deacon and deaconess with great compassion for the sick and shut-in. He was a faithful member of the church and loved to also visit other churches.

Dad loved the outdoors. He enjoyed gardening, gathering black walnuts, woodworking (he built many porch swings), hunting and fishing. When the children were young, we would take family trips to the Norwalk Reservoir to fish and have picnics. The girls would argue over whose turn it was to go hunting with dad and then couldn't wait to get home to hold the rabbit's legs while dad did the skinning and cleaning. While Dad loved all his children, he shared a special bond with Eddie, not only were they father and son, they were "good friends" who would hunt and fish together often. Dad and Eddie had been fishing together October 13, the day before his



Bobby Ray Burke

stroke. Dad also loved his computer, he loved getting and sending e-mails. He enjoyed taking pictures with the digital camera and burning them to disk for many of his church family. He was known to enjoy a good card game of "war" with Garrett, his youngest grandson. Dad had a special pet, Little Red. Although the pet thought it was a lap dog, it was actually a little rooster.

Dad and Mom were visiting Betty in Michigan when he suffered his stroke. Dad was in the hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan and then brought back to Ohio for rehabilitation. He passed away at the Bellevue Hospital in Bellevue, Ohio shortly after 3:00 am on November 1, 2006. The family received a call from the hospital that dad had taken a turn for the worse and we should come right away. Dad passed away shortly before his family arrived. We take comfort in knowing that the nurse said she would stay with dad until we arrived, her name was "Angel".

Dad and Mom had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April 2006 at Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church, where before family and friends they renewed their vows with Brother Larry Newsome officiating. No one except the Lord knew that only 7 short months later, we would gather again at Pleasant View, but this time it would be for Dad's funeral services.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psalms 23

Sadly written by his wife and children

JUNE (THACKER) DAMERON

June Thacker Dameron was born at Nelse, Pike County, KY. On March 10, 1916 and departed this life on November 24, 2006 at Alexius Hospital in Hoffman Estates, IL, making her stay on earth 90 years, 8 months, 14 days.

Mom married Ervin Dameron on January 17, 1935. God blessed this union with 4 children: Donna, Berton, Buford and Joel. Also 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mom was a member of the Greasy Creek Old Regular Baptist Church for over 60 years. After Mom and Dad moved to Chicago she attended Little Ellen Old Regular Baptist Church in Alsip, IL.

Mom was preceded in death by 2 sons: Buford and Joel. Also 2 sisters: Elsie and Florance; and 5 brothers: Theadore, Calvin Allen, Mathew and Hesque.

Mom leaves to mourn her daughter Donna and son Berton; also sister: Stella Stilter of Grundy, VA; and brother Dennis Thacker of Louisville, KY.

Mom is at rest now and not in pain. Hope to meet you in heaven.

Written by son, Berton Dameron



June (Thacker) Dameron

BROTHER ARCHIE GILLMAN

With the help of the Lord we will try to write the obituary of Brother Archie Gillman. He was born January 12, 1935 and went home to be with the Lord December 18, 2006, making his stay on earth 71 years, 11 months and 6 days.

He was born in Pikeville, KY to the late Hiram and Ellie Aldridge Gillman. He was a retired lumber industry laborer, a U.S. Army National Guard Veteran and a member of Maggie's Home Old Regular Baptist Church of Dundas, OH, where he joined May 5, 2002.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Martin of Vinton, OH; two daughters: Maria Kathleen "Kathy" Gillman; and Waneta Ailene and Dwight Crego both of Wellston, OH; a son: Billy



Brother Archie Gillman

Eugene and Lisa Gillman of Hamden, OH; four grandchildren: Amanda, Amy, William and Sarah; two great-grandchildren; three sisters: Peggy Stratton, Bertha and Lester Reed; and Nannie Gillman, all of St. Albans, WV.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah Mae Dorst Gillman; a son, Joseph Archie Gillman; six brothers: Basil, Billy, Ray, Jim, Hi Jr., and Earnest Gillman; also one sister: Vickie Parsons.

Brother Archie met and married Sister Martha Martin. They only had a short time together, but it was a very happy time until Brother Archie got that dreadful news he had cancer.

He loved for the Brothers and Sisters to come and have church for him. Just singing some old time songs and holding prayer for him made him so very happy.

We want to thank the Brothers and Sisters and friends for everything they did to help us through this trying time.

So we'll close by saying sleep on Brother Archie and some sweet, beautiful day we feel we'll meet again where the Lord will wipe all tears from our eyes in that beautiful city forever and ever where all is peace, joy and love.

Written by his sister-in-law, Sister Oma Frasure and his wife, Sister Martha Martin

URIAS HALL

With a sad heart, but a mind full of precious memories, and The Good Lord's Will, we will attempt to write the obituary for Brother Urias Hall.

Urias, or Ricey as he was known, was born in Letcher County, Kentucky on January 25, 1926 to Samp and Minerva Hall. He was married to Estelle Rose on October 28, 1944. He was a veteran of WWII, and a retired coal miner. Dad gave his hand to the Lord at the Little Pearl Church, and placed his letter at Maggie's Home Church. He was baptized by Elder Paris Tackitt and Elder Ivory Sowards, in 1984.

We believe that most will remember Dad by his love of joking and telling stories with all he came in contact with, but there was a serious side to dad when it came to discussing the Bible. Dad loved to talk about the Bible and God, and even in his last days would proudly tell any doctor or nurse that was treating him, that it was not he or she that may be able to help Dad, but it was all up to the Will of the Lord.

After losing Mom in 2004, Dad would tell anyone that he would not be satisfied until he was lying beside "Mother" at the cemetery, as in her last days on earth, he tirelessly tried to help her anyway he could, putting his own pain and suffering aside. Dad loved the old songs, and would pick up a song book and sing a song, and then joke about he couldn't carry a tune in a bucket, but it sounded so beautiful, as it came from the heart.

The last thing Dad said in the evening, as he sat down in his old recliner, never to wake up again, was "Thank you Lord for a wonderful day." And now he lies by Mother. Someday we will all be memories ourselves, and as to what memories we shall be is up to us, based on how we walked on this earth, and the way Dad walked will provide precious memories to us for as long as we are blessed to live.

Sadly missed, Glenda, Elizabeth, Evelyn and Brother Buster Hall



Urias Hall

PEARL AND DORA HAMILTON

I would like to say a few words in memory of our Father and Mother: Pearl and Dora Hamilton. Our Dad Pearl, was born in 1912 to the late William and Maudie Hamilton in East McDowell, Kentucky. In Dad's early years he was a coal miner. Later he moved to Plymouth, Ohio where he retired from Plymouth Locomotive. Our father was small in stature but he had a huge heart. Dad always like to have fun and tell little jokes and loved to make people laugh. He was a loving father whose family was his life. He was always happiest when his family was around him. He enjoyed going to church and always went until he wasn't able to drive anymore. Dad left this earth in June, 1991. We miss Dad greatly but someday, by the Grace of God, we will meet him again on Heaven's bright shore.



Pearl & Dora Hamilton

Our mother, Dora, was born in 1908 to the late George and Inez Tackett. We have so many wonderful memories about Mom. Our mother was a hard working woman. She worked the fields and the garden. She always had the utmost respect for Dad. She took such good care of him. She cooked his food just the way he liked it and stood beside him through all his endeavors. Mom had a light about her that everyone noticed. She took such good care of her family and treated everyone she knew like family. She would cook huge meals just waiting for someone to come over so she could feed them and shower them with her love. Mom had a very special way about her. You always felt better just by being in her presence. She could mend a broken heart by her love. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at McDowell, Kentucky. She would sit around at the Rest Home and sing the old church songs to her friends and say "I want to go home". I do believe Mom is at rest now. Mother left this earth in November, 2006, now she lives at Home with her Heavenly Father which she always talked about so fondly. She would always say "We shall meet them come that Resurrection Morning-God Bless Forever".

The union of Pearl and Dora Hamilton resulted in 6 children. They are: Glenn Hamilton, Betty Sue Short, Andy Hamilton, Danny Hamilton, Pearl Hamilton Jr. and Catherine Ellis. Their legacy lives on through the lives of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We shall never forget Mom and Dad. Their memory will live on in our hearts forever. Dora previously has three children: Pauline, Eugene and Verbal. Her first husband passed away at an early age.

In Loving Memory to two magnificent people.

Written by their son, Elder Danny Hamilton

DARLENE "DOLL" HICKS

It is with great sadness and a broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of a very special lady. She was not only my mom, but my best friend. Mom was born December 17, 1942, in Harman, Virginia, to James Walter and Canzaty (Deel) Yates. On August 2, 2006, at 9:50 pm, Mom lost her battle with cancer. Her soul took a heavenly flight, to rest in the paradise of God; making her stay on this earth, 63 years, 7 months and 16 days. She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters: Sarah Yates, Irene Conaway Stiltner, and Zella Coleman; and three brothers: Ervin Yates, James Walter Yates, Jr. and Gobel Yates.

At a young age, Mom became concerned about the welfare of her soul, and began to beg the Lord for forgiveness. The Lord heard my Mom's cries, and on July 31, 1961, she was baptized into the Old Regular Baptist family where she spent the rest of her life honoring and serving the Lord. I can remember the joy that she had when we would go to church and have a good meeting. She loved for company



Darlene "Doll" Hicks

to come home with us to eat dinner or spend the weekend. One of Mom's special gifts was the way she made everyone that came to our house, feel welcome and loved.

On February 29, 1964 in Harman, Virginia, she married the man she loved, Elder Raymond Russell Hicks. To this union, God granted two sons: Sean Hicks, Cromwell, Indiana; and Tim Hicks, Kendallville, Indiana. Mom was a devoted wife and mother; she would do anything we asked of her if she could.

Mom loved spending time with family and friends, but especially the time she spent playing with her grandchildren, Tanner and Cassidy. Mom's great passion besides her family, and serving the Lord was doing flower arrangements. One of her dreams finally came true when she and her sister-in-law Sandy, opened their own flower shop. Mom enjoyed every minute of working with flowers, and meeting new people. Mom never saw a stranger. She was quick to smile, and her personality just shined; making everyone around her feel special.

Our lives will never be the same without her. It is a great comfort, knowing that her pain and suffering has ended, and that she is at rest with the Lord. One day, all who are right with God, will see her in that heavenly home walking the streets of gold.

We are very thankful to everyone who was with us, during our time of pain and sorrow, whether in person or in spirit. Each and everyone was a great comfort to us.

Written by her son, Tim Hicks

GLEN HOBBS

It is with a sad and aching heart we will try to write this obituary of my loving husband and father. He was born in Pike County, Kentucky on January 2, 1943 to Ergel and Gertrude Hobbs, who preceded him in death along with his brothers Clayton and Tylden.

He is survived by his wife Florence Hobbs who he married on December 1, 1962 and to this union was born one son, Larry Glen Hobbs, daughter-in-law Christine and one grandson Kevin. He had two brothers, Clifton and Carl Edwards. He also had three sisters, Silva Jean, Florence Eleanor and Kathy Sue. He had a host of nephews and nieces and lots of friends who will miss him dearly.

Glen dearly loved his brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. He loved to go to church and we often went with brother Hobert and sister Sarah. Glen would stand in the door waiting for Brother Hobert on Sunday morning. He was a good husband and father. He was so sick, but he wanted to hold on until his son came home from Washington. They had a few good days together at the end and they will be good memories to hold on to. He loved his son with all his heart.

He loved the song "I am a Winner Either Way" and told me one day he was looking up and he said "this sure is a beautiful place." Glen was a "Winner Either Way". The doctors told him when he first discovered the cancer and said that he had about six months to live, but the Lord gave him two years so that he could go to church and serve the Lord. We want to thank God for all our precious memories. He would be so happy when the brothers and sisters came to see him. We will miss him every day and we believe our loss is Heaven's gain. Revelation 14:13 "Then I heard a voice from Heaven saying to me, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works to follow them.

The family would like to thank all who came and visited with Glen and his family during his sickness and departing from this life and all who have bestowed acts of kindness upon them. God Bless You All.

Written by his sad and broken-hearted wife, Florence



Glen Hobbs

DELMA ISAAC

With the help of God, I will try to fulfill a request to write the obituary of our dear Mother, sister, aunt, friend and Sister in the Lord, which she was all of this to me.

Delma Isaac was born in Bevinville, KY to the late Mart and Lizzie Thornsberry in the year 1925; she passed this life August 28, 2006, making her stay 80 years on this earth. She met and married Sylvester Isaac, her love in this life 53 years ago. To this union was born one little boy Randall and one little girl LaDonna.

Delma was preceded in death by her husband Sylvester; parents, one sister: Ivilean Brown of Shelby, OH; and one baby brother Luther. She left to mourn: son Rondall Isaac; daughter and son-in-law, LaDonna and Denny Greszler, all of Wakeman, OH; one brother and sister-in-law: Buel and Judy Thornsberry of Shelby, OH; sister Sarah Thornsberry; sister and brother-in-law: Thelma and Crawford Thornsberry; brother-in-law: Charles Brown, all of Shelby, OH; sister and brother-in-law: Imilee and Remus Amburgey of Hager Hill, KY; sister Louise and late Eugene Hall of Kite, KY. Along with many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.

I, the writer have known Delma for 45 years or so. She was a mother, housewife, a good cook, a good gardener and a very good friend to me. She was a virtuous, honest, truthful and a God fearing woman. We would have long talks on the phone, Saturday mornings was our time. She told me she felt God forgave her of her sins years ago but she passed the opportunity to join the Church and be baptized. She said things kept hindering her until finally the desire just passed. When she was told she had cancer she knew time was running out so she started thinking back over her life and realized she had left something out and undone. If God would just give her another chance she wanted to be baptized because so many times she left church not doing what God had given her a mind to do. So, about seven months or so before she passed she came to church and when I saw her I myself had just had surgery and she said "Oh Hazel, are you going to be able to go to the water with me because I dreamed last night that you led me to the water?" Of course I was able to do that and thank God she was buried in the liquid grave to show the world, her brother and sisters and everyone what God had done for her. She took her membership to The Little Rebecca Church. She was only able to come to church 4-5 times.

As I write this a song came to my mind, "Sister, thou was mild and lovely, gentle as the summer breeze, pleasant as the air of evening as it floats among the trees."

Delma told me a lot about her life and how she had tried to live and raise her children the way God would be pleased with her. I believe she bore her fruits well. She was to all who knew her love, joy, peace, long suffering, and gentle, good, faithful, meek and kind. No, she was not perfect but who is?

The last time I visited her that she was conscious enough to know I was there, I was standing over her bed when she woke up and I asked her, "Do you have any dreams?" She shook her head yes. She so softly said "Jesus came to eat supper with me and there was a man with him, they looked just alike." I thought to myself Father and The Son just sleep on sister won't be long until that will come to pass. You will soon awaken and he will be feasting with you in that beautiful flower garden. I told her "Just hang on to Jesus and remember our song I'm a winner either way." She reached and got my hand and kissed it, I'll never forget that gentle kiss.

To the Thornsberry family, she loved you and remember God loves you to. The night is far spent, the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light.

Rondall and LaDonna, I know things will never be the same for you but all of the good memories you have is one gift of God that death can't destroy. God will reward you for all the loving



Delma Isaac

care you gave your mom. By the grace of God you can go where I believe she has gone. You also can rejoice and sing around the throne of God with Jesus and that life will never end. May God bless you.

Written by her buddy, Sister Hazel Pullum

ADA MARIE JOHNSON

It is with a sad and broken heart we will try and write the obituary of our dear loved one, Ada Marie Johnson.

Marie was born May 21, 1944 to Earl Jones and Lenoria Johnson Jones in Johnson County, Kentucky, who preceded her in death. She had three sisters: Geneva Campbell, Barbara Cooper-Riter, and Donetta Ramey; and one brother: Charles (Ray) Jones, who also preceded her. One brother: Grady Jones, remains to mourn her passing. Ada Marie married Joseph Johnson, February 1985 and to this union was born one son: Joseph Bryan Johnson of Middleburg, FL.

Ada Marie worked at being the best registered nurse that Orange Park Medical Center had for over 21 years. Marie loved her Old Regular Baptist Church family. She loved to go to church and worship God as long as she was able. Marie suffered breast cancer in 2001 and again in 2002, a stroke in 2005, and lung cancer in 2005. Her battle with cancer came to an end on March 31, 2007 when God saw that she needed rest and called her home, where she has no more pain or sorrow.

Written by her loving husband Joseph Johnson and stepdaughter Deidria Brewer



Ada Marie Johnson

MAGALINE M. LITTLE

Sister Magaline Little was born the daughter of Elbert and Rosie (Nolen) Griffith April 25, 1936 in Floyd County, Kentucky and passed away on January 6, 2007 at the age of 70 at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. She is survived by her husband Tanzle Little of Pike County, Kentucky, born May 27, 1925 whom she married September 2, 2001 and resides in Lincoln Park, MI.

Sister Magaline enjoyed quilting, crocheting, coloring, and being outside working in the garden. Most all she loved the Lord and attending the Mt. Olive Church of the Old Regular Baptist. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her sisters: Carrie, Sally, Marzellas and Nancy. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband John Moore and her brothers and sisters.

Sister Magaline joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in the late 1950's and was a member of the Mt. Olive Church and a very faithful servant of the Lord and she loved to rejoice and shout the Praises of God. She certainly was not ashamed to own the Lord. She would let you know without hesitation who was her Master.

Written by her broken-hearted husband, Tanzle Little



Magaline M. Little

CAROL ANN (VARNEY) MAHON

"Ties grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home."

Autumn reminds us of the passage of time, the end of the season. Sister Carol came to the end of her 64 years here on earth on November 14, 2006, at the Elyria Memorial Hospital, Elyria, Ohio. She began her journey "Home" in September 1974. She had never been to Heaven, but she called it "Home."

God said He would do all the dying, sacrificing, saving, regenerating, and renewing if we would only receive Him by grace through faith and be saved. Sister Carol obeyed the Spirit and received salvation. *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."* (Titus 3:5-7). Sister Carol was baptized in September 1974 by Elders Ivan Amburgey and Chuck Keesee and was a member at Pleasant View Baptist Church, in Litchfield, Ohio, for 32 years. Sister Carol and I worked together many times doing church projects there.

Carol was born to the late Leatha (Preston) Varney and James Varney on April 30, 1942 in Mingo County, West Virginia. She has the following siblings: Estella Chancellor of Flint, MI; Rudolph Varney of Greensboro, NC; Homer Varney of Dingess, WV; James Varney of Circleville, OH; and Ralph Varney of Florida. A sister Betty Slone and three infant siblings preceded her in death.

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. So it was with Sister Carol. She enjoyed doing for others and giving to others. She was always ready to tell anyone she belonged to the Lord, and church was one of her most enjoyable times.

Sister Carol met and married Robert Mahon, enjoying 44 years together; through good times and hard times they laughed, they cried, and they shared many years of work on behalf of Robbie and Jill. Sister Carol and Rob were blessed to have three children: James Robert (Terri) Mahon of Oberlin, OH; Kristella who died shortly after her birth in 1978; and Jill Mahon of Wellington, OH. Her pride and joy was one grandchild, Tyler Mahon. Carol also took in foster children when she was younger and more able to care for them, all from a kind and loving heart. What we have in our hearts shows on our faces!

I met Sister Carol when they lived in Brunswick; they later moved to Grafton and then to Wellington, OH. We became very close friends and sisters in Christ. We went many places together, spent a lot of days out, doing whatever we wanted to. We even flew to Texas for a short vacation together at my daughter's home. She wouldn't tell me how scared she was of flying until we got back home. It was not unusual for her to call me four or five times a day. She was so much fun!

Then her body, especially her eyesight, began to fail from diabetes — her kidneys, her heart, a stroke — and all that takes its toll on one's health. She worried so much about Jill and prayed so many times for God to allow her to live to see Jill grown. God answered that prayer! Most of all, her greatest desire was that Rob, Robbie, Terri, Jill, and Tyler would also make heaven their home someday.

Even though Sister Carol never came out of ICU the two weeks after her heart surgery, God instead took her out of her pain and suffering. He knows when, where, and how and always does what is best. He is in control!

Faith became sight, darkness was turn to light, and joy was waiting on Tuesday as the angels came to get her. "though now you see Him not, yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. (1 Peter 1:8)

From all her family: thanks and appreciation to all the ministers, brothers, sisters, and friends of the church. Thanks also to the Blackburn-Duke Funeral Home in Grafton who delivered her



Carol Ann (Varney) Mahon

body to the River Road Cemetery in Lagrange Township to wait for that day when the clouds will open up and her new glorious body will go "Home." Special thanks to her second family for the last twenty years — Emery and Sister Barb Keithley — who have stood by her year after year.

To Rob, Robbie, Terri, Jill, Tyler: a big change has entered into your lives, you feel empty, and you feel alone. There is no one to you like a Christian wife, mother, and grandmother. God has a healing love which can make you whole with His healing Spirit. Give your burdens to the Lord. "whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) Trust in the Lord from your heart. He loves each one of you.

One night last week the Lord brought Sister Carol to me in a dream. She was so beautiful, so healthy, wearing the most beautiful dress, and a Light surrounded her that I had never seen before and cannot explain. She didn't speak; she just stood there and smiled. Grace has taken her home where all is love, joy and peace fulfilling a promise to all God's children who have been washed in His blood. We're heaven born and heaven bound!

To her family: cherish the memories which no one can take from you. Miss her a little but let her go, and get ready to join her in her heavenly Home. May God bless each one of you!

Written by a friend for many years and a sister in Christ, Sister Marjorie Slone Gibson

OPAL METHENEY

It is with sadness and tears and the help of my good Lord I will try and write the obituary of Opal Metheney.

She was born April 14, 1929 to the late Sammy and Julia Runyon Marcum. She was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert Metheney, two brothers and three sisters. She passed away April 20, 2007. Surviving are two sons: Dick (Bev) Metheney of Piketon, OH; Tom (Patty) Metheney of Wilkesville, OH; two daughters: Darlene (Bob) Steele of Sunbury; and Janet (Mike) Kuhn of Columbus. Five grandchildren: Brandy Metheney of Vinton, OH; Emily and Katie Kuhn of Columbus; and Nathan and Tanner Metheney of Wilkesville; four sisters: Lucy Maynard, Ernestine Clay, Shirley Parsley, Evalou Lawson.



Opal Metheney

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1957 and was a faithful member at the Little Flock Church until her death. Sister Opal was truly a light to the world. She loved to see her brothers and sisters come to visit. She would always have a big smile for them. She always told the family and the brothers who laid hands on her she wanted the good Lord's will to be done.

Sister Opal had brain cancer and was in a lot of pain, but she is at rest, waiting for the resurrection, when we can all go home where there will be no more pain, sorrow or death.

Written by her sister in hope, Sister Evalou Lawson

FRANCES MILLER

With the help of the Good Lord, I will try to write an obituary for my dear sweet grandmother and sister in the Lord. I think everyone knew her as Granny. But, to me she was my Mammaw. She moved here from Kentucky when I was about 10. After a few years, she moved into a trailer right beside our house and lived there until she passed away on Friday, July 13, making her stay here on earth 87 years, 5 months and 4 days.

Mammaw was born on February 9, 1920 to the late Clay and Ellen Sexton Moore. She was married to her first husband Frank Stephens and to this union was born 8 children: Dolores Collins, Plymouth, OH; Magdeline Wright, Prestonsburg, KY; Agnes May Stephens, deceased; Ray (Charlotte) Stephens, Willard, OH; Michael (Francis) Stephens, Willard, OH; Ashland (Jewel) Stephens, Hager Hill, KY; Frank (Kathy) Stephens Jr., Dry Creek, KY; James Stephens of Plymouth, OH. And, to her second husband, Alfred Miller was born Lee (Tammy) Miller of Newman, GA.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first and second husband, two sisters and one daughter.

She loved to piece quilt tops together, working in her flowers and putting a good meal on her table for her family. She was a member of the Little Rebecca Church and loved to go to church any chance that she would get. I remember growing up, she would always help mom and dad raise a garden, which meant we had to get out and help every time the garden was worked. She would come hollering through the house, let's get out there and get those weeds out of the garden before they take it over. Of course, we would all come dragging out of bed to go help. I remember her coming every morning to have coffee with dad. She would say, "Why don't you get up and talk to us for a while?" And, of course, I would every time.

She always looked forward to this time of year because for several years, we would have a family reunion and everyone would try to come. She loved to see everyone come. It was the highlight of her summer to get to spend a little quality time with her family.

Mammaw enjoyed her life and lived a wonderful life with very little sickness. She was blessed to raise 8 wonderful children who gave her lots of grandchildren and several great grandchildren. She worked hard to raise her family. There are so many things that I could tell you about her and the life that she lived, but I believe that she would want me to tell you all about Jesus and His Good Works. She knew that repentance had to come to everyone. Without repentance you cannot be saved. If she could speak back to her family, she would tell each and everyone of us, "If you don't repent, you won't see what it looks like in my new home. Heaven, sweet Heaven, I am home at last."

The last few years of her life she had failing health. But, she will never have to worry about being short of breath or in any pain again. She will be resting under the altar of God until our Father chooses to step off His throne of Glory and call His children home. No canes or walkers will be found in Heaven. She will be skipping down the streets of gold and sitting down to a full meal with Jesus. You better get your ticket and be ready to go. Friday, when mammaw breathed her last sign of breath it was one of the most Glorious days for her. A few days before she closed her eyes for the last time, she told my mom that she saw Angels. She spoke of seeing her Aunt Crissie and Aunt Josey. Mom asked her if she wanted to go be with the angels and if she did, it would be ok. I believe those angels came and carried her home shouting the praises of God. Her days of suffering are over.

Aunt Maggie, I know you made her last days here on earth more comfortable by coming to stay with her and bringing her home from the nursing home. Charlotte, Jewel, Frances, Kathy and Tammy, you all will never know what it meant to her and her children for you to be there to help



Frances Miller

take care of her. The Lord will bless each and everyone of you for each drop of water that you carried to His Blessed Little Child.

Sleep on Mammaw, take your rest. We will soon meet again.

I love you, your granddaughter and sister in the Lord, Sister Lorna

CORNIA OSBORNE MONK

"A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth." Ecclesiastes 7:1

Cornia Osborne Monk was born August 4, 1910 in Wales of Pike County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Glenn Dolphus and Martha Jane Tackett Osborne. She passed into the care of her Heavenly Father on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at the Kenwood Richmond Health and Rehabilitation Center in Richmond, Kentucky after a lengthy illness.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Ernie Monk; a son, Hubert Daniel Hall; a brother, Robert Osborne; and 2 sisters: Etta Osborne Jones and Myrtle Osborne Ray. She was buried on Thursday, December 7, 2006 with her family in the Allard Ray Cemetery in Virgie, Kentucky. She is survived by one grandson, Danny (Margie) Biliter; two great-granddaughters: Rachael and Rose Biliter of Richmond, Kentucky; daughter-in-law: Billie Sue Marrs Biliter of Winchester, Kentucky; a niece: Geraldine Jones (Charles) Holsinger of Greenup, Kentucky; two nephews: Johnny (Kathy) Ray of Parkersburg, West Virginia; and Jimmy (Evelyn) Jones of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Cornia graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1956 with a degree in education. She spent 34 years teaching the elementary children that she loved both in eastern Kentucky and Michigan. On a glorious day in late fall of 1964, November 8, Cornia gave her hand to be baptized into the Little Ida Church and was a faithful member for many years. She moved back to Kentucky later in her life and lived the rest of her days there. Sister Cornia surely had a "good name" amongst all of her church family and natural family as well. Her family and all who were privileged to know her will sadly miss her.

Lovingly submitted by her niece, Geraldine Holsinger and Sister Debbie Caudill



Cornia Osborne Monk

JAMES EDWARD MULLINS

Born December 15, 1923 in Pike County at Lookout, Kentucky to Celia and Troy Mullins. He was the oldest of 10 children. He married Christine Green of Venters, Kentucky in 1943. They had 3 children: a daughter Burma Jo Boyer of Columbus, Ohio; a son: Danny D. Mullins of Arizona; and a son: Roddie D. Mullins of Florida. They have 5 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. James was wounded in France while serving in the U.S. Army in WW2.

James joined the Little Angel Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized July 28, 1985. He was ordained as Deacon on March 28, 1992.

James loved working with wood and took a course in carpentry at the Mayo State Vocational School in Paintsville, Kentucky in 1953. He later moved his family to Columbus, Ohio and worked as a carpenter until he retired. He loved going to church and worshipping with everyone.

When he was diagnosed with lung cancer he wanted to stay at home. Our daughter and I told him we would do our best for him as long as he lived. She moved in with us and oh what a blessing she was. The boys didn't get to come very often, living so far away, but they came as often as



James Edward Mullins

they could and called often. Everyone was so supportive: neighbors, friends, brothers and sisters, with their many lovely prayers, calls and visits. Brothers from church came and held prayer and sang the good old songs we love to hear.

The time came when hospice had to be called in but God was our main source of strength and He never let us down. With His guidance, hospice was able to keep James' pain under control and we didn't have to see him suffer a lot.

We realize our loss is Heaven's gain and there will be no parting there. We're here today and gone tomorrow, that's the way our life is. We wouldn't wish him back to this world, though we miss him terribly.

By his loving wife and family

LULIE BURKE TAYLOR OSBORNE

My Mother entered the world on April 27, 1931 and was called to home to rest in peace on October 13, 2006. She joined the Little Angel Church when she was in her early thirties and served the Lord for over 40 years. She truly felt "blessed" to serve the Lord and tried to show everyone whose life she touched that if you had God on your side everything would work out, maybe not the way you thought it would but we aren't always right in how we think things should be, only God knows for sure. She was about loving, trusting people and keeping promises made. Not everyone kept promises they made to her, but that is their cross to bear. She was energetic and always busy trying to make every minute count whether she was going to church, cooking or raising a garden to share the bounty that God saw fit to give her.



Lulie Burke Taylor Osborne

Sadly missed by her family

LEON PARRIGAN

In the early morning hours on Monday, November 27, 2006, our loving father, Leon Parrigan fell asleep in the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at his home in Plymouth, Ohio while his loving companion lay sleeping close at his side. Dad had been sick for a long time with heart and lung problems, but for the entire year of 2006 had battled the shingles virus. Besides his loving companion, he leaves behind 6 broken-hearted children to mourn his loss.

Dad was born in the Eastern hills of Wayland, Kentucky to McKinley and Lula Mae (Viers) Parrigan who preceded him in death. He had three sisters and 5 brothers, with all preceding him in death except one, Samuel (Patty) Parrigan of Shelby.



Leon Parrigan

Dad married mom (Geneva Blanton) on May 27, 1950. They were married exactly 56 years and 6 months. The only person that they loved more than each other was the Lord. Also left to mourn are his six loving children: Kathy Sue (Timothy) Kilgore of Willard; Deborah Lynn (Nicholas) Bowling of Mansfield; Patricia Ann (Harold) of Indiana; Dona Lee (Edward) Wolfgang; and twin sons, Terry Leon and Timothy Lee Parrigan of Plymouth. Dad and Mom set a wonderful example before us on how to raise our families in a loving home with values. They always put God first. Dad also had 11 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Dad and Mom babysat for Terry's little girl, Vanessa (Sissy). She misses Dad very much and she helps Mom occupy her time. She'll tell you that papaw is in heaven.

Dad loved his family very much. Mom would cook a big country breakfast and Dad would call all of us to come home to breakfast. Mom and Dad had an open door policy. Sometimes 2 or

3 of us would stay all night at a time. Dad would have bible class time where he would read to us and explain scriptures in the bible. When Debi and I were in College we had Religion classes and we always went to Dad to help us with our homework. Dad's heart and mind was always on Jesus and going to Heaven. In his last days he'd tell us "I'm going to die and it's sooner than you think, but the worst part is getting down to the river and best part is Jesus will be there to help me to the other side." A few days before Dad died he saw Jesus. He was sitting up in his bed and he pointed up in the air and said "I see Jesus and he's coming after me, do you see him?" I told him I didn't and Dad seemed disappointed because I couldn't see him. I explained to him that it wasn't meant for me to see him because Jesus was coming for him and not for me. He said, "Don't you want to go to Heaven, Sis?" I told him I did but it wasn't my time, it was his time. Dad saw Jesus several times in the next few days before he finally took him. We miss him so much. He was Mom's life and she was his life. Dad was the center of his children's lives. We loved him so much. We took family trips together and just going to Church with Dad would please him. Our hearts will forever have an empty place that can never fill and Mom will never be the same again because half her life is gone.

Dad loved to go to church. Being ordained as a deacon was a great privilege for Dad and he looked forward to serving the Church. Mom and Dad visited the area Nursing Homes and they enjoyed serving God. Dad's illness slowly rendered him homebound. Thank God for the loyal brothers that never forgot Dad. He loved Brother Lon Beverly like a brother. Brother Lon, Brother Buddy Carty, Brother Delmas Hall, Brother Danny Carty, and Brother Marty Carty were regular visitors to see Dad. Brother Delmas Hall, Brother Joe Gibson and Brother Phillip Beverly visited Dad weekly and he loved to hear them sing the old songs of Zion and preach and hold prayer. Dad received many blessings from the Lord in his own little home when the brothers would visit. Many members came to see Dad (I can't name them all) and they would hold prayer and sing songs that would help Dad get through the pain of the day. He loved the brothers and sisters so much. When he'd get in pain so bad he would say, "Call brother Lon". Dad's children learned to sing and pray out loud with Dad to try and help him through one more painful minute. Helping Dad pray and sing was the only way we could get his attention off his pain until we could give him pain medicine. Terry learned to sing really well and that pleased Dad so much. Terry would come and help with dad before he went to work. It was really hard seeing Dad in so much pain. Sometimes we'd have to go out of Dad's room and cry on each other's shoulders until we could compose ourselves enough to go back into his room.

Dad always had the Lord on his mind, no matter how much pain he was in. He loved the Lord and he wanted to go to Heaven to be with Jesus. When Dad died, I could hardly stand the thought of him being buried in the cold ground. One night I dreamed about Dad, he told me I had to let him go. He told me his soul was in Heaven and it was such a beautiful place. He said he was with Jesus and we could all be with him again someday. He told me his grave was only a place to hold his body because his spirit wasn't there anyone. I believe that dream has helped me deal with Dad being in that grave, but I still miss him very much.

Mom's heart is broken and she longs for the day that she can join Dad in that heavenly home. My sisters and brothers are heart-broken and miss Dad so very much. We are very thankful that we were raised by the parents that we had. Dad wanted us to take care of Mom and we will do our best to honor that request until she goes to be with him in the eternal home.

Dad's Memorial Service will be preached on November 18, 2007 at the Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth, Ohio. Please come and be with us in a last tribute to our loving husband, father, and dedicated servant of the Lord.

Written at the request of my Mother, Sister Geneva Parrigan,
Dad's oldest daughter, Kathy Kilgore

ALPHA RATLIFF

It is with a heavy heart that I write the obituary of my Dear mother, Alpha Ratliff. Mommy was born to the late Heen and Ella Castle Bowling in Pike County, KY, Nov. 1, 1916. On Oct. 19, 1933 she married Flain Ratliff. To this union four daughters were born: Georgia, Jetta, Etta and Wanda.

Mommy was always a very religious person. On the third Saturday in Dec. 1940, she joined the Caney Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. It was here she remained a faithful member until her death.

Mommy and daddy moved to Logan, WVA in 1948 and lived there until 1951. At that time we moved to Toledo, OH. Mommy worked several years as a waitress. In 1968 she went to work at St. Vincent Hospital in the Dietary Dept. She retired in 1974 as an Assistant Supervisor.

In 1974 my parents moved to Galipolis, OH, due to daddy's health. They enjoyed living there, and on March 20, 1978 mommy lost the love of her life. In 1991 she moved back to Rossford, OH.

Mommy's church away from her home church was the Rose of Sharon Old Regular Baptist Church in S. Rockwood, MI. It was here she felt at home, by the way the members treated her by their love and kindness. She loved them all, just as they loved her. We shall always be grateful for the visits and prayers you bestowed on behalf of our dear mother. Most of visits you made, she didn't know you were there. We believe in our hearts she heard the old time songs and the prayers that you were blessed to give.

In August 2005 mommy went into the Harbor Side of Perrysburg Nursing Home. It was here she remained until Nov. 2, 2006, one day after her 90th birthday. We feel and believe the angels came and carried her soul into the arms of Jesus, and there in that good land she will never be sick, lonely or worried. Mommy didn't have many material things while here on earth, yet she was rich in the Lord. Always letting her light shine all to the glory and honor of God.

Mommy is survived by three daughters: Georgia Dempsey, Walbridge, OH; Jetta (Howard) Westfall, Rossford, OH; and Etta Moore, Perrysburg, OH. Two stepbrothers: Hillard Newsome of Louisville, KY; Homer Newsome of Grundy, VA. One sister: Mary D. Little of Perrysburg, OH. Two stepsisters: Dixie Looney of Pikeville, KY; and Nadine Tackett of Louisville, KY. Thirteen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren and eleven great-great grandchildren. Plus the red headed, blue eyed great-great granddaughter she kept telling us was coming, but she didn't get to see.

Mommy was preceded in death by her parents, daddy and baby Wanda, also two sons-in-law: Gene Moore and Roy Dempsey, Jr. Her sisters: Virgie Mullins, Stella Gibson and Myrtle Ratliff; two brothers: Earlie Smith and John L. Bowling. Also her stepmother, Ella Kiser, who she treated and loved as a real mother.

Mommy was taken back to her beloved mountains in Pike County. Now she sleeps with our father in the Johnson Memorial Park, beneath the shade of the tall, lovely trees, awaiting the glorious resurrection morning, at which time we hope to meet you there in God's beautiful garden. Until then we will miss you, and memories of you will comfort we that remain.

With love and precious memories, Daughter and Sister in Christ, Georgia,
and granddaughter Mary



Alpha Ratliff

HARGUS SALISBURY

Hargus Salisbury age 79 years old went home to be with his Lord on June 23, 2007 at Foote Hospital. He passed on to Heaven peacefully, surrounded by his family at his side.

He was born the son of Togie and Minnie (Howard) Salisbury on June 13, 1928 in Langley, Kentucky. On November 18, 1950 he married Juanita Vanderpool and she survives. Hargus was a simple man that believed in honesty and respect for one another. He enjoyed the country life, hunting and gardening and his birdhouses, which he painted with his own special touch. Most of all, Hargus loved the Lord and his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He leaves to cherish his memory, his kind and loving wife Juanita; and his children: Peggy Honaker of Jackson, Michigan; Ricky (Teresa) Salisbury and Toby (Patti) Salisbury of Munith, Michigan as well as his grandchildren: Neal, Kevin, Angie, Nicky, Stephanie, Toby Jr., CeeCee, Rob, Nicki, Brandon, Tyler, Jake, Ritchie and Cassidy. Also surviving are his great-grandchildren: Madison Rose, Brenda, Cameron and Devin; as well as his sisters: Sally Bowen of Plant City, Florida; Dora King of Baltimore, Maryland; and Joyce Wroten of West Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son Dickie and one infant daughter Vickie; one grandson Ricky Jr., brothers: Sam, Togie, Jr., Jim and one infant brother, as well as his sister Rebecca Conley. He always looked forward to the weekend when he could go to church and be with his beloved brothers and sisters. He loved to hear them preach the Bible and most of all have peace with one another and love. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist. He was a member of the Mt. Olive Church. He is not in any pain now. If he could speak he would tell them to get ready to come home and live with Jesus.



Hargus Salisbury

Written with love and broken-hearted family

INEZ SHORT

Inez Short of Laurel, Indiana died at the age of 91 at the Brookville Healthcare Center in Brookville, Indiana on Christmas Day, December 25, 2006.

She was born on April 13, 1915, in Mallie, Kentucky, the daughter of R.B. Reynolds and Polly Ann Honeycutt Reynolds.

She was married to Henry C. Short in 1937. They moved their family to Laurel, Indiana in 1950 where she raised their seven children. She spent her life a devoted wife, mother and homemaker. She was a member of the Little Children's Home Church. She enjoyed spending time with the children, tending to her plants and flowers, and singing hymns in her rocking chair. Survivors include five sons and daughters-in-law: Randolph and Betty Short of Russellspoint, Ohio; Taulbee and Ann Short of Laurel, Indiana; Radford and Mryl Short of Columbus, Ohio; Gervose and Karen Short of Brookville, Indiana; Ollie Wonder and Joannie Short of Cincinnati, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law: Kathryn Sweet of Troy, Michigan; and Donna Joy and Jeff Korner of West Harrison, Indiana; four sisters: Lottie Short of Everton, Indiana; Atha Mae Brandies of Nashville, Tennessee; Ruby Maggard of Mallie, Kentucky; and Harriett Pridemore of Hindman, Kentucky; 19 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Henry and brothers: Burnice, Carlos, and Ollie Wonder Reynolds.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, December 28, 2006 at Cook Funeral Home in Brookville, Indiana. Funeral service was Friday, December 29 at the Little Children's Home Church in Laurel,



Inez Short

Indiana, officiated by Brother Zee Holbrook followed by burial in the church cemetery with sons, grandsons and son-in-law as pallbearers.

Grandma is missed by many and so we must follow the path of our Lord so that we might be with her again in Heaven.

My First Christmas in Heaven

*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sign is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear
But the sounds of music can't compare
with the Christmas choir up there
I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.
I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart,
But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.*

*So be happy for me, loved ones, you know I hold you dear.
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I sent you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above,
I sent you each a memory of my undying love,
After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold,
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.
Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do.
For I can't count the blessings he has for each of you.
So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.*

Author Unknown

LOTTIE SHORT

Lottie Short, 86, of Connersville, passed away at her Everton home on Saturday, April 14, 2007.

Lottie was born December 1, 1920, in Mallie, Kentucky. She was the daughter of R.B. and Polly Ann Honeycutt Reynolds, both of whom preceded her in death.

On April 4, 1945, she was married to Robert (Birchel) Short in Whitesburg, Kentucky. He passed away May 13, 1992.

Lottie was a member of the Little Children's Home Old Regular Baptist Church. A great cook, Lottie's raspberry dumplings were famous among her family and friends. She also enjoyed hand sewing, raising a garden, working in her flowers, spending time with her grandchildren, visiting with her friends and having company.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Robbie and Gene Worley of Connersville; a son, Stanley D. Short of Connersville; five grandchildren: C. Daniel (Beverly) Friend, Dean R. (Tonya) Friend, Bette Jo Hones and her fiancé, Carl North; Luann (Adam) Gatti; and Andrew (Jodi) Short; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters: Mae Brandies of Antioch, Tennessee; Ruby Maggard and Harriett Pridemore, both of Mallie, Kentucky; and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind two dear friends, Margaret Bentley and June Hobson.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Keith Short; four brothers: Burnice, Carlos, Joe, and Ollie Reynolds; and two sisters: Inez Short and Gertrude Reynolds.



Lottie Short

SYLVIA TUTTLE

With the help of the Lord and in loving memory, I will try to write the obituary of Sylvia Tuttle.

Sylvia was born on February 11, 1942 in Floyd County, Kentucky to the late William and Mary (Tackett) Newsome. She left us to be with the Lord on October 25, 2006 at the age of 64.

Sylvia is survived by her husband, Holly Tuttle, whom she married on March 25, 1958. 3 sons and daughters-in-laws: Holly and Joan Tuttle of Bellevue, Ohio; Calvin and Peggy Tuttle of Westland, Michigan; and Timothy and Lynn Tuttle of Willard, Ohio. She also leaves behind 8 beloved grandchildren: Rachele, Calvin Randall, Sean, Taylor, Sommer, Jacob, Brooke, and Brittany Tuttle; 2 brothers, 5 sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.



Sylvia Tuttle

In addition to her parents, 4 brothers and 2 sisters preceded her in death.

Sylvia's first love was the Lord. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for the past 37 years.

She embraced the love she received from the Lord and shined her light for her family as well as her brothers and sisters in the church. In addition to cooking many Sunday dinners for her fellow brothers and sisters, she poured her heart into being a devoted and loving wife and mother.

Sylvia always put her husband of 48 years and her sons ahead of herself. Her love was so great for her family that you knew it could have only come from heaven above.

To Holly: I know it will be hard, but you will not be alone. You have the love of God, great memories, and a loving family.

To the boys: In life Mom showed you a loving and forgiving nature. Follow her example; love and forgive each other, trust in the Lord and meet Mom in the morning.

*Left behind, the children's tears
Loving memories of the years
Of joy and love, a life well spent
And now to God a mother's sent.
On angel's wings a heavenly flight*

*the journey home towards the light.
To those who weep, a life is gone
But in God's love, tis but the dawn.*

A loving daughter-in-law, Peggy Tuttle

OBITUARIES

FRIENDS OF THE N.N.S.A.

MANDY LOUVINA (COLEMAN) ADKINS

I feel very sad, but honored to write the obituary of our sister Mandy Louvina Coleman Adkins. She was known to most as "Blue". Mandy was born March 29, 1936 and departed this life June 16, 2006, making her stay here on earth 70 years, 2 months and 18 days. She was the daughter of Elder Willie E. Coleman and Sally Ann Thacker Coleman. She was born and raised on Wolfpit Creek in Pike County, KY. Early in her life she met and wed Eugene Adkins. To this union was born one son, Michael Eugene Sr. Gene preceded her in death on September 18, 2002.

Mandy leaves to mourn her loss: Michael Eugene Adkins Sr. (Sue); 3 grandchildren: Michael Jr. (Jennifer); Jimmy and Stephanie (Matt); 5 great-grandchildren: Cody, Austin, Caleb, Deanna and Zachary; one sister: Liza Pearl (Orville); 3 brothers: Elder Bill Coleman, Brother James David Coleman and Albert Coleman.

Mandy was also preceded in death by 6 brothers: Lanta, Arnold, Opie, Charlie, Paul, and John H. Coleman; 2 sisters: Wanda Ann Hylton and Aliphair Coleman.

Blue worked for Brode Cleaners, Cardinal Maintenance and Rexroad Maintenance. Blue was loved by all that knew her. She was of the Freewill Baptist Faith for many years. Blue and I worked together, went to church together, visited hospitals and nursing homes together. She was a special friend of mine. We talked, sang, laughed and cried together. Blue loved all little children, and she loved her Lord of whom she spoke of often. I loved to hear her sing. She had her own way of singing, "Walk With Me Lord" which was one of her favorite songs, although she had many.

I have seen her rejoice, laugh and cry. She loved all her brothers and sisters in the Lord. Her favorite was the Liberty Freewill Baptist where she was a member for many years. She loved to hear Brother Dennis Elkins sing. She told me to ask him to come sing "There Is No Other Fountain", which Brother Elkins did. I am sure she would have been pleased. Time and space will not permit me to do justice in writing this letter. I want to say to all her family, if you want to see Mom/Grandma again to repent and serve the Lord.



Mandy Louvina Adkins

Written by her unworthy Brother Tom

ROBERT L. CRITESER SR.

We will try to write an obituary of Robert L. Criteser Sr. He was born October 26, 1918 in Oregon City, Oregon. His parents were the late Raymond Eugene and Elma Cantrell Criteser. He had one brother, the late Ray Criteser. He served four years, seven months in the United States Army under General Patton. By trade he was a truck driver. He worked for U.S. Steel for thirty years. Robert liked to fish. He would take his children with him fishing, later he took his grandson fishing. He was very good with his hands, he could fix anything.

Robert married Inez Hall, September 5, 1946. Having been married 64 years, they had three children, 6 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and ten step-grandchildren. He liked to go to the flea markets after he retired from U.S. Steel. His son continued to take him to the flea markets even when he was too sick to drive himself. Robert and Inez adopted a son making the number of children four. "We were up in years but this child kept us young."

He was a wonderful person. Robert went to be with Jesus December 5, 2006.

Written by his family



Robert L. Criteser Sr.

BEULAH ANN (KING) HALL

It is with great sorrow, but with lots of love and wonderful memories that I will try to write an obituary of my wonderful sister, Beulah Ann Hall.

Beulah was born December 5, 1942. She was the daughter of Lloyd and Jennie King. She passed away May 14, 2007, making her stay on this earth 64 years, 5 months and 9 days.

She was married to Hubert Glenn Hall December 24, 1967. To this union one son was born. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Lonnie King and one brother Lloyd Wayne King.

Beulah is survived by her husband Hubert Hall; one son, Geoffrey (Nicole) Hall and one granddaughter, Marina Pearl Hall. Also three sisters: Wanda (Jimmy) Sowards; Faye (Elwood) Johnson; Mary (Russ) Cole; and three brothers: John (Linda) King; Dennis King and Gary (Tammy) King; and two half-sisters: Doris (Vern) Papavian; and Georgian (Clarence) Newsome; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Beulah was a quite person. She loved everyone and everyone loved her. She was diagnosed with Parkinson in 2001 and steadily got worse. She kept pushing herself and would not give up, but about a year before she died she told me she was praying that God would save her soul and let her die. I believe God answered her prayer.

I am so thankful we got to spend a lot of years together going to church on weekends and the trips to Kentucky to visit our mom and family. "Those are wonderful memories", also the Saturday's we talked on the phone after she moved to Alabama four years ago. I really miss her more than words can say.

Her Loving Sister, Wanda Sowards



Beulah Ann (King) Hall

ARNOLD C. "GEORGE" HAYMOND

With much sadness in our hearts and with the help of the Lord we will try to write in loving memory of our beloved husband, father and grandfather Arnold C. "George" Haymond. He was born in Buckhanan, West Virginia on February 20, 1933, and passed this life on May 6, 2007. Making his stay on this earth 74 years. George was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during peacetime.

He married Vanda Beverly on October 17, 1971, a marriage of 37 years. Together they raised a beautiful family. Left to mourn are three sons and a daughter-in-law: Tony and Ronnie Haymond both of Shiloh; Jamie and Karen Brown of Shelby; six daughters and two sons-in-law: Valerie and Chuck Tuttle of Columbus; Sandy and Joe Gibson of Willard; Debbie, Tina, Sherry and Lynny. He had ten grandchildren: Shawn, Bradly, Cory, Whitney, Kayela, Tyson, Cody, Trevor, Carlee and Brody; and two great-grandchildren: Mackenzie and Bradly. George loved his family very much as we loved him very much. George also had one brother Buck Haymond of Bellville; and one sister Eloise Taylor of Galion. George had an abundance of family and friends that loved him dearly.

George is preceded in death by his parents Henry and Icie Haymond; two sisters: Armalean Ginns and Geraldine Morris; one son: Kenny; and one grandchild: Nicholas Shepherd.

George had suffered many years with diseased lungs partly due to his livelihood as a professional painter. Nevertheless after many trips to the hospital and when the doctors gave up hope on George and said he wouldn't last through the night, George took his illness to the Lord and his life was extended through the mercy of God. As a result he was able to spend a few more years with his family on this earth. Through God's mercy George was able to make it manifest of his hope on Jesus. From that day forward in the hospital when George gave himself to the Lord his family and friends saw a new husband, father and friend. He would say he did not want his children to wait as long as he did because we are not promised a tomorrow.

The night before George passed he gave great witness that he was going home to be with the Lord. He told mother, Ronnie and Brother Phillip that he was leaving. Mother asked "Where are you going George?" He replied, "I'm going home to be with the Lord, he's coming to take me home." We just didn't realize it would be so soon. But, let this be a witness not to wait. George told his family and friends many times that God had forgiven him of his sins and he was soon going home. George has been a great light to his family. He wanted to talk about the Lord when people visited him. When Brothers Joe, Phillip and Lon visited him he always wanted them to sing and say a prayer before they left.

Things will never be the same but all of our beautiful memories we have is a gift of God that death can't destroy. God will reward all of us especially Mother for the loving, tender and remarkable care we gave him. By the grace of God we all can go see Dad again where there is no suffering to breathe. We can sing and rejoice with Dad around the throne of God with Jesus in a life that has no end. Sleep on Dad and take your rest. We feel you've gotten a new set of lungs. We are not saying good-bye but that we will see you in a little white. We love you Dad.

Written by his family with sorrowful hearts



Arnold C. Haymond

DONNA HICKS

With a sad and broken heart, we will try to write an obituary of our beloved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.

Donna Hicks, age 61 of Miller Road, Willard, passed away on Sunday, August 6, 2006 at her home following a sudden illness. She was born November 16, 1944 in Willard to the late Add and Emma Vanderpool. She had been a resident of Willard all her life. She attended the Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth, Ohio. She worked as a cashier at Carol's Ultra Stitch in Willard. She enjoyed scrap booking, gardening, and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her children and grandchildren were her life. She always said that she didn't have a lot of money to buy them things, but she had plenty of love to give them.



Donna Hicks

She is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law: Bobby R. Hicks, Jr. of Willard; Rodney and Kathy Hicks of Willard; and Tonya Hicks of New London; five grandchildren: Cody, Julia, Logan, Alexis and Lucas; four sisters: Avel Hicks of New Haven; Linda and Billy Robinson; Dianna and Carl Stevens both of Willard; Annetta and Landis Beverly of North Fairfield; one brother: Ronald and Pat Vanderpool of North Fairfield; two sisters-in-law: Nancy Vanderpool of Willard; and Delores Vanderpool of Shelby; one brother-in-law: Donald Gibson of Elyria; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her son, Keith Hicks on April 24, 2002; two brothers: Phil & Quince Vanderpool; a sister: Gwendale Gibson; a brother-in-law: John Hicks; and several nieces and nephews.

Donna was a type of person that no matter how rough the situation would get, she would always keep it to herself and greet you with a smile. She never wanted to be a burden to anyone. She was loved and will be missed by everyone that knew her. We love you Mom, Grandma, Mawmaw, Sis and Aunt Donna. We know Keith was there waiting for you with open arms. May you rest in peace until we meet again that Glorious day.

Written by her broken-hearted family

In Loving Memory of our Mother, Donna Hicks, who left us on August 6, 2006

*It's hard to believe, you are really gone,
For in our hearts, you still live on.
For those we love, don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unheard, unseen, but always near,
still loved, still missed and very dear.
Nothing could be more beautiful,
than the memories we have of you,
to us, you were someone special,
God must have thought so too.
If roses grow in Heaven,*

*Lord, please pick a bunch for us,
please them in her arms,
and tell her they're from us.
Tell her we love and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek,
and hold her for awhile.*

We love and miss you Mom,
Bobby, Tonya, Cody, Julia, Rodney & Kathy,
Logan, Alexis, Lucas

GENNIFER LOU COLLINS JORDAN

It is with great sadness and an aching heart that I write about our "baby girl". Gen was born in Mansfield, Ohio on a cold snowy day in April. She brought great joy into our family. She was tiny and looked like a little "live" baby doll. Her first trip to church was probably when she was only 2 or 3 weeks old. She grew up in the Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth. Brother Buddy Carty's house was her second home. Her father and I would take her to church and Rhonda Carty would take her and we'd never get her again until it was time to go home. Those are good memories.



Gennifer Lou Jordan

Gen grew up and went through some rough times emotionally. She could never pick a good partner — until the end — when she laid all her burdens on God's shoulders. Gen was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma on April 5, 2006 after a biopsy. She started her Chemo treatments right away and everything seemed to go well for about 6 months. She received the bad news that the cancer was growing again and the only other treatment for her was "Stem Cell Transplant". Gennifer was able to go to Cleveland Clinic with her father, Billy Collins, Sr. He took her faithfully to her treatments and stayed with her when necessary. I am grateful to him for being able to take her while I kept her only child, Michael Collins, in school. Needless to say the stem cells did not regenerate and Gen became weaker and weaker. It is very painful to watch your child die and not be able to help her.

Gen enjoyed the brothers' prayers and before she died she told us she was "okay with God". The Little Rebecca Church brothers, especially Brother Joe Gibson, were very faithful to her. We will always remember and sincerely appreciate all the prayers, the food, donations, flowers, cards, the people's presence, and general condolence.

Gen, 34, died at Mercy Hospital of Willard on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, after a valiant fight to overcome Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Our "baby girl" fought very hard to live and her stubborn personality kept her from giving up right up to the very end. Her family loves her with all their hearts and she will be sadly missed, especially by her beloved son, Michael.

Gen graduated from Willard High School in 1991 and attended North Central State College for 3 years, graduating in 1995 with a Licensed Practical Nursing Certificate. She loved the geriatric generation and worked at Twilight Nursing Home in Norwalk until she was too sick to work anymore. She was always assisting a neighbor or relative with a medical problem and she wanted to go back to school to become a Registered Nurse and then a Nurse Midwife.

Besides her 13-year-old son, Michael, she is also survived by her loving parents: Kathy (Tom) Kilgore of Willard and Billy J (Phyllis) Collins, Sr. of Attica. Her brother: Billy J. (Cheri) Collins, Jr., of Bellevue; a half-brother: Travis Mullins of Sullivan; 3 step-sisters: Rachel (Michael) Adams of Solon; Alethea Kilgore of Florida; and Maria (Faycal) Banny-Maroufi of Shelby; 2 step-brothers: David Brown of Shelby; and Jason (Stacy) Brown of Indiana. Her maternal grandmother, Geneva Parrigan of Plymouth, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, one nephew, 3 nieces, and 2 great nephews.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents: Rachel and Willie Collins of Willard; and Leon Parrigan of Plymouth; and a brother: Bradley Scott Collins who died in infancy.

Friends called at the Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth on Friday, May 25, from 2 pm till 9 pm with Church Service at 6 pm. The Funeral Service was held on Saturday, May 26, at 10am with Elder Buddy Carty officiating. Interment followed at the Maple Grove Cemetery in New Haven. The Family entrusted the Secor Funeral Home in Willard to handle all burial arrangements.

We have a hope that we will meet Gen again in Heaven. Until then, we believe she is resting peacefully under the altar of God. On that resurrection morning, no longer will the pain of cancer consume her body but she will live forever in happiness and joy with God and the Saints.

Written by her broken-hearted mother, Kathy Kilgore

NEWTON J. MULLINS, JR.

With very sad and broken hearts, we'll try with the help of our Lord, to write this obituary of our loving husband and father, Junior Mullins. Born on September 26, 1937 in Knott County, Kentucky to Newton J. and Elizabeth "Lizzie" (Gibson) Mullins who preceded him in death along with 3 sisters: Hazel Mullins, Hattie Mullins Bowman, Wanda Lee Mullins Combs; and 1 brother: Edmond Spencer Mullins. Junior leaves behind his wife Patricia (Tricia Lynn) whom he married on June 11, 1989 and to this union was born a son, Taylor Franklin Mullins. Junior is also survived by 3 children by Betty Lou Mullins: Wilma Jean Mullins Wooten (daughter); Roy J. Mullins (son); Kenneth Ray Mullins (son); 9 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren; 2 brothers: Eldridge Dee Mullins, William Riley "Bill" Mullins; and 2 sisters: Irene Nickles and Fronia Fields.



Newton J. Mullins Jr.

Junior was at home with family and friends when he went to be with our Lord on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, when his wall clock struck and chimed 8:00 a.m., he loved to hear the beautiful musical chimes on the clocks he collected. Junior was diagnosed on August 18, 2006 with metastasized lung cancer that had spread quickly to his bones, kidneys and liver. God called him home 1 month and 1 day later after his diagnosis, making his stay on this earth 68 years, 8 months and 19 days.

He was never a person to complain much about anything. He was a very loving, humble and hardworking man who loved to make people laugh. He was a faithful attendee of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church, where he would sometimes walk into church and shout "Hello Everybody" or "How is Everybody". Junior loved the old time songs that Old Regular Baptist always sing. He would sing some of them while working outside and while sitting on the porch. When I would tell him that Brothers Hillard Newsome, Karrel Addington, Milford Prater, John Mullins, and I.V. Hudson were coming to hold prayer and sing him some old time songs, he would sit and look out the window watching for them to pull in the driveway. He always enjoyed having company.

Junior worked for Morgan Packing Company before taking a job in 1956 with Louisville Cement Company (now called ESSROC CEMENT) where he labored for 40 years before retiring due to health reasons on September 26, 1996.

Dad enjoyed life to the fullest and he truly loved the outdoors. He loved to coon, rabbit and squirrel hunt. Dad always said that God had planned for him to retire, so that he could spend more time with me. We enjoyed fishing, gardening, building things, playing baseball and pool, collecting toys and most of all we just enjoyed spending time making precious memories. He taught me how to garden by following signs and we were really excited when we raised some sweet potatoes that weighed 5-3/4 to 6 pounds each. God always blessed Dad and I to raise a beautiful garden. Dad always looked forward to March, because he knew it was time for his Purple Martins to return to their homes that Dad and I would paint and put up every year. He would always say that was music to his ears when he would sit and listen to the Martins in the evening while sitting on the porch. He loved everything that God has put here for our enjoyment. When Dad would eat something that really tasted good, he would always say "That's better than Blow Gum". My Dad was my best buddy and it was hard to see such a strong hardworking man go down so quickly, but I am very thankful to God for giving us 11 fantastic years with each other. I love him and miss him greatly.

God truly blessed Junior and I with a wonderful marriage filled with lots of love, happiness and a lot of very precious memories. Junior and I would say the following words to one another from time to time, so I decided to have it put on the back of our headstone: If not for you, I wonder where I would be right now and what road in life I would have taken.

There were so many directions I could have chosen, but none of them would have been fulfilling.

For me fulfillment was knowing that I shared my life with someone who was not only beautiful outside, but inside too.

Someone whose character was revealed through kindness and understanding.

It gives me a very special feeling to know that I shared my life with someone who was not just my wonderful spouse, but was the greatest friend and soulmate a person would ever have. I'll Love You Forever and Always!

Love your broken-hearted wife, Tricia Lynn and Son, Taylor Franklin Mullins
"Until we meet again find peace in Heaven's Hands"

God Bless Everyone!

I'M EVERYWHERE

*Please don't mourn for me I'm still here,
though you don't see I'm right by your
side each night and day
And within your heart I long to stay
My body is gone but I'm always near
I'm everything you feel, see or hear
My Spirit is free, but I'll never depart
As long as you keep me alive in your heart
I'll never wander out of your sight
I'm the brightest star on a summer night
I'll never be beyond your reach
I'm the warm moist sand when you're at the beach
I'm the colorful leaves when fall comes around
And the pure white snow that blankets the ground
I'm the beautiful flowers of which you're so fond*

*The clear cool water in a quiet pond
I'm the first bright blossom you'll see in spring
The first warm raindrop that April will bring
I'm the first ray of light when the sun starts to shine
And you'll see that face in the moon is mine
When you start thinking there's no one to love you
You can talk to me through the Lord above you
I'll whisper my answer through the leaves on the trees
And you'll feel my presence in the soft summer breeze
I'm the hot salty tears that flow when you weep
And the beautiful dreams that come while you sleep
I'm the smile you see on a baby's face
Just look for me, I'm everywhere.
May God Bless You!!
-Unknown-*

RAYMOND WILSON RAMEY

I am writing this in memory of our beloved brother, Raymond Wilson Ramey. He was born June 10, 1925, in Branchland, West Virginia. He died August 7, 2006. He was preceded in death by his parents: Charley Ramey and Emma Jean (Adkins) Ramey. Also preceded in death by two brothers: Kenneth Lee Ramey and Alvin Ramey; one sister: Mildred (Ramey) Yates; two nephews: Kenneth Lee Yates and Richard Lee Bey; ex-wife: Shirley Ann (Sullivan) Ramey; and brother-in-law: Rudy Meunch.

He is survived by four sisters: Ruth France Davis; Eva Ramey; Dolly Adeline Dey of Columbus, Ohio; and Verda Rose Muench of Stalling, North Carolina. Also survived by brother-in-law, Robert Bey.

He leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews. He also leaves adopted daughter Tammy Lynn Ramey, children and grandchildren.

We love you very much, Your Sisters: Ruth, Eva, Dolly, Verda



Raymond Wilson Ramey

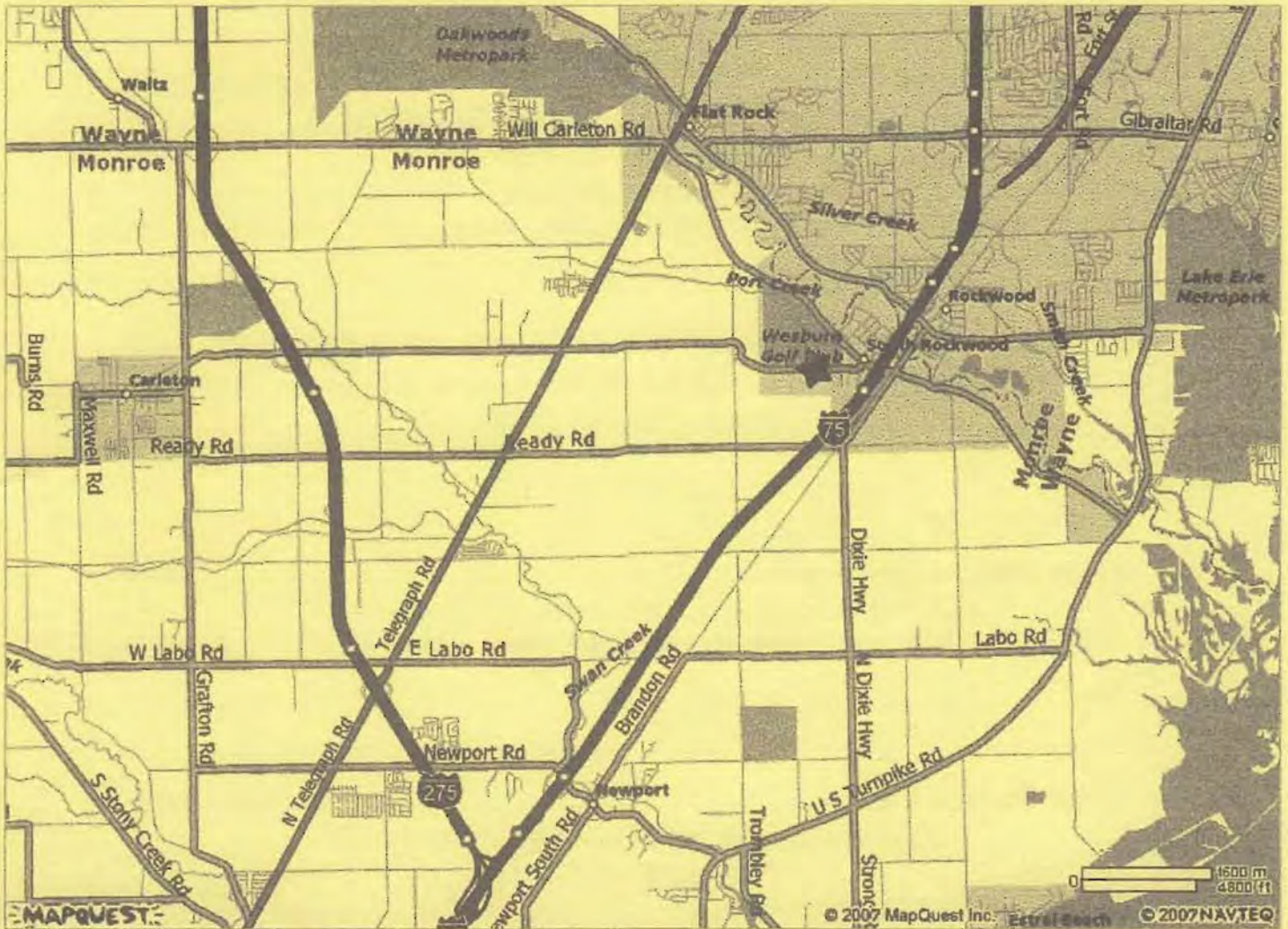
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