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



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Rose of Sharon Church
August 1, 2, 3, 2008

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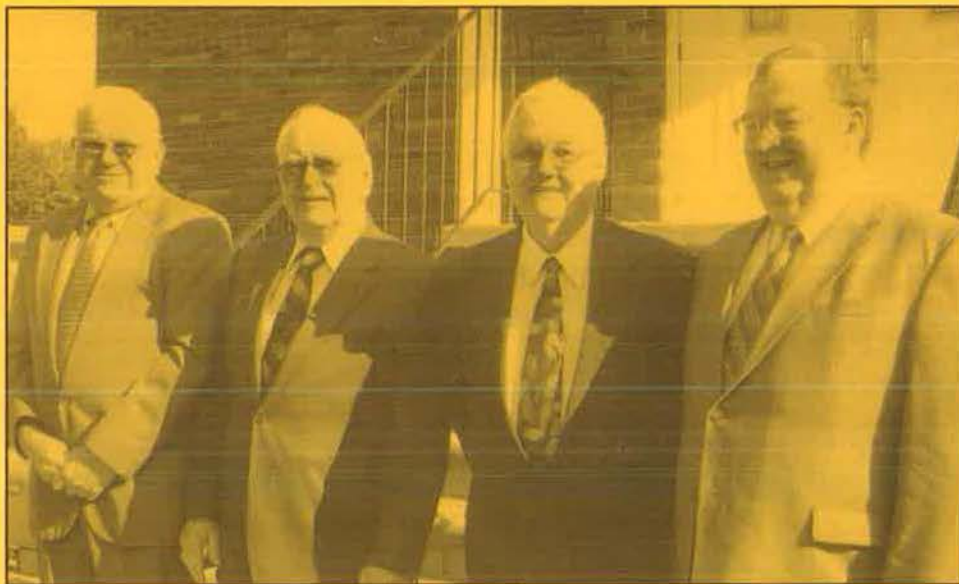
**Dedication to the memory
of the Late Elders,
Brothers and Sisters of the
Northern New Salem Association**

It is with precious memories that we dedicate this 51st Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association to the memory of our beloved Elders, brothers and sisters who have departed since our last assemblage.

We wish to extend to one and all our deepest sympathy in your loss. Shall you be comforted in the hope of a brighter tomorrow that we shall join their company in a land of eternal peace and joy.

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

If you sow seeds of love, you will reap an abundance of treasures.
Bro. Newsome



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

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Introductory Sermon for 2009— Eld. Dennis Elkins

Alternate — Eld. Delmas Hall

Circular Letter — Eld. William B. Holbrook

A correction to Item B #2B of Friday's work 2003 minutes of the Northern New Salem Association which should read: Bro. Basil Elliott made a motion, second by Eld. Ralph Caudill that Eld. Paris Tackitt be made honorary Assistant Moderator for the remainder of his life, instead of Moderator.

Sorry, Bro. Newsome, Clerk

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
Fifty-First Annual Session of the
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist
The Church of Jesus Christ
August 1, 2, 3, 2008

Friday Session

Was such a warm and pleasant, sunny morning, as pilgrims and travelers from far and near began to fill the sanctuary of the Rose of Sharon Church, as voices began to blend together singing "Brothers We Have Met Again". Traveling countless miles to attend this the 51st Annual Session of this blessed old Association, with gladness in their hearts as they greeted each other with love.

Alternate Eld. Danny Carty approached the stand. He was blessed to preach how he had to make a decision, for he had wandered so far out in sin and how the low still voice of the Lord talked to him, causing him to obey and repent, following Christ which is the only way to Heaven. Prayer by same.

Being chosen by the delegates at our 2007 session to preach the Introductory Sermon for this year, Eld. Scott Hamilton, as he was soon overshadowed by the holy spirit to preach the goodness of the Lord. He preached of faith and love and what a joy to live for the Lord, and to walk in His counsel. He was blessed to preach of the little man that was sick, came to Jesus in faith by coming down through the roof to get to Jesus for healing.

Those who were not delegates were asked to go across the road to the school where the preaching would be conducted. The delegates were advised to assemble in the sanctuary of the Rose of Sharon Church where the business of the Association would begin. The following Elders were chosen to preach at the place arranged: Elders (1) Aaron Whitaker, Jr-Old Indian Bottom; (2) Richard Staton-Sardis; (3) Danny Hurley-Old Friendship; (4) Roger Hicks-New Salem.

After gathering in the house and one of Zion's songs was sung, Elder Murl Caudill-Old Indian Bottom, was called on to make remarks and Brother Paul D. Moore-Philadelphia led in prayer.

Our beloved Moderator, Eld. Buddy W. Carty, announced that the 51st Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, August 1, 2008

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed in to the Clerk. The letter from the Rose of Sharon Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Elder Larry Newsome, second by Elder Phillip Beverly 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: Murl Caudill, Tommy Dials and David Lester. 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: Danny Belcher, Chuck Hall and Hobard Hamilton. Elder Doug McCarty made a motion, second by Elder Donald Mullins to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharge them of their duties.
3. By a motion made by Elder Jerry Caskey, second by Brother Mike Hiatt, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
 4. By a motion made by Elder John M. Elkins, second by Elder Scott Hamilton, the reading of the Constitution, the Rules of Decorum, and the Articles of Faith were omitted.
 5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and none responded.
 6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded by letter and delegate.
 - (a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: Jimmy Dye, Chuck Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, Glenn Frazier, Autie Puckett, Jr., Ronald Mccarty, Clyde P. Lewis, Darrell Calhoun, Clois Hamilton, Elisha and James Branham, Larry Dixon, James Waddles, Leonard Hamilton, Milton Dye, John B. Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Hurshell Slone, Leo Slone, Homer Isaac, Preston Lewis, Clyde Matney, Jeff Reed, Roger, Jeff, Tallmade and Bill Hicks, and Paul Matthews. Letter in the hands of Elder Leonard Hamilton. A motion was made by Elder John M. Elkins, second by Elder Donald Mullins 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: Danny Belcher, Bobby Johnson, Floyd Jude, Gene Johnson, Arlin Roberts, Edward Howell, Estill Hamilton, Earl Hill, Dean Cook, Clyde Blankenship, Palmer Hamilton, Paul Hall, Billy Thompson, Danny Robinette, Brad Hamilton, Loyd Brown, Gordon Akers. Letter in the hands of Brother Bobby Johnson. A motion was made by Elder Hargis Tuttle, second by Brother Doc Johnson 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, Paul D. Moore, Ira Adkins, Harlen Barney, Wayne Caudill. Letter in the hands of Brother Paul D. Moore. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, second by Brother James Wagner to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Richard Staton. Letter in the hands of Elder Richard Staton. A motion was made by Elder Jeff Dillon, second by Elder Phillip Beverly, 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 Thompson, Danny L. Hurley, Junior Coleman, Danny C. Justus, James D. Stacey, Dewey Matney, Author Short, Bill McCoy, Gary Justis, Allen Hunt and Kevin Salmons. Letter in the hands of Brother Junior Coleman. A motion was made by Elder Larry Newsome, second by Brother Ernie Owens 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: Haston Whitaker, Murl Caudill, Aaron Whitaker, Delmar Jones. Letter in the hands of Brother Aaron Whitaker, Jr. A motion was made by Elder Elmer Edwards, second by Elder Danny Carty 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 Rose of Sharon 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 and Saturday morning, who reported as follows: Friday evening—Elders: (1) Clyde Lewis-New Salem; (2) Lloyd Brown-Union. Saturday morning—Elders: (1) Ira Adkins, Jr.-Philadelphia; (2) David F. Lester-Old Friendship; (3) Danny Belcher-Union; (4) Squire Hamilton-New Salem; (5) Tommy Dials-Sardis.
8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Elders: Ralph Caudill, Larry Dixon, Harvey Tuttle and Morris Wicker.
 9. A motion was made by Elder Denver Meade, second by Brother Duane Graves 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 1:30 P.M. Friday afternoon.
 - (a) Elder Scott Hamilton made a motion, second by Elder Eddie Wallen that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 2, 2008.
 - (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 Clyde Lewis-New Salem, followed by (2) Elder Lloyd Brown-Union.

Saturday, August 2, 2008

Met pursuant to adjournment this, the second day of three of the Northern New Salem Association. The bells of Heaven rang during the glorious singing. No introduction was needed — Jesus was present. After wonderful spirit filled singing, shouting and praising God, a thanksgiving and uplifting prayer was offered by Elder Chuck Hall 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 Elder Johnie Bentley, second by Elder Jerry Caskey to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Elder Larry Newsome for our 2008 session was read. A motion was made by Brother Cletis Easterling, second by Elder Elmer Edwards to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2008 Minutes.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday, Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Danny Belcher-Union; Chuck Hall-New Salem; and Hobart Hamilton-Sardis, reported as follows:

2008 Church contributions	\$6,350.00
2008 Money for Pictures	360.00
Other contributions	<u>2,200.00</u>
Total money received for 2007	<u>\$8,910.00</u>

 A motion was made by Elder Lowell Mullins, second by Brother Mike Hiatt to accept the report of the Finance Committee and discharge them of their duties.
5. The Moderator called for the Treasurer, Elder Hillard Newsome to give his report as follows:

Treasurer's Report

A. Balance as of August 3, 2007	\$6,786.03
2007 Church contributions	6,510.00

2007 Picture money.....	650.00
Other contributions.....	1,000.00
Total money on hand as of August 5, 2007.....	\$14,946.03

Expenses for 2007

B.

Printer's Fee	\$7,102.00
Secretary's Fee	200.00
Postage, U.P.S. Freight.....	491.00
Supplies.....	6.36
Flowers for Eld. Paris Tackitt and Eld. Ellis Holbrook.....	100.00
Total Expenses for 2007	\$7,899.36
Total of A.	\$14,946.03
Less Total of B.	7,899.36
Balance	\$7,046.67
Refund of.	36.82
Plus interest earned.....	9.74
Balance August 1, 2008.	\$7,093.23
Plus money received for 2008	8,910.00
Total money on hand August 3, 2008	\$16,005.23

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

Association to the Rose of Sharon Church in helping host the 2008 Session \$9,950.00

6. Elder Doug McCarty made a motion, second by Elder Phillip Beverly to receive the Treasurer's Report. Elder John M. Elkins made a motion, second by Elder Lowell Mullins that Elder Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 3,000 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.
7. Brother Scott Hamilton made a motion, second by Elder Donald Mullins to have obituaries of deceased members and friends of the Northern New Salem Association printed in the current minutes. They are to be typewritten and double spaced. A charge of \$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) Estill Hamilton-Union; (2) Leonard Hamilton-New Salem; (3) Danny Belcher-Union; (4) Roger Hicks-New Salem; Sunday morning: (2) William B. Holbrook; (2) Dennis Elkins; (3) Hillard Newsome; (4) Ray Hamiltin; (5) Buddy W. Carty. Elders Chuck Hall-New Salem; Hobard Hamilton-Sardis; and Richard Staten-Sardis were appointed to take the vote for Introductory Sermon and Elders: Roger Hicks-New Salem; Danny Hurley-Old Friendship; and Deffort Thornsberry-New Salem were appointed to take the vote for Circular Letter. By a vote of the delegates, Elder Dennis Elkins was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder Delmas Hall to be his alternate; and Elder William B. Holbrook was chosen to write the Circular Letter for our 52nd Annual Session.
9. On motion by Elder Doug McCarty, second by Elder Danny Carty, the report of the Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the year 2007 and 2008 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 2008 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Scott

Hamilton, John Elkins, Duane Graves, Mose Bentley, Ernest Owens, Ray Hamilton, Nick Honsen, Wayne Sartin, Scott Little, Danny Carty, Lowell Thornsberry, Hillard Newsome, Dennis Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Doug McCarty. Letter in the hands of Elder Hillard Newsome.

- (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 2008 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Arvid Blevins, John M. Elkins, Kilby Deel, Scott Little, Ernest Owens, Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome, Hansel Brown, Doug McCarty, Autie Puckett, Jr. Letter in the hands of Eld. John M. Elkins.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the New Mt. Olive Church at the Association Building at Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2008 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John M. Elkins, Billy Miller, Duane Graves, Mose Bentley, Hank Forgey, Ray Hamilton, Danny Carty, Lowell Thornsberry, Dennis Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome, Bill Blevins, Milford Prater, Scott Little. Letter in the hands of Eld. Ray Hamilton.
 - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the Pilgrims Home Church at the permanent Association Building, Varney, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 2008 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Scott Hamilton, Arvid Blevins, John M. Elkins, Duane Graves, Ray Hamilton, Wayne Sartin, Buddy W. Carty, Dennis Elkins. Letter in the hands of Eld. Scott Hamilton.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Pine Grove Church, Hurley, VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2008 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Mose Bentley, Ray Hamilton, Danny Carty, Terry Ratliff, Buddy W. Carty, Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome, Doug McCarty. Letter in the hands of Eld. Buddy W. Carty.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Old Carr, James Memorial and Doty Creek Churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pinetop, KY. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 2008 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Nick Hansen, Danny Carty, Buddy W. Carty, Delmas Hall, Hargis Tuttle, Ray Hamilton, Roy Caudill. Letter in the hands of Eld. Roy Caudill.
11. The request from the Macedonia Church was read requesting a Letter of Dismission to be laid in with one of our corresponding associations. A motion was made by Elder Lowell Mullins, second by Elder Raymond Gayheart to grant the request of the Macedonia Church and give them a Letter of Dismission in full love and fellowship.
 12. The request from the Little Angel Church was read requesting permission to host a 2009 Memorial Meeting the odd weekend in August, 2009, of the deceased members of the Northern New Salem Association. A motion was made by Elder Jerry Caskey, second by Elder Johnie Bentley to grant the request of the Little Angel Church to host a Memorial Meeting of the deceased members of the Northern New Salem Association the odd weekend in August, 2009.
 13. The request to host the 2009 association from the Little Rebecca Church was read. A motion was made by Elder Scott Hamilton, second by Elder Doug McCarty to grant the request of the Little Rebecca Church the honor of hosting the 2009 setting of this blessed old association.
 14. Elder John M. Elkins made a motion, second by Brother Ernie Owens, to forego the reading of the current minutes.
 15. A motion was made by Elder Johnie Bentley, second by Elder Hargis Tuttle to adjourn to the place and time mentioned in Item #13 of Saturday's work in the current minutes.

The 51st Session was closed with humble remarks by elder Roy Caudill and a blessed prayer and dismissal by Elder Ralph Caudill of the Northern New Salem Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

Eld. Buddy W. Carty
Eld. Ray Hamilton
Eld. William B. Newsome
Eld. Dennis Elkins

Moderator
Ass't. Moderator
Clerk
Ass't Clerk

Sabbath Morning, August 3, 2008

Oh, it was such a lovely, sunny morning, as God had blessed a few of the weary travelers to assemble in the beautiful sanctuary of the Rose of Sharon church to worship Him in his His holiness. Songs of Zion were made with melody in the hearts of His children as they sang praises to His holy name.

The services for the morning were introduced by Eld. William B. Holbrook, who offered a warm and uplifting prayer.

Second on the stand was our beloved Assistant Clerk, Eld. Dennis Elkins, who begged all to seek the Lord. His hope was in the resurrection and that Christ was the resurrection.

Your unworthy servant, Bro. Newsome-Clerk, came to the stand, begging all to take time to give God praise and honor for all His goodness. To respect and love one another as God has commanded us.

Fourth on the stand was our beloved Assistant Moderator, Eld. Ray Hamilton, telling all that they can go to heaven if they want to. To go they must have a desire and to desire it more than life. Bro. Hamilton was happy in the Lord.

Eld. Buddy W. Carty-Moderator, was blessed to preach of the goodness of the Lord. God gives His called men of God a job to do, and we should be up and about our Father's business. The greatest prayer a sinner can pray is, "Lord have mercy on me."

It may be cold in the north land, yet the love and welcome you showed one and all was so warm and pleasant. Yes, you the members and friends of the Rose of Sharon caused all to feel so loved and wanted. Long will we have precious memories of your hospitality. From your ladies of love we enjoyed your wholesome and delicious food.

We love and missed you in Campers Village. Looking forward to seeing you at the Little Rebecca Church come August 2009.

My love, Brother Newsome, Clerk

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

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 you await that grand and glorious morning when the Lord shall leave Heaven with a shout and the voice of the Archangel and the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first and those that are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet them, with the Lord, in the air and we will all enter that wonderful country that was prepared for the believers in Jesus Christ. Where there will be no more parting and no more sorrow, only joy and peace forever and ever.

Brothers in Christ, Brother Charon Gilliam, Brother Gary Adkins

2008 Circular Letter by Elder Larry Newsome

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association:

I write this letter with the intent of edifying all the churches that comprise the circle of the Northern New Salem Association.

I've prayed and I desired to write only what God would be pleased with. It's not easy because Satan comes on the scene big time when you try to please God and do good. The scriptures say that when I would do good evil is present. I'm sure every brother that has written a letter in the past knows what a battle it is. It's sweet relief when the thoughts and words come and you can begin to write freely. I was at the point of feeling like maybe it was not meant for me to write this letter. I thought of many things that could be written but none seemed as important as God's great plan of salvation. John 3:16-17 tells us that *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten son of God."* Jesus died on the cross at Calvary to pay for our sins, there was none worthy except God Himself to come to low ground of sin and sorrow to be manifested in the flesh; to die on the cross and be resurrected for our justification. He ascended back into heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father making intercession for us who are his children. We were born into this world and kept by the grace of God. When we were old enough to understand, God shined His light of knowledge that let us understand that we were separated from Him, and the only way back in good standing with Him was a new birth in Jesus Christ His only begotten son. This knowledge brought condemnation, our souls died (separated from God) he concluded all in unbelief, that He might have mercy upon all. God calls sinners to repentance. We felt a great need for God in our soul. He looked at our hearts and contrite spirits, which I believe was part of the travail and godly sorrow that set up in our souls. In this godly sorrow we repented that we had sinned against Him and rejected Him. We had to trust that He loved us and died for our sins. We have nothing to redeem ourselves with, therefore a savior was needed. Ephesians 2:8-9: *"For by grace ye are saved through faith and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."* When we trusted by faith and surrendered it all into God's hands, He saved our souls from hell and our heavy hearts were lifted from the burden that had us bound. I believed He loved us so much that He made hell so bad that surely no one would want to go there. He made heaven so good that surely everyone would want to go there. When God saved our souls He commands us to go home to the church and tell them what great things the Lord has done for us and be baptized (full immersion). We know that the thief on the cross was not baptized, but we were not given permission to leave baptism off. God knows those who are able and those who are not able to be baptized.

God also knows the ones with charitable hearts and are willing to help when there is a need. Please try to find time to call the sick and lonely and go to see if they are alright. Sometimes they just need to know one person cares. Most members seem to think that God did not mean for them to do this type of work. He did not say that only ministers and deacons are to take care of the sick and the poor, **it's all our jobs**. We have had to remind children to pay a little more attention to their parents, the church can only help so much. We are getting older and smaller in numbers, we will need to be willing to watch out for, and to help one another. God will be pleased. Let's be kinder, more forgiving and let love reign among us and we will definitely do better. Let's read and pray and be willing to obey God in all things, so we can enjoy our salvation, and give glory to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, as we the church, await His coming to take us home to live with him forever and forever. Amen.

In Christ, Elder Larry D. Newsome, Pleasant View Church

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 reproved by the Association as they think proper.

2008 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Church

Delegates

Little Rebecca	Danny Carty, Phillip Beverly, Denny Tuttle
Maggie's Home	Albert Osborne, Donald Mullins, Claud Hale
Little Flock	Duane Graves, Hank Forgey, Mike Fortner
Little Ruth	Bill Smith, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton
Little Edna	Elmer Edwards, Denver Meade, Jerry Caskey
Little Ida	Steven Miller, Billy Miller, V. Doc Johnson
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks, Sean Hicks, Fred Jones
Little Zion	Rick Akers, Matt Maddox, Jeff Dillon
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny C. Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Darrell Hall
Mt. Olive	Elbert Hagerman, Luther Hagerman, Carl Ousley
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome, Alex Collier, Seeford Baker
Little Family	Jerome Watts, Jr., Earnie Tuttle, Roy Caudill
Little Angel	Wilburn Nichols, Arnold Mullins, Jaime Tickle
Antioch	Stephen Slone, Scott Little, Wayne Sartin
Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley, William B. Holbrook, Noah Adkins
Lily of the Valley	Evan Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Dave McCracken
Little Children's Home	James Wagner, Mike Hiatt
Morning Star	Bud Calhoun, Don Little, Charles Blevins
Little Bethel	Bill Back, Glenn Conley, Ernest Owens
Family of Love	Delmas Hall, David Carty, Earnest Martin
True Vine	Bob Williams, James Coleman, Terry Ratliff
Little Melrose	Hansel Brown, John M. Elkins, Doug McCarty
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Kenneth Slone
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, Cletis Easterling

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2008-2009

NOVEMBER – 2008

LITTLE MELROSE - First in November (2008). Roy Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Paul Boggs, Buddy W. Carty, Scott Hamilton, Squire C. Hamilton.

APRIL

ANTIOCH - First in April. Allan Dee Osborne, Paul Matthews, Carson Wright, Tennis Sturgell.

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

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in April. Bill Blevins, Danny Adams, Alex Collier, Rick Akers.

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

TRUE VINE - Third in April. Danny Belcher, Barry Lucas, Scott Little (Antioch), Wayne Sartin, Danny Adams, Greg Hunt.

MAY

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in May. Danny Carty, Roy Caudill, Clyde Lewis, Scott Hamilton, Raymond Stapleton, Buddy W. Carty, Don Lawson.

LITTLE IDA - First in May. Danny Adams, Willis Tolliver, Gary Adkins, Matt Maddox, Gary Young, Rick Akers.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in May. Scott Hamilton, Squire C. Hamilton, Gary Young, Danny Belcher.

LITTLE RUTH - Second in May. Clyde Lewis, James Branham, Willis Tollive, Russell Hicks.

LITTLE ZION - Second in May. Billy Miller, Gordon Akers, Mose Bentley, Ray Hamilton, Danny Adams.

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.

MORNING STAR - Third in May. Eddie Wallen, Doug McCarty, Elbert Hagerman, Gene Johnson, Billy Miller.

JUNE

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

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in June. Danny Carty, Scott Hamilton, Doug McCarty, John Elkins, Harvey Tuttle.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in June. Elbert Hagerman, Johnie Bentley, Estill Hamilton, Edgar Howell, Billy Miller, Larry Dixon, William B. Holbrook.

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in June. Doug McCarty, Danny Belcher, Don Lawson, Russell Hicks, Clyde Lewis, Marcus Huff.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in June. Sat 2 p.m. Danny Belcher, Billy Miller, Mose Griffith, Gary Blevins, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Charles Jarrell, (Northern) Gayle Brown.

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in June. Rick Akers, Gordon Akers, Billy Miller, Lowell Mullins, Paul Matthews, Allan Dee Osborne, Phillip Beverly.

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, Larry Newsome, Wayne Sartin, Gary Young, Richard Staten.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in July. Charles Jarrell, Charles Edwards, Richard Staten, Kennis Robinson, Russell Hicks, Hobart Hamilton.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in August. Buddy W. Carty, Ray Hamilton, Farris Tuttle, Billy Miller, Scott Hamilton, Lon Beverly (Hold prayer).

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in June. Daniel Newsome, Milton Dye, Harrison Runyan, James Branham.

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Danny Carty, Gary Blevins, 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, Estill Hamilton.

LITTLE IDA - First in April. Buddy W. Carty, Danny Carty, Estill Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Charles Hamilton.

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in October. Danny Hamilton, Johnny Thornsberry, Billy Miller.

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

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

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

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

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in October (2008). Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome, Willis Tolliver, Bobby Whitaker, Ralph Caudill.

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

ANTIOCH - First in June. Scott Hamilton, Danny Carty, Ben Little, Greg Sowards, Dennis Elkins.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in October (2008). 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, Alex Collier, Hargis Tuttle.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in September, (2009). Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Ira Adkins, Jr., Roy Caudill, Russell Hicks.

MORNING STAR - Third in July. Ray Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Larry Newsome, Russell Hicks, Bill Blevins, Willis Little.

LITTLE BETHEL - First in September (2009). James Branham, Elisha Branham, Dennis Elkins, Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Danny Carty.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in October, (2008). Paul Boggs, Morris Wicker, Russell Hicks, Paul Matthews, Scott Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Greg Sowards.

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, Haston Whitaker.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in June. Alex Collier, Charles Duke, Danny Belcher, Dennis Elkins.

LITTLE ELLEN - Third in Oct. Joe Havlik, Matt Maddox, Joseph Akers

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

MARCUM MEMORIAL - Last Sunday in May (31st), 2009. (Location: Wilkesville, OH, near intersection of 160 and County Road 8, Newsome Road, about 3 miles from the intersection). Ministers called: Russell Hicks, Harrison Runyon, Chester Cochran, Lloyd Ray, Greg Sowards, Willis Tolliver.

ROSE OF SHARON-SPECIAL MEMORIAL OF CLAUDE BATES AND CLAUDIA (BATES) REYNOLDS - Odd weekend in May (30th & 31st), 2009. Ministers called: Ted Burke, John B. Hamilton, Doug McCarty, Ray Hamilton, William B. Holbrook, Johnie Bentley.

LITTLE ANGEL - Odd weekend in August, 2009. Special Memorial of all decease of the Northern New Salem Association. All Old Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

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 Scotty Little	474 Diana St., Minford, OH 45653	740-331-4943
Elder Donald Mullins	36157 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946
Elder Johnny Newsome	60097 Locker Plt. Rd., McArthur, OH 45651	740-596-0447
Elder Albert Osborne	42651 St. Rt. 160, Wilkesville, OH 45695	740-669-4002

LITTLE FLOCK

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

LITTLE RUTH

Elder Don Lawson	204 2nd St., Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	740-468-2203
Elder Bill Smith	11937 St. Rt. 736, Marysville, OH 43040	937-642-4106
Elder Raymond Stapleton	73600 Stapleton Ln., Vinton, OH 45686	740-669-5055
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 Jerry Caskey	10206 Main Rd., Berlin Heights, OH 44814	440-965-5270
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 St., Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-0208
Elder Steven Miller	19363 Buck St., Brownstown, MI 48174	734-955-1347

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	440-355-5067
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
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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-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	6123 Lucas Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-536-4021
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

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME

Elder Buford Brock	272 Suburban St., Danville, IN 46122	317-745-4629
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MORNING STAR

Elder Bill Blevins	10702 Oak Lane, Apt. 14214, Belleville, MI 48111	734-697-0935
Elder Ishmal Hall Jr.	455 Hemlock View Rd., Morehead, KY 40351	606-780-0788
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	419-342-4142
Elder Delmas Hall	1011 Sandusky St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-0945

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 Savel Combs	2555 Wahl Dr., Mansfield, OH 44904	419-774-9938
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	Marty Carty	75 Barleycorn Dr.	Shiloh, OH 43074	(614) 579-4323
Maggie's Home	Duane Graves	028 Bronx Corner Rd.	Ray, OH 45672	(740) 286-5281
Little Flock	Floyd Newsome	45215 Newsome Rd.	Vinton, OH 45686	(740) 669-1803
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	James G. Hall	610 Creston Rd.	Mansfield, OH 44906	(419) 524-8514
Mt. Olive	Lonnie Staton	4109 Page Ave.	Michigan Center, MI 49254	(517) 764-3105
8 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	14502 S. State Rd.	Perry, MI 48872	(734) 664-8721
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
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	Hank Forgey	
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	None
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
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	State Route 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
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

2008

CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	42	2:00 P.M. 3-E	325.00	July
Maggie's Home	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	33	1-M	150.00	July
Little Flock	0	2	0	0	7	0	1	18	3-M	300.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	1	5	0	0	1	0	1	20	2-M	200.00	June
Little Edna	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	19	4-M	150.00	July
Little Ida	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	65	1-M	400.00	June
Little Flossie	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	27	1-E	350.00	June
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	18	2-M	120.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	2-M	225.00	July
Mt. Olive	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	4-M	150.00	July
Pleasant View	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	63	6:00 P.M. 1-E	350.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	16	2:00 P.M. 2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	4-M	500.00	Aug.
Antioch	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	27	3:00 P.M. 1-E	500.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	2-M	500.00	May
Lily of the Valley	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	16	6:00 P.M. 3-E	125.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	2:00 P.M. 3-E	200.00	July
Morning Star	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	3-M	300.00	June
Little Bethel	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	9	1-M	150.00	July
Family of Love	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	23	2:00 P.M. 4-E	250.00	July
True Vine	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	3-M	300.00	May
Little Melrose	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	13	1:30 P.M. 1-E	350.00	Jan.
Eternal Rose	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	18	6:00 P.M. 2-E	125.00	May
Little Ellen	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	4:00 P.M. 3-E	80.00	June

2008 Church Contributions\$6,350.00

2008 Money for Pictures.....380.00

Other Contributions2,200.00

Grand Total **10 14 0 1 13 9 16 576** **\$8,930.00**

M — Saturday morning services

E — Saturday evening services

OBITUARIES

MEMBERS

ELDER PARIS CLIFFORD TACKITT

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant". I believe that on December 21, 2007 was the best day of Bro. Paris's life, when he entered into the joy of Heaven. He has told me many times the day he leaves this earthly life will be the best day of his life.

He was born on November 25, 1927 in Pike County, Kentucky the son of the late Orville and Ollie (Hamilton) Tackitt. On April 28, 1948 he was united in marriage to Monnie Ovie (Sowards) Tackitt who survives. To this union was born four children: Danny Charles Tackitt (wife Jane) of Morehead, KY; Michael Lynn Tackitt (wife Natalie) of Liberty, NC; Jeffery Wayne Tackitt (wife Tami) of Port Clinton, OH; and Kathy Sue Collins of Waverly, OH; eleven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; one sister: Mildred Holcomb of Port Clinton, OH; two nieces and one nephew. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one infant sister.



Elder Paris Clifford Tackitt

Bro. Paris was a U.S. Army Veteran, and a retired school teacher from Beaver Elementary with forty-one years service. I am sure he has touched many children's lives while teaching, which he loved. He has related many different events to me that he experienced while teaching.

Early in his life, Bro. Paris felt the calling to repentance and he obeyed the call. After a hard battle with the devil and his own fleshly desires he surrendered and gave all he had to the Lord, even denying himself and after feeling his burdened soul relieved, he offered himself to the Church on March 3, 1951 and was baptized on March 17, 1951 at Dorton, KY by Elders Boyd Smallwood and Mahlon Burke. His membership was at Maggie's Home Church in Dundas, Ohio at time of his death.

In the near future he experienced a different call, which he feared very much: his call to the ministry. He knew he could not do it within himself but trusting in the One true and living God he pressed on to do his Master's Will. He was ordained to the full functions of the Gospel the third weekend in December, 1952 with Elder Mahlon Burke as the Moderator of the Presbytery.

I met Bro. Paris in 1968 and we traveled together for many years until the last weekend in September, 2007 when we took him to Little Angel Church in Columbus to Bro. Hiram Adkins' Memorial. He was not able but he wanted to go. I realized when we took him back home that we would not be able to travel together no more.

Bro. Paris was gifted as a Moderator and worked with many Churches in this position. He was Assistant Moderator with Bro. John Hess at The Bethany Church of The Union Association, also The Little Rosie Church with Bro. Clifford Colley of The Philadelphia Association, The Little Angel Church with Bro. Hiram Adkins, Moderator of Maggie's Home Church of The Northern New Salem Association, and Moderator of Little Ettie Church in New Salem Association. He was also Assistant Moderator of The Northern New Salem Association with Bro. Baxter Osborn and Bro. Roy Caudill until he was physically unable. He was then appointed honorary Assistant Moderator.

He was also gifted in Preaching the word of God and in singing the old songs of Zion and traveled many miles to Union Meetings, Memorial Meetings, and Funerals.

He had some very close brothers in our correspondence, just to name a few, Deacon Jesse Lee Williamson of Kingsport, TN and Deacon Wesley Wright of Dorton, KY and many more. We spent many wonderful weekends with these two Brothers and their families over the years and others as well. I will cherish the memories as long as I live.

To Bro. Paris's loving family, I know your hearts are broken, but just remember Bro. Paris is where he longed to be, resting and waiting for that great day when Jesus, the Lord from Heaven will come back and call his children from the grave, put us in that beautiful cloud and take us to our eternal home. If there be one who does not know Jesus as your personal Savior, through repenting and being born again please get in a hurry and ask God for a record on your soul. Listen to that low still voice that will lead you if you will follow.

It's not God's will that any should perish but all should come to repentance.

Written with love and precious memories, Bro. Lowell Adkins

ELDER DONALD L. ADKINS

With the help of the Lord I will write the obituary of my husband Elder Donald L. Adkins. He passed away on September 11, 2007.

Donald was born September 17, 1939 at Wales, Kentucky. He was the son of Lenford Adkins and Madge Martin Adkins. He is survived by one brother Ronald Adkins and two sisters Carolyn Brooks and Terra Newsome all of Virgie, Kentucky.

He married Sue Gilliam on April 22, 1966 and to this union was born two daughters, Twyla Dawn (Joe) Luciw and Nicole Cheryl (Rick) Wunderlich. We have two grandchildren, Tavalala Noel and Joseph Allen Luciw.

He worked at Ford Motor Company 35 years, 4 months and 11 days. He also worked in Pikeville, Kentucky for his uncle, Elder Grover Adkins.

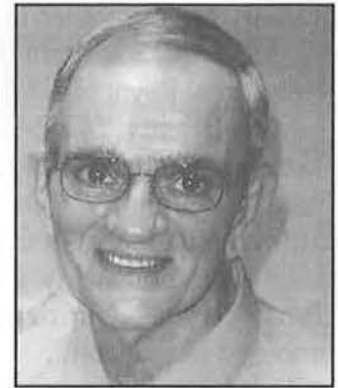
Don joined the Old Regular Baptist Church May 1980. He was baptized July 1980 the second weekend at the Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church by Elder Grover Adkins and Elder Buddy Carty.

He was a wonderful husband and father. He grew in faith and wisdom, he was never alone, God was always there.

What a wonderful exchange Don has made to see, his Master. All I want is a home in heaven and to see my master for myself and hope and desire.

Thank God for His blessing for 41 years, 4 months and 19 days with my little man. Don would say, "listen people for God is coming, be ready to go."

Written by his wife Sister Sue Adkins



Elder Donald L. Adkins

SISTER GOLDIE (MULLINS) BATES

Sister Goldie (Mullins) Bates was born January 2, 1930 at Beefhide, Letcher County, KY, to the late Ode and Laura Mullins. She departed this life to be with Jesus on October 11, 2007, just 13 days after the death of her husband, Donald at her home in Litchfield, OH, making her stay here on earth 77 years, 10 months and 9 days. I'm not sure she even comprehended when Donald passed away as she was at the point of death herself and was unable to attend the funeral. Sister Goldie struggled for many years, enduring much pain and suffering. She is now at rest in the arms of Jesus in the Paradise of God where there will be no more suffering or pain.

Sister Goldie married Donald Bates on March 19, 1955 and they spent 52 years together. To this union was born 2 sons: Donald C. (wife Christina) Bates of Litchfield, OH; and Alan Bates of Brunswick, OH. She also had 3 grandchildren: Kristen, Miranda, and Donald P. Bates, all of Litchfield, OH. She is also survived by 2 sisters: Thelma Sicily and Nevelyn Kemp; and 2 brothers: Percy and Floyd Mullins.

Sister Goldie enjoyed gardening and listening to country music.

Thank God for His devine mercy as he heard Sister Goldie's pleas and gave her grace sufficient

for the saving of her soul. She joined the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church April 21, 1991 and was baptized May 5, 1991. Although she was unable to attend for the last several years of her life, she remained a member in good standing. Her faith has now become reality and she now is at rest from her labors waiting for the resurrection of her body and the change from a natural body to a body like unto His most glorious body. Sleep on Sister Goldie, in God's perfect peace and happiness.

Written by her brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

SISTER CLARA MAGDALINE REYNOLDS DAMRON

With broken hearts and precious memories we will try to write this obituary of our mother, Clara Magdaline Reynolds Damron.

Mommy was born December 25, 1937 to Jay Lee and Draxie (Newsome) Reynolds in Teaberry, Kentucky.

On January 24, 1956, she married Andrew Jackson Damron in Pikeville, Kentucky. Daddy preceded her in death on April 11, 1990. From this union was born ten children: Judy (Ralph) Pierce, Tracy Damron, Ella Mae (Gretho) Hamilton, Sammy (Robin) Damron, Freddy (Lisa) Damron, Teddy (Kim) Damron, Marty Damron and Shannon (Terry) Ratliff. Twin daughters Bonnie Lou and Donna Sue Damron preceded her in death.



Sister Clara Damron

Mommy was blessed with 22 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren that she loved so much. Mommy's oldest great-grandchild Sydney Garber was a special blessing to Mommy by staying with her and giving her care and companionship during her illness.

She is survived by her mother Draxie Reynolds of Kentucky; sisters: Oma Faye Hamilton of Marshall, Michigan; Joyce McCoy and Cissy Sexton both of Kentucky; brothers: Homer Reynolds, Pomerine Reynolds and James Reynolds all of Kentucky. She was preceded in death by her husband Andrew Jackson Damron; father Jay Lee Reynolds; twin daughters: Bonnie Lou and Donna Sue Damron; and sisters: Nadine Bowling, Maxine Hamilton and Dicy Newsome.

Mommy loved being a deaconess for her church. She loved cooking for her family and the churches she served. She loved her gardens, her flowers, her home, her husband, her children and most of all, her Father, our Lord.

Mommy was a mother first and was firm when she needed to be, but she was also our best friend who we went to for everything. She had a good sense of humor and would poke fun at herself and make her grandchildren laugh. She loved one man and only loved Daddy even after he was gone. She gave that same amount of commitment to her family and her church. She was proud of her girls and her boys.

Mommy loved to tell stories and never left out a detail. She loved it when people would come to visit her, especially when Brother Palmer Hamilton, Brother Danny Adams and Brother Jeff Dillon came to pray with her when she was not able to go to church. They were all very faithful to her.

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

We love you and miss you Mommy, Written by her children.

ELDER SAM FRANKS

It is with broken hearts that we write of the passing of our loving father, Sammy Lee Franks.

Dad went to be with the Lord on Wednesday afternoon, July 9, 2008, following a brief illness. He was born on February 9, 1931 in Guin, Alabama, the youngest son of Elbert M. and Virgie Dickson Franks. Dad was preceded in death by both of his parents; his brothers Jesse and Jack Franks; his sisters: Nella Mae Dotson and Jewel Dean Schmitz; and an infant son, Elbert Ray.

Dad retired from BASF Wyandotte Chemicals in Wyandotte, Michigan in 1974, where he worked as a millwright for about 23 years. Although a shy and humble man many friends and co-workers knew him as a man of great strength, ability and faith who was always willing to share his generous spirit with anyone in need.

Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist church and was baptized at Little Ida Church in 1963. In 1965, he helped establish the Rose of Sharon church and was a charter member. Soon after, he felt a calling to share the Word of the Lord and began preaching. In the fall of 1968 he was ordained at the Rose of Sharon Church. After moving to Ohio in 1974, Sammy faithfully served the Lord as moderator or assistant moderator of several Old Regular Baptist churches including: Little Tavie Church in Point Pleasant, WV; South Fork Church in Worthington, KY; and Little Ettie Church in Beaver, Ohio. Until his recent passing, he was moderator at Little Pearl Church in Vinton, Ohio and at Little Flock Church in Ray, Ohio.

After a brief courtship, Sammy married the love of his life, Jewel Hamilton on October 3, 1953. They spent almost 55 years in a loving partnership and were blessed with 3 sons: Elbert Ray Franks who died in infancy; Dennis Lee Franks (Gail) of Stoutsville, Ohio; and Michael Joe Franks (Lori) of Grove City, Ohio. In addition, Sammy is survived by several grandchildren: Jason (Chris) Franks, Stacy Franks, Dennis "Lee" Franks, Jr., Zachary Franks, Nathan Franks, and Edna Nicole "Nicki" Franks, as well as four step-grandsons: Grant, Matthew, Jeremy, and Zachary Wilcoxon. Sammy was also blessed with a great-grandson, Ashton Franks, and two step-great-granddaughters, Ellen and Gracie Gill and many nieces, nephews, and extended family to whom he was very special.

Dad was the type of father who led by example, and always wanted more for his family than he had for himself. He had a great sense of humor, was very quick witted and often made light of himself for others' enjoyment. When we think of our father it is his unwavering faith, his smile, his humble attitude and his easygoing demeanor that first come to mind.

Dad's peaceful demeanor, loving kindness, and inspirational way of life will be sadly missed by not only his family, but also his many Brothers and Sisters in Christ and all who knew him. Dad always taught us that true strength and leadership come from denying our own desires and relying on the grace of the Lord to direct our lives. As dad would often say, "Boys, never forget where your strength and abilities come from." Those who knew Dad ... realize where his strength came from.

As we come to more fully understand the passage from Matthew 5 where it says "*Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted*" we better understand our dad's pain. We are thankful that he is now being comforted by Jesus. When there was conflict in the church, Dad would seem to take it personally and pray for the Lord to restore peace. Dad so loved the church, and his life was dedicated to keeping peace in the church; it is our hope that others will heed the example that he set. Despite our faith, we naturally mourn and grieve our loss. We take comfort when we read in the Scriptures that even Jesus wept over the death of his friend, Lazarus. Dad was a great man of peace and patience, and a friend to many. We long for the reunion that we hope and pray will one day take place in Glory.

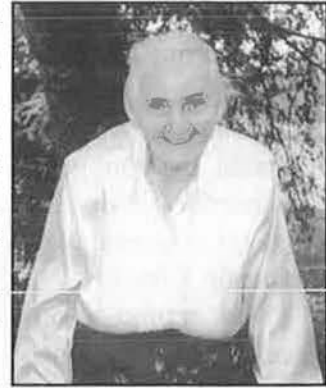


Elder Sam Franks

Respectfully submitted by his loving, grieving sons

SISTER ELLEN HOLBROOK

Sister Ellen Holbrook was born December 11, 1915, to the late Melvin and Mary Rose of Kona, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by two sisters, five brothers, and her husband, Sandy. Sister Ellen passed away February 12, 2008 in Eaton, Ohio. At the time of her death she was survived by 2 daughters: Odean Holbrook and Leanna McQuinn of Trenton, Ohio; and 6 sons: Bill of Cleaves, Ohio; Frank of Miamisburg, Ohio; Lucky of Trenton, Ohio; Gerold of Camden, Ohio; Harold of Franklin, Ohio; and Danny of Middletown, Ohio. Gerold passed away a month after his mother's death. Sister Ellen is also survived by 20 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.



Sister Ellen Holbrook

Sister Ellen brought her letter to the Little Family Church on July 11, 1964 and faithfully filled her seat as long as she was able to get to the church. It was a blessing to see the love and joy on her face when she greeted her brothers and sisters. Sister Ellen would get so happy she would shout and praise the Lord. One of her children asked her how she could understand the preaching since she was almost deaf. She said, "I may not hear, but I sure can feel it." Anytime you saw her she would say pray for my children. So to her children, if you want to see that smile and loving face again turn to God before it is too late.

Written with loving memories by Sister Irene Tuttle

ELDER ZEE HOLBROOK

With much love, many precious memories, and the help of the good Lord, we will try to write an obituary of my beloved Husband, daddy, and Grandpa Zee Holbrook.

He was born August 20, 1935 in Puncheon (Knott County) KY. He was the son of Elder R.E. (Eppie) and Lizzie (Hall) Holbrook. He left this life to be with the Lord, with his loving wife and children surrounding him on Friday morning, November 23, 2007 at his residence, after a brave and long battle with cancer, making his stay here on earth 72 years, 3 months and 3 days. Zee and I were married December 28, 1957 and would have been married 50 years. To this union were born six children: Randy Holbrook, Sheila Garrett, Sharon Sizemore, Sherry Wooley, Renee Gabbard, and our baby boy Timothy Dean Holbrook who passed away also with cancer in 2005.



Elder Zee Holbrook

Survivors include his wife Joyce (Burke) Holbrook; 5 children, 1 daughter-in-law, 3 sons-in-law, 13 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter, 2 brothers, 3 sisters, and a host of nieces and nephews. Zee was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters, two brothers, his loving son and baby boy Timmy Holbrook and grandson Timmy Gabbard.

He served in the U.S. Army in 1957 and during the time of the Cuba crisis in 1961-62. He worked at Philco-Ford and its predecessors for almost 40 years retiring in 1992. Zee joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1967 at Little Memory and was baptized by Elder Hillard Newsome and Elder Herschel Sturgill. He later helped to establish the Little Children's Home Church where he became a member. In 1987 he took his membership to Little Bethel (Sligo, Ohio). In the last few months of Zee's life we decided to bring our membership back to Little Children's Home Church to be closer to home. The Old Regular Baptist had been Zee's home for more than 40 years. He always said he had never wanted anything else or been more satisfied than, "To serve the Lord in that good old fashioned way". He was called to preach in 1969. He was moderator at Little Bethel (Sligo, Ohio), New Home (Indianapolis, Indiana) and Pilgrims Home (Milan, Indiana). He had also been clerk at Little Children's Home (Laurel, Indiana) for several years. He wrote the Circular

Letter for the New Salem Association in 2002. Zee said, "It was a great honor and privilege to be chosen to write this letter."

In the last few months of Daddy's life we learned so much more about his childhood and the things he did growing up. One of those things that come to mind is when Daddy said: He would never forget how he enjoyed checking the Hoover Boxes, (which we had never heard of) for rabbits on his way to school. He told us about the many jobs he had after he got married and the many places that he had seen throughout his lifetime. Out of all the places that Daddy had seen such as New York, Chicago, Germany and France, he said the prettiest place he had ever seen was Kentucky and the Shenandoah Valley. There are so many things we could tell you about our Daddy, but one of the things he wanted was for us children to work together for the up build of this "Grand Old Church" and the "Good Old Fashioned Way", always looking to the Lord from where our help comes from. Daddy preferred the King James Version 1611 edition. Jesus said, "I will write my laws in the hearts and stamp them in their minds". So we are not our own keeper but kept by the power of God. Daddy believed firmly in the King James Version of the Bible. He was often asked why he believed in certain things such as rules and orders in the church and he would tell them that he wanted to live as close to Jesus as he could. He would say "What is wrong in my church is wrong in your church, if it's wrong in my Association, it's wrong in yours." If the Bible don't support it don't have it. Jesus said, "What I say to one I say to all." We can still hear Daddy say, "So let us live, in love, peace, and sweet spirit and when we wake in His likeness we will all be satisfied."

We would travel near and far with our baby boy, Timmy who especially loved to go to the Associations. Zee was called in union meetings, memorials, funerals, and no matter how much pain he was in, he would always try to go. He would say, "If people think that much of me to ask me then with the help of the good Lord I will try to go, because in obedience only are we blessed." His preaching, I believed, touched the hearts of the old as well as the young. To my children and grandchildren who are left to mourn, if you want to see Zee and Tommy and all our loved ones again remember what Zee would tell you, "you must repent and be born again." Turn your lives and hearts over to Jesus and we can all go to a place where the Circle Will Never Be Broken.

Written by: Your Loving and Broken-Hearted Wife Joyce Holbrook and Family

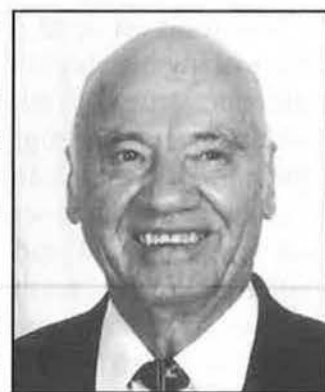
CLOVIS LAWSON

With much sadness and a broken heart, we'll try with the help of our Lord to write the obituary of Clovis Lawson.

Born March 27, 1927 to the late Milford and Millie (Howard) in Turkey Creek, KY. Besides his parents also preceding him in death are his wife Liza (Gibson); three brothers: Garnie, Johnny, and Ray; three sisters: Shirley Handshoe, Janice and Bonnie Lawson; and three children: Billy Charles, Boy, and Robert Lee.

Clovis served in the Army in his early years. July 12, 1945 he married Liza Gibson. To this union five children were born. Those left to mourn his loss are wife: Glenda (Noble); son: Charles (Margaret) Lawson; daughter: Rita (Rod) Hahnemann; stepson: A. Edward (Kim) Noble; step-daughter: Renea (John) Johnson; grandchildren: Lisa (Phil) Michaels, Breanna Lawson, Weston Lawson, Travis Noble, and Drake Noble; great-grandchildren: Seth, Grace, Caleb, and Ian Michaels. Also left to mourn are brothers: Connie (Sheilda) Lawson; Gary (Olga) Lawson; and Sister Hermal Pratt; and numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and friends.

On August 2, 1953 Clovis began working for DT&I railroad, where he worked until his retirement. On Easter Sunday 1970 Clovis was baptized into the Old Regular Baptist Church in Ypsilanti,



Clovis Lawson

Michigan, later bring his membership to the Little Ida Church in Ecorse, Michigan. Clovis then began doing the work for his Savior and his bible was his guide through life, he read it time and again. He believed in our Lord. He lived his life in the way Jesus bids him to live. God's will was his will; He was always telling how good our Lord is and thanking Him for his life's blessings.

On March 1, 1993 after 48 years of marriage and at the age of 65, the good Lord took Liza home to be with Him and to suffer no more. On August 11, 1995 Clovis married Glenda Noble. Two families were joined as one that day. Clovis made no difference in the two and they became one big happy family. They shared many fond memories, their love, and happiness.

Clovis suffered quite a bit near the end. He became unable to talk, then unable to swallow. Glenda would feed him through a feeding tube, and then he became unable to walk. Through all the pain and suffering Clovis never quit smiling when his family and friends would come to visit. I for one will never forget what a loving, humble, sweet man he was. He had such a loving smile that said it all. And he'd always reach out that hand for a greeting no matter how weak or frail he was. Clovis loved life, and loved doing God's will. His real love was for a child. I cannot remember a time when he wouldn't put his arm out for a child and it would just smile and go to him. If for some reason it didn't, it wouldn't take long before he would be in the floor playing with them. My special memory of Clovis was that special smile of his. I'd go hug his neck and say Clovis I love you this much, and I'd spread my arms, and in just a moment those weak arms would reach up and spread out and he'd just smile. I knew he loved me too, he told all of us that he loved us all the time.

As Clovis become more ill, we'd be there more for Glenda and Clovis. I remember watching him as he'd watch Glenda. She would be busy fixing his meds or feeding him or whatever, but those loving, caring, eyes would just follow her wherever she was and they would look at each other and smile that loving smile to one another. Through all his pain and suffering, he wouldn't complain. We knew his prayer was to go be with Jesus. At last his prayer was answered.

God Bless all of you. If you ever want to go be with Clovis in heaven, repent. Follow Jesus and one day you may go where your loved one is.

With love and prayers, Karen Elliott and Family

KATHERINE (PRATER) ROBINSON LOONEY

Sister Katherine was born September 27, 1928 on Greasy Creek in Pike County, KY, to the late Alex and Nellie Prater. She went home to be with Jesus on April 3, 2008 at the Hospice Care Center in Fairlawn, OH, making her stay here on earth 79 years, 6 months and 7 days. Sister Katherine struggled mightily the last few days of her life, enduring much pain and suffering. She was in and out of Akron General Hospital, Edwin Shaw Rehabilitation Hospital, Pebble Creek Nursing Home and Essex Nursing Home several years in the last two or three years. She is now at rest in the Paradise of God where there will be no more struggling to walk and breathe and no more pain and sorrow.



Katherine Robinson Looney

Sister Katherine married Ercelle Robinson in her youth and they spent more than 30 blessed years together, until his sudden death. To this union was born 2 sons: Terry (wife Kim) Robinson; and Keith (Mindy) Robinson, both of Akron (Springfield), OH, who survive. After Ercelle's death, she married Harry Looney, with whom she shared many joyful years until her death. She is also survived by Harry's 2 sons: Harry Jr. (wife Valerie) Looney; and Roger Looney. She also had 10 grandchildren: Seth, Shane, Sydney, Allison and Kasey Robinson, and Nakota, Arah, Jill, Leslie, and Matt Looney, all who survive. She is also survived by 5 great-grandchildren; 4 sisters: Shelby Scott of Akron; Edith Robinson of Greasy Creek, KY; Wilma (Dallas) Jarvis of Atwater, OH; and Faye (Raeford) Thacker of Scarbro, WV; and one brother: Bennie (Venita) Prater of Barberton, OH; a very special niece: Brandy Brady

who took wonderful, loving care of her throughout her struggle; (and her son Anthony "Little buddy" Brady); many nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Sister Katherine enjoyed watching her grandchildren participating in all different activities. She loved to fish, especially at Big Gull Lake in Canada. She was an avid sports fan for all of the Cleveland teams (Indians, Browns and Cavaliers). She was like a sports history book for her teams and she could name not only all the current players, but all the players that had been on the teams for years. She made friends easily with everyone and had made many good friends during the course of her life.

During her illness, Harry always sat right by her bed, catering to her every need within his abilities. He loved her greatly and took the best care of her he could. No one could have ever been better to her than Harry was. Her niece, Brandy could do for her all the things Harry couldn't do and she was also so good to Sister Katherine. She was also blessed so wonderfully with her sisters who visited her daily and spent many hours helping with her care. She was so blessed with her sons and the rest of the family who loved her and cared for her.

In the most important part of her life, the spiritual part, Sister Katherine came to the point in her life where she recognized that she needed a Savior and put all of her faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Hearing her, as He does all those who ask in faith, believing, she obtained His blessed mercy. Feeling this wonderful salvation in her soul, she did what God commanded, putting her light on the candlestick and joined the True Vine Old Regular Baptist Church in Clinton, OH in 1984, being the first member to join after its establishment and was baptized by Elders Kennis Robinson and David Slone. She loved the old time singing and preaching and was always faithful to fill her seat until sickness and afflictions made her unable to attend. She loved for us to visit her and sing and pray with her when she was in the hospital or nursing home.

I am thankful for the blessing of having been acquainted with her and sharing our Christian love. I loved to joke with her as she did with me. We surely miss her smiling face and look forward to that day when we can reap the reward she has received. For those of Sister Katherine's family who don't know Jesus in the pardon and remission of your sins, please call on Jesus while you still have life and opportunity. Heaven is so real and is surely worth seeking.

Written by her brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

DELORES G. OUSLEY

Sister Delores Ousley of Danville, Michigan passed away on Thursday, August 9, 2007 at her home at the age of 62.

She was born on April 23, 1945 in Martin, Kentucky, the daughter of George and Osie (Miller) Ousley. Delores had lived in the area since she was 4 years old, coming from Kentucky. She was a 40 plus year member of the Mt. Olive Old Regular Baptist Church. She enjoyed reading and listening to books on tape but will be remembered most as a person who gave to others all her life.

Surviving are one brother: Carl (Lois) Ousley of Leslie; and three sisters: Virginia Baird of Westerville, Ohio; Shirley Johnson of Danville, Michigan; and Barbara Howard of Stockbridge, Michigan. She had many nieces and nephews and several cousins whom she loved dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters: Sally Lafferty and Susie McKee. After she became ill and was bedfast, she always welcomed company and loved for her brothers and sisters of our faith to come and sing and have prayer with her. Sister Delores was a wonderful and faithful member and we miss her very much. We believe she has just beat us over Jordan but we will meet her again some sweet day.



Delores G. Ousley

Written by her sister, Shirley Johnson

ERNEST WILLIAM RAKOSY

Ernest William Rakosy was born August 17, 1938 in Dabney, WV, to the late Gerson and Emma (Kerkercheny) Rakosy, and departed this life July 14, 2008 at his home in Brook Park, OH surrounded by his loving family, making his stay here on earth, 69 years, 10 months and 28 days. He is now at rest in the Paradise of God where there will be no more cancer, no more struggling for breath, no more pain or sorrow.

Ernie moved to Cleveland, with his family, when he was 4 years old. He grew up in the Brook Park area helping his Dad work on cars. One day while working on a car, he spied a beautiful young lady and vowed that he would someday make her his wife. Lydia fell in love with him too, just as her whole family did. He married Lydia Hall on February 12, 1962, and they spent 46 wonderful years together. They had a very special, loving, caring relationship and she stood by him as she had vowed "through sickness and in health" and "till death do us part".



Ernest William Rakosy

To this union was born one son: Randy, who preceded him in death; and 1 daughter: Cheri Maatz (husband Shawn) Winners of Strongsville, Ohio, whom he called his Princess. He is also survived by his brother; Gerson "Gary" (wife Mertie) Rakosy of Brook Park, OH; and his devoted sister: Libby (husband Anthony) Vaccariello of Chicago, IL. His daughter Cheri gave him his most cherished gifts, his grandchildren. He also leaves to mourn his loss 3 grandsons: Shane Rakosy, Corey and Ryan Maatz, all of Strongsville, Ohio; and 1 granddaughter: Alex Winners of Strongsville, OH. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law: Charles (Judy); Ivan (Avanell), and Terry (____); sisters-in-law: Loraine (Conley) Daniels; and Yvonne (Gary) Castle; and a great host of family, friends and loved ones. In addition to his parents, son, Randy, who died in infancy, he was also preceded in death by an infant brother.

Ernie started working for his Dad when he was 12 years old and he became a great mechanic. Ernie worked as a mechanic and tow truck driver for Brom Truck Services in Brook Park. He then went to work for Rich's Towing for 15 years until he partially retired. He really never stopped working because he enjoyed it. He continued to work for Rich's repairing their service trucks until the cancer took such a toll on his body that he was no longer able to go. Everyone at Rich's affectionately called him "Grandpa". He also spent many hours at Lydia's Strudel Shop first when his Mom owned it and then when Lydia continued making the strudel, carrying on the family business. He met many people through his work and the strudel shop and, with his winning personality, and made many loyal and loving friends.

Ernie loving sports and enjoyed playing golf and bowling. He made great friends with his golf and bowling buddies. One special friend who stuck by Ernie right to the end was Bill Gaynor, who was his bowling buddy. Bill would come and sit with Ernie for hours and watch ballgames with him. They would just sit around, talk, laugh and have fun. Even after Ernie got so sick, he could no longer get out of bed, Bill brought him a strawberry milkshake and talked with him everyday. Ernie also enjoyed watching the Indians, Browns and Cavaliers and was a huge fan. He also enjoyed his grandchildren so much. He had a special relation with his grandson, Shane, with whom he spent many enjoyable hours. But most of all he enjoyed attending church and hearing the singing and preaching visiting with his brothers and sisters in Christ.

Although, Brother Ernie was a good, honest, moral man for all of his life, he found that was not sufficient to get salvation for his soul. He had given great love and received great love but discovered that no greater love could a man have than to lay down His life for His friends. He took heed to the great light that shines in the hearts of all men, letting them know what they are by nature and what they must be by the grace of God. He prayed diligently for Jesus to forgive him and Jesus heard his cries and gave him that mercy that he so sincerely desired. Once he felt the

great gift of grace in his heart, Brother Ernie obeyed what the spirit bade him to do and joined the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church in Litchfield, OH, on March 5, 2006. He was baptized on April 3, 2006 by Elders Roger Hicks, Dennis Elkins and Jerry Caskey, answering a good conscience before God, and signifying his death, burial and resurrection as a new creature in Christ Jesus, just as Jesus had done some 2000 years before. He remained a faithful member until his death.

To all of Brother Ernie's family and friends, please look to the same old path where Brother Ernie found Jesus' gift of grace, follow the small, still voice and be obedient to the spirit. Don't over-complicate it but rather sincerely seek it, willing to deny yourself and Jesus will hear your cries and give you the same free gift of eternal life. Then you'll be ready to go where Brother Ernie has already gone.

Special thanks to all of the family who helped, but especially to Yvonne, who was truly a Godsend to Brother Ernie and Sister Lydia, to Bill Gaynor, who stuck by Ernie's side to the end, and to Tom and Doreen Nolan, who were so faithful to be there for Brother Ernie and Sis Lydia. Also to all those who visited from the churches, especially Brother Jerry and Sister Priscilla Caskey and Brother Larry and Sister Patsy Newsome. God will surely bless you all.

Lovingly written by his sister-in-law, Yvonne Castle
and his brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

OBITUARIES

FRIENDS OF THE N.N.S.A.

JOHN GARFIELD BARTLEY

John Garfield Bartley was born April 4, 1952 in Pikeville, Kentucky. He suddenly took ill and passed away on June 28, 2008 in Callao, VA. He was the son of Ersel Bartley and Noble Hopson (Bartley) Campbell. His dad Ersel Bartley preceded him in death. His family left to mourn his death, his wife of 12 years, Wanda Gail Bartley of Spotsylvania, VA; his mother, Noble Campbell; step-dad, Leo Campbell; brother, Vaughn Bartley; sister, Donna Bartley, all of Auburn Hills, MI; and sister, Debbie Nelson of Swartz Creek, MI. He had two children by his first marriage: James Garfield Bartley of Travis City, MI; Sarah Elizabeth Bartley and one grandson Jonathon Bartley of Rochester Hills, MI. Two step-children: Steven Dixon of Richmond, VA; and Sherry Breedem of Knoxville, TN. He had two step-brothers: Robert Campbell of GA; Timothy Campbell of Florida; and one step-sister: Rhonda Shafer of MI. 6 step-grandchildren, many nephews, nieces and cousins to mourn his loss.



John Garfield Bartley

John was a wonderful son. He had just turned 56 in April. I called and wished him Happy Fathers Day in June and the last words I heard him say was (love you Mom). His sudden death was a shock to us all. As far as we know it was a massive heart attack. John had many friends and they were all amazed at how he could do anything and could fix any thing and just about everyone had something for him to fix. John was loved and well thought of by everyone that knew him. He moved to Spotsylvania, VA several years ago where he met his second wife Wanda. John loved boating and had a 29 foot cabin cruiser that he and his wife enjoyed very much. He took sick on his boat and that is where he passed away.

His grandparents, James Garfield and Myrtle Mae Hopson on his mother's side and John and Vernie Bowling Bartley on his dad's side preceded him in death. He was named after his two grandpas, John and Garfield. His brother Vaughn and sisters Donna and Debbie said they would really miss their little brother. They were so used to it being the four of them. Donna was the oldest then Vaughn, John and Debbie. We were a very close family.

John, to his family and friends: REMEMBER ME — Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow, but remember me in every tomorrow. Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles. I've only gone to rest a little while. So dry your eyes and remember me, not as I am now, but as I used to be. Because, I will remember you all, and look on with a smile. Understand in your hearts, I've only gone to rest a little while. As long as I have the love of each of you, I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.

Written by his Mother, Brother and Sisters with a sad and aching heart

CLAUD BATES

With a sad and broken heart I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Claud Bates. He was born November 23, 1924 in Knott County, Kentucky to the late Jim Bates and Melissa Gibson Bates making his stay here on earth 83 years, 6 months and 4 days.

He had three brothers, all who are deceased: Dingess, Charles and Clyde Bates; 2 sisters: Audrey Jubainville (deceased); and Ollie Hall. We were married December 21, 1945 and had 8 children: Claudia Rose Reynolds (deceased) (Harlan); Glenda Carol Justice (Duke); Norma Gail Huntzicker (Henry); Jimmie Luther Bates (Roxanne); Doris Ann Davis (Troy); Melissa Jane Collins (Ray); Margaret Lynn Felenchak (John); Elizabeth Paige Sevcik (Dave). We had 18 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one on the way. He loved each and every one of them dearly and they loved him.



Claud Bates

He worked 13 years and 7 months at Inland Steel Coal Company in Wheelwright and Price, Kentucky. He also worked 16 years at Anaconda American Brass Company in Detroit, Michigan and at that time he was disabled. He never wanted anybody to think he was sick. He never complained, he always said he was fine even when we knew he was not. He was the most patient, compassionate and understanding person I ever met. I loved him so much and miss him dearly. He was the love of my life. He loved to have his family and friends come over and always wanted me to cook for them and feed them. Nobody was to leave Claud Bates' house hungry. When I would cook he would always say, "Save for my friend Johnny & Audrey Bentley." It pleased him so much when Friday nights would roll around because all of our children and grandchildren would come over. We have a lot of wonderful memories of our life together with our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other family members and friends. He left behind a wonderful legacy for our children and their children. He told us he had a heavenly home to go to, he was not afraid to die. He took my hand and kissed it and said whatever my master has in store for me it is ok with me. He called all of the kids to his bed and told them to be good kids and take care of your mother. Our children are honoring their Dad's wishes and making sure that I am taken care of daily.

We lost our daughter, Claudia Rose December 7, 2007, and he seemed to just get worse after that happened. I believe he is in heaven with our daughter and they are both watching over all of us now. I believe with all my heart he is at peace, no more sickness, pain and suffering. He has gone home to live with Jesus. It is our loss but heaven's gain. Babe, I love and miss you so much. I will meet you some day in that beautiful place.

With all our love Your Wife & Children. Written by your wife: Bernice Bates

DONALD M. BATES, SR.

Donald M. Bates, Sr. was born December 5, 1931 at Morgantown, WV, to the late Christopher and Florence (Wines) Bates, and departed this life on September 28, 2007 in Berea, OH, making his stay here on earth 75 years, 9 months and 23 days.

Donald married Goldie (Mullins) on March 19, 1955 and they spent 52 years together. To this union was born 2 sons: Donald C. (wife Christina) Bates of Litchfield, OH; and Alan Bates of Brunswick, OH. He also had 3 grandchildren: Kristen, Miranda, and Donald P. Bates, all of Litchfield, OH.

Donald loved racing and enjoyed going to the Lorain County Speedway to work as crew chief for his son's racecar. He also enjoyed watching westerns and war movies.

Donald served in the U.S. Army where he was a Staff Sergeant and served in the Korean War. He worked for G.M. in Parma, OH in transmission assembly and retired there after 30 years of service.

Written by Brother Dennis Elkins

HENDRICKS D. "H.D." CAUDILL, JR.

Hendricks D. "H.D." Caudill, Jr. went to his eternal home Friday, September 7, 2007, while attending a veterans' reunion of the 36th Division in Texas.

H.D. was the son of the late Hendricks D. Sr. and Anna Dixon Caudill. He was born August 14, 1923, and was 84 years and 24 days of age. H.D. was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and he was a faithful attendee of the Antioch Church. A decorated veteran of World War II, he felt honored to be a member of what Tom Brokaw called "The Greatest Generation." He was a retired educator turned author, having published several articles in regional periodicals, and one book which he completed shortly before his passing. H.D. was an accomplished woodworker and mechanic.



Hendricks "H.D." Caudill, Jr.

H.D. is survived by his wife of almost 62 years, Edna Whitaker Caudill; their daughter, Lonna Anne Caudill; sons: Robert Lee (wife Lisa McDonald Caudill) of Louisville; and Michael Alan (wife Marcia C. Caudill) of Carcassonne, KY; and six grandchildren: Marshall Alan, Matthew, Brent, and Megan Cara; and Madeline Ann, Emma Elizabeth, and Hunter Lee. He is also survived by one sister, Virginia Dare Back of Letcher County, KY; and a brother, Charles Eugene Caudill of Dixon, TN; as well as a host of in-laws, niece, nephews and friends, all of whom will miss his smiling face. He was preceded in death by a son, Ken Douglas Caudill.

A grateful son, Michael Alan Caudill

My life has been enriched by knowing H.D. Caudill. He was a man of wisdom, a very interesting person to talk to. He is greatly missed at the Antioch Church. He left us with precious memories. I feel he is resting in God's care and we look forward to seeing him again in that glorious land called Heaven.

With Love, Bro. Hillard Newsome

CHARLIE E. CHARLES

With much sadness in our hearts, but wonderful and "precious memories" we will try to write the obituary of our uncle, husband and friend Charlie E. Charles.

He was born in Pikeville, Kentucky to the late Garland and Jane Charles and lived to 81 years of age.

Uncle Ed retired from Ford Motor Company after spending many years working in the coal mines of Kentucky.

He met and married the love of his life: Reable and they lived a happy life for 60 years. Preceded in death by his two children, Linda and Roger, he leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Reable; one son-in-law, Rob Rumbold and many nieces, nephews, friends and Shyloh, his special angel. His brothers, Lester, Bob and Alston along with their families and his brother-in-law Robert Adkins have surely lost a good friend.

Uncle Ed lived a very full life. He and aunt Reable weathered the passing of both of their children. Roger who passed away in 1981 and Linda who died just a few short months prior to Uncle Ed. How sad to have to stand at your childrens caskets and say goodbye to them, but Ed and Reable did this with much grace and goodness. Their children knew how much they were loved as did anyone that came to know them.

Uncle Ed attended the True Vine Church and Pleasant View Church until his health forbade him to do so. Although he never joined the church, he professed a hope in Christ and told Brother Kenny Robinson and many others that he was not afraid of death and that he had made his peace with God many years ago and that Heaven would be his home. We believe this with every ounce of our beings. Although we miss the mortal presence of Ed, we still have the memories of him and that is something that will forever be cherished in our hearts.

To my Aunt Reable I would like to say, I know your heart is aching. I know how much you loved Uncle Ed and your children. They are at rest now, together, singing praises to God and I know even as much as they loved you, they would not want to be back here in this life but you can go to them and I believe when God feels the time is right for you to come, you will. We love you my aunt and I know that you know that, but as much as we love you, God loves you even more.

Written with much sadness but a lot of love, Your niece, Karene Miller



Charlie E. Charles

ELIZABETH "LIZ" COMBS

With our saddened hearts, my sister Lydia and I will try to write about our mom, Elizabeth "Liz" Combs, who went to be with God on February 18, 2008 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange, Indiana. Mom was born on June 9, 1932 in Knott County, Kentucky to Hiram and Bessie (Field) Short. Mom married our dad, R.J. Combs on June 13, 1949 in Knott County, Kentucky. He survives. Making mom's stay on this earth 75 years, 4 months and 20 days.

With this union came three children: Lydia Bell of Wetmore, Michigan; Lamont J. Combs of Kendallville, Indiana; and Melea Morgan of Rome City, Indiana. Four grandchildren: Melissa Baldridge of Kendallville, Indiana; Coy Baldridge of Rome City, Indiana; Jermy and Robbie Fugate of Rome City, Indiana; and three great-grandchildren: Shai-Lynn, Robert Dean and Mya Nichole all of Rome City, Indiana. Mom was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter Makayla Elizabeth Baldridge and several brothers and sisters.



Elizabeth "Liz" Combs

Mom attended Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church. She was well loved among all the church members. Mom was always reading the Bible or if you happen to walk into the house you could hear her singing. Her voice was like an angel. It's so hard to write about mom without either crying because we miss her so much, or smiling because you would remember happy times that we shared with her. Mom's childhood wasn't the greatest, but she never ever complained about it. Mom was our rock. She was always there for us no matter how big or small the problem was. Mom helped anyone that she could. She never met a stranger. When mom met dad, she knew that he was the one for her. Dad was mom's first and only true love, her soulmate for life. Mom and Dad always had a funny way of telling how they met or who was the one that started it first. But, everyone's stories are different, but in the long run it didn't matter. They were married and stayed married for 58 loving years.

*When I first saw those wings of Gold
So tiny, precious, yet so bold
Pure joy began to fill my heart
As I watched this work of art
Too quickly then they disappeared*

Wings of Gold

*Gone forever is what I feared
Can I make this moment last
It's too soon to be the past
So I looked into the sky
As the glitter caught my eye*

My name is Lydia Bell, her oldest daughter. I'm writing about our mom Elizabeth Combs. Mom was a lady with integrity and kindness for everyone around her. Mom protected us when we needed it, and spanked us when we did wrong. Mom was always there on cold and dark nights, and she would bring sunshine during that time. She helped us grow up to be responsible adults with a kind but firm hand. She was a loving mother and wife to our dad although there were trying times all throughout her life. Myself and my family respected and loved her for who she was. We do and will miss her tremendously always and forever.

ANDREW "ANDY" ELLIOTT

It is with a mixture of sadness and joy that we are here today to remember our brother, dad, grandpa, and friend, Andy Elliott. Sadness because we will no longer see the happiness he received from his family and church. Joy because we know that the pain and suffering he was going through is now over.

Andy was born on May 31, 1929 to Bud and Darkie Elliott. He passed away March 1, 2008 in Florida. Even though he spent many years living far away, he never forgot his days in Kentucky. McDowell was never out of his heart and mind.

Andy married Sally Jo Tuttle in August 1959. Within a couple of years they had two sons: Mike and Steve, both born in Chicago. To support his family, Andy moved his family to Michigan in order to find work. He was lucky enough to live near some of his brothers and sisters. That helped him get through many rough days. Andy did what he had to for his family. He made sure that his sons knew right from wrong, and what it meant to lead a good life.

Andy loved the Baptist Church. He loved going to church, and he loved talking about the church. Even when he had to get up early for work, he loved having his friends come over and stay up late to talk about church, about Kentucky, and about memories of happy times.

In 1981, Sally Jo passed away. It was hard on everybody, but Andy kept his family together. At that time, he thought a lot about moving back to Kentucky, but decided not to. It was more important to him to make sure that his sons were going to be okay. Eventually, Andy retired and moved to Florida, where he spent the last twelve years of his life. He went there to get away from the cold and snow, but was never really happy in Florida. He didn't get to see his family very often, but he tried to talk to everyone as much as he could. He loved talking to his brothers and sisters, his sons, and



Andrew "Andy" Elliott

his daughter-in-law Theresa. He always talked about how proud he was of his three granddaughters: Samantha, Shannon, and Haley. Andy would light up when he would get to see the girls.

Andy was always the happiest when he could go back to Kentucky. Every person who walked or drove by seemed to know Andy, and was always glad to see him. He would go from house to house to say hello to everyone, and to catch up on things. He would always end up on his mom's front porch, usually talking to his brother, Junior. He could have spent the whole week on that porch, and would have been very happy.

The last few years of Andy's life saw him in failing health, but he never complained. He didn't want anyone to worry about him. The last few weeks were especially hard on him, but now he is in a better place. He's back in Kentucky, the place he loved more than any other place on earth. Now he can rest in peace next to Sally Jo, which is where he belongs.

Andy left behind his two sons, his daughter-in-law, and his three granddaughters. He also left behind his brother Junior, and sisters, Leona, Oma, and Hazel.

We know Andy is in a better place now. He was a good man, a good father, a good brother, a good grandpa, and a good friend. Whenever someone thinks of Andy Elliott, they can't help but get a smile on their face.

Written by: Mike Elliott and Family

CHARLES JAMES JOHNSON

Charles J. (Butch) Johnson of Stockbridge, Michigan died at the age of 46 at his home surrounded by his family on December 2, 2007. He was born the son of James Eyone and Shirley Mae (Ousley) Johnson on March 20, 1961 in Jackson, Michigan.

Butch enjoyed racing, especially drag racing. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting and loved to travel around the country visiting lighthouses.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his son Matthew Charles Johnson of Stockbridge; brother John Johnson of Stockbridge; and Mark Johnson of Stockbridge as well as several nieces and nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father.

Written by his dear mother, Shirley Johnson



Charles James Johnson

JOHNNY JOHNSON

It's the most difficult aspect of living on his earth, to give up someone you love. My dad was born January 1, 1936 to the late Joe and Eliza Johnson of Weeksbury, Kentucky. He leaves behind two brothers: Fred of Prestonsburg, Kentucky; and Wavey of Virgie, Kentucky. There were four sisters: Pearl Harris of Andrews, Indiana; Dorothy Little of Taylor, Michigan; Josie Little of Virgie, Kentucky; and Ruby Salamone of Ecorse, Michigan. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Rush and Ballard; and two sisters, Fronia and Carrie.

My dad met and married the love of his life, our mother, Shirley Burke on November 9, 1957. In nearly 50 years together, they stood firm on their love and devotion to one another. He was so proud of the accomplishment of keeping their love and marriage together, when so many marriages fail. He was a proud, but humble man. I feel so genuinely blessed to have had such a loving, hard working and devoted father. He never met a stranger, and always made time for anyone in need. He was probably the most selfless person I have ever known. He always saw only the good in everyone. Our family was small in size, but large on love for one another. He taught us about love, respect, pride and to be conscious of all our actions. He showed his love to



Johnny Johnson

us all daily. I don't ever remember a day growing up that he ever failed to show his love, whether it was a hug, a kiss or a wink at his girls. He was a strong and proud family man. He loved his grandchildren. In his eyes they could do no wrong. He loved each one exactly the same, and always reminded, even a stranger of what beautiful grandchildren he had. The oldest being Jeremy (Kristina) Caudill of River Rouge, Michigan; Brittany Caudill of Wellington, Kentucky; and the youngest, Heather Kadwell of Mount Sterling, Kentucky; and my sister, Tammy (Gavin) Warner of Mount Sterling, Kentucky.

We have so many fond memories of Daddy. He gave so much to all of us and learning to live on this earth without him has proven to be difficult. He was the strength, the patience and gentle soul that guided each of us in whatever obstacle came in our paths. Daddy had been sick for such a long time, he would always seem to bounce back and then the cancer returned. He'd pray and the tears would roll down his face. I saw a different man who laid in that hospital bed. He fought, like I never saw someone fight to live. He didn't want to leave Mom, he worried more about her than he did himself. We were all with him, we all had become residence at the hospital that week. He had become so frail, so quickly. Daddy was so weak, he became very still, but would randomly open his eyes, always searching for Mom. He knew his girls were there with him, the last words he spoke to Mom were "I will meet you in Heaven." For hours we stood by his bedside, stroking his hair, holding his hand, whispering into his ear of the love we had for him. Our family and friends were all with us. They never left our side. The silence in the room, only the sound of the machines running and instantly he threw his arms up and began shouting "I'm going to Heaven" and the joy upon his face, there was actually a glow to him. It was such a joyful and moving testimony. He had served his time upon this earth, and his journey now has ended. There won't be any more pain or discomfort. Daddy doesn't need the oxygen or breathing treatments any longer. I know he's resting in the loving arms of the Lord. He can run through the beautiful gardens in Heaven and I know he's singing with the Angels. I believe this with all my heart, and I know how much Mom is hurting without him. We all are struggling with his absence, but a great comfort comes in the knowledge: we will all be together again, by simply excepting our Lord and Savior, and to be born again and believing and living our lives to his will. No family will ever be broken again.

Written by his broken-hearted family: Sister Shirley Johnson
and daughters: Dede, Tammy & Grandchildren: Jeremy, Brittany and Heather

PEARLIE MAE JONES LEWIS

Mom was born March 18, 1908 on Little Fork of Virgie, KY. She was the first of nine children born to the late Charlie and Eunice Akers Jones. She passed away at home July 26, 2008, making her stay on earth 100 years, 4 months and 8 days. She was diagnosed with lymphoma cancer in November 2007. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Hatler, Palmer, Monroe, Milton and Shelton Jones; and sister: Alpha Moore; husband: Chris; sons: Charles, Doug and Dale Lewis; and daughter: Rita Lewis and infant twin grandsons. She is survived by son, Joe Lewis; daughters: Dorothy Young, Mona Thomas, Jewel Voorhis, Fanny Lewis and Faye Stewart; brother, Marvin Jones; and sister, Orpha Matfey. Mom had 20 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren. Mom met my dad on July 4, 1932 and they married September 3, 1932. They were married 53 years when dad passed away May 26, 1985. Mom worked hard all her life, raised 9 children to adulthood and she made all our clothes. Mom worked in corn fields, canned, made quilts, fed and watered livestock, milked and many more chores. She was sewing mustard greens in March just before turning 100. She peeled apples for breakfast on the night of March 17, 2008. She never gave up. She celebrated her 100th birthday on March 22,



Pearlie Mae Jones Lewis

2008 with 235 of her family members and friends. Mom enjoyed so much telling stories of her childhood. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren would gather around her easy chair and listen intensely to her memories, making memories of their own.

We had to give Mom up but will always have loving memories and hope to join her again someday. There are so many things I could say about Mom but space is limited. Everyone who knew her loved her. She will be sadly missed by all.

Daughter, Fanny Lewis

CLAUDIA ROSE REYNOLDS

With a sad and broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of our lovely daughter Claudia Rose (Bates) Reynolds. She was born October 16, 1946 to Claud Bates and Bernice (Johnson) Bates in Halo, Kentucky. She was the eldest of six sisters and one brother: Glenda Carol Justice (Duke), Norma Gail Huntzicker (Henry), Jimmy Luther Bates (Roxann), Doris Ann Davis (Troy), Melissa Jane Collins (Ray), Margaret Lynn Felenchak (John) and Elizabeth Paige Sevcik (Dave).



Claudia Rose Reynolds

We moved to Michigan in 1955, so all of our children were raised there. Claudia graduated from high school from River Rouge High School in 1966 and met Harlan Reynolds from Pike County, Kentucky and was married March 18, 1967. They had two children: Tina Lynn Cecelone and Jeffery Wayne Reynolds. She had three grandchildren: Jordan, Taylor and Hannah; and 19 nieces and nephews, all whom she loved dearly.

Claudia worked as an insurance biller in a dentist office from 1986 until 2002, when she contracted cancer. Claudia, along with her husband and children moved to Steubenville, Ohio in March of 2004. Her sisters continued to visit her often and the whole family went to see her in November 2007. She enjoyed our visit greatly. We all then returned on December 6, 2007 and she passed away the next morning on December 7, 2007. She was a daughter any mother and father could be proud of.

I have many great memories of our daughter Claudia. I would talk to her two or three times a day. Every time Claudia would come to Michigan, I would have green beans ready to eat and some for her to take home because she loved them so much. It is a lonely place without you and I believe that Claudia and her father are watching over us. They were our loss but heaven's gain. I talk to her husband quite often and he is still grieving her loss and it is hard for him to go on. Harlan, I and the rest of her family loved Claudia so much and will be with her and Claud on that bright morning. I pray day and night that God will give me the strength to go on. I love you baby.

Written by your beloved mother, Bernice Bates

LARRY DOUGLAS ROBINSON

Larry Douglas Robinson was born August 9, 1950 in Pikeville, KY, to Irene (Kinney) Robinson and the late Leonard Robinson. He departed this life on October 17, 2007 at the Select Hospital located at the Akron City Hospital in Akron, OH, making his stay here on earth 57 years, 2 months and 8 days. His soul is now at rest in paradise where all is peace, joy and happiness.

Larry never saw the light of day in this world, never saw his Mother's face and was never able to express himself to let his Mother know when something was hurting him, or when someone had been mean to him. But now God has opened his eyes to view the most glorious beauties of eternal glory and loosed his tongue to sing with the angels. Although Larry was mentally retarded and was blind from birth, he attended the Southern Workshop of Weaver Industries. Larry was blessed to be born into a family that loved him and cared for him. He enjoyed so very much the love of his family who hugged him and kissed him so frequently. God blessed him to hear their voices

and to feel their love. He enjoyed the simple things like rocking in a chair, eating his meals, and riding in a car. Brother Leonard, Sister Irene and their children took special care of Larry at home all through his life, making many personal sacrifices, to make sure that Larry was kept clean and comfortable. Never complaining, Sister Irene bathed him, shaved him, brushed his teeth, diapered him, dressed him and fed him for 57 years. So many times, she was saddened by the marks that showed someone at the workshop had hurt him but Larry could not say what had happened and when she'd call the workshop, they would say some other retarded child had hit him. Larry won't ever have to go through that anymore. Now, all is pleasure, peace and joy.

Besides his devoted Mother, Larry leaves to mourn his loss 3 brothers: Kennis L. (wife Ethel); Timothy R. (wife Jennifer); and Troy L. (wife Bonijene) all of Akron, OH; and 2 sisters: Ida L. Rafferty (husband Azra "Jim") of Norton, OH; and Vickie J. Mosier (husband Rick) of Tipp City, OH. He also leaves to mourn many nieces, nephews, cousins and a great host of friends and loved ones. In addition to his Daddy, Leonard Robinson, his sister Mattie Ruth, who died in infancy, also preceded him in death.

Larry suffered a lot after they found that he had colon cancer 3 months ago, which had already spread to his liver. Tim continued to shave him, brush his teeth and clean him up, right to the end. The family visited him multiple times per day and continued to show him their love. But God saw that Larry's life here in this world was finished and called him home to everly be with Him. Larry, who never had a sin charged to his account here in this life, had enough inherited sin in his flesh to bring death. But where little is known, little is required. Larry was saved by the pure grace of Jesus Christ. To Larry's family and friends, James 4:14 says, *"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."* In order to go to Heaven to be with Jesus, repentance is required. You will have to come in faith believing in Jesus with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength and be born again by the spirit of God. So please, don't put off the most important decision of your lives. You don't know when death will come to you, but you do know that it will come. Seek Jesus while you have life and opportunity so you can spend eternity with Him. Today is the day of salvation.

Written by his Brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

LINDA LEE RUMBOLD

With much sadness in our hearts and by the merciful Grace of God, we will try to write the obituary of our most loving daughter, cousin, friend and aunt, Linda Lee Rumbold.

Linda was born September 28, 1948 in Pikeville, Kentucky to Ed and Reable Charles. She left this life after a short battle with Glioblastoma Brain Cancer at the tender age of 59. She was preceded in death by a sister, Mildred Marie Charles and her special brother Roger David Charles.

Linda's life was one of complete devotion to her parents and to Roger until he passed away at 28 years of age in December of 1981. They had a special relationship. It was one that most brothers and sisters never have. Linda loved life and loved to travel with her mother and dad. She was totally devoted to her parents and spent countless hours to take care of them and see that their needs were met.

Linda married her wonderful husband Bob in 1980 and was a true and loving wife to him until the last breath left her body. Bob was richly blessed in his marriage to Linda. A love such as theirs is so rare these days. Many do not see marriage as a Sacred Union and to have one "SPECIAL" love in your life makes his life seem so much more worth living.

Lin is survived by many friends, relatives and loved ones. She leaves to mourn and miss her daily, her parents, Ed and Reable Charles; her wonderful husband, Bob; special friend, Bertha



Linda Lee Rumbold

Burch; special cousins: Diane and Tim Borders and Karene Miller all of Barberton, Ohio and Shyloh Borders, whom Linda loved so dearly.

Linda was diagnosed with Glioblastoma Brain Cancer in March of 2008. She had no real symptoms until two days prior to diagnosis. She underwent brain surgery for removal of the tumor and the doctors were able to remove 90% of this dreaded tumor. The day after her surgery, she was sitting up in the chair, very alert and acknowledging people and things. She would tell Diane when Bob was there: "there is my man and I love him." Linda suffered a Grand Mal seizure and never fully regained consciousness.

She loved the Old Regular Baptist Church. Brother Kenny Robinson and Brother Dennis Elkins were two more of her special friends. They would visit her in the hospital along with Brother Jerry and sister Priscilla and sing to her, hold prayer with her and just were such great support for Linda's family. She let them know that she was not afraid. She would tell her mother, "I want to go and talk to Roger."

We believe in our hearts that Linda is sleeping around the Paradise Throne of God along with her many friends and family members that have also departed this life.

If I could say anything to you, it would be to live each day as if it were your last. Be good to one another. Love each other as God loves you. If we want to see those that have gone before us, we must make ready and turn to the Lord. To my aunt and uncle, let me say, I know your hearts are broken, both of your children have gone on before you. But just always remember that you can see them again in a world where there is no pain, no cancer, no heart problems and just peace and joy. What a comfort, what a joy to look forward to.

Written by Linda's cousin, Karene Miller with the help of her parents and Diane Borders

ARTHUR "ROOT" THORNSBERRY

It is with a sad heart that I will attempt to write an obituary of my father-in-law, Arthur "Root" Thornsberry. He was born in Hall, Kentucky on September 20, 1925 and departed this life on March 9, 2007 at McDowell ARH, McDowell, Kentucky, making his stay on earth 82 years, 5 months, and 17 days.

He was the son of the late Lewis and Mattie Hall Thornsberry and the husband of the late Queenie Holt Thornsberry. Besides his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one son, Jerry Thornsberry; two grandchildren: Loretta Faye Thornsberry and Jerry Dowell Thornsberry.

Left to mourn his loss are five sons and daughters-in-law: Lowell and Judy Thornsberry of Shelby, Ohio; Dowell and Jeannie Thornsberry; James and Robin Thornsberry, Effort and Jacqueline Thornsberry and Deffort and Patsy Thornsberry, all of Kite, KY; six daughters and sons-in-law: Peggy and Nelson Craft of Hindman, KY; Lora and Bobby Click of Cornith, KY; Delores Thornsberry, Judy Slone, both of David, KY; Willa Thornsberry of Kite, KY; and Melisa and Walter Sexton of Topmost, KY; one brother: Crawford (Thelma) Thornsberry of Shelby, Ohio; six sisters: Anna King, Bethel (Raymond) Anderson; Roxie Hall, Eddie (Pete) Butler; Marcella (Marvin) Rice all of Kite, Kentucky; and Lora (Vest) Webb of Bastian, Virginia; 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; also a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Root worked hard to raise his family, working mostly in the coal mines. He was a disabled coal miner, and for the last 35 years struggled so very hard to breathe for the coal dust afflicted him with the awful disease of "Black Lung". He loved his family very much especially the grandchildren. He would love for them to come visit and said that was the only way he knew when it was Saturday! (The grandchildren would come.)



Arthur "Root" Thornsberry

Root attended the Old Regular Baptist Churches especially after Queenie came into the church. They loved each other dearly and after her passing although some of the family was always with him, he still felt so alone. He struggled for almost five years without her. But on that Sunday morning when he left this world, I believe they were united once again!

The Sunday before he left us, sitting beside his hospital bed, he told me to turn the TV off and to call someone, I couldn't understand who, that he wanted to talk about Heaven. He knew that he had wasted most of his life but was praying now because the end was closing in on him. Honeybun and Chillistene Gibson was with him two days before he died and they all sang songs and had such a good time. With the witness God gave Honeybun and the boys, I believe that Root's prayers were answered and today he is at rest to never have to struggle to breathe again!

Root and Queenie leave a large family, some are following them and the others can to and someday this family can all live together again in a world where death will never separate us again!

Your daughter-in-law, Judy Thornsberry

LAWRENCE R. SMITH, SR.

Brother Lawrence R. Smith, Sr. was born February 6, 1928 and died, Wednesday, August 30, 2006. He had cancer of the esophagus and was struggling to swallow food. One morning he didn't feel too good and set down at his kitchen table. Shortly after sitting down, he fell over dead at his home in Kenmore section of Akron, Ohio.

Lawrence was married to Lucille for 57 years. To this union was born 1 son, Lawrence, Jr. (wife Deborah); and 3 daughters: Brenda (husband David) VanCamp; Debra Williams; and Sheila (husband Dennis) Wade. In addition to his wife, Lucille and his children, he is also survived by 7 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters: Gladys (David) Anthony; Florence (Vernon) Straub; and Emma Jean (Dean) Rufener; 2 brothers: Homer (Vera) Smith; and Highland (Winnie) Smith; numerous nieces, nephews, a special friend, Buddy, and a great host of friends and loved ones.

In addition to his parents, Lawrence was preceded in death by a grandson, Jeffrey Ciano, great-granddaughter, Amanda Starkey and a brother, James Smith.

Brother Lawrence loved to go to church when he was able. He attended the Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Norton, OH. Once a month he would come to the True Vine Old Regular Baptist in Clinton, OH. He loved the old time way of preaching, singing and shouting. He loved to hear Brothers Offie Bartley, Kenny Robinson, Dennis Elkins, Charles Duke and Jeff Dillon preach. He also loved to hear Brother Dennis Elkins sing. When he got too ill to go too far to church, he would attend a church closer to where he lived in Kenmore, OH.

Brother Lawrence started preaching when his son, Larry, was just a baby, and preached the gospel for 49 or 50 years. He was a very good Bible scholar and was very well read. He believed that the King James Version was the only Bible. He loved the old time way and wanted his son, Larry, to come to the True Vine with him sometime so he could meet the friends he had made there. When I wanted to know where a verse was in the Bible, he would look it up for me. Most of the time he would already know where the verse was without having to look it up.

Brother Smith's funeral was held at the Campfield-Hickman-Collier Funeral Home in Barberton, OH with Brother Cecil Farmer and Brother Bruce Sparks officiating and was buried at Greenlawn Cemetery in Akron, OH.

He was a good Christian friend of many years and I surely feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his brother in Christ, Brother James D. "Chig" Coleman



Lawrence R. Smith, Sr.

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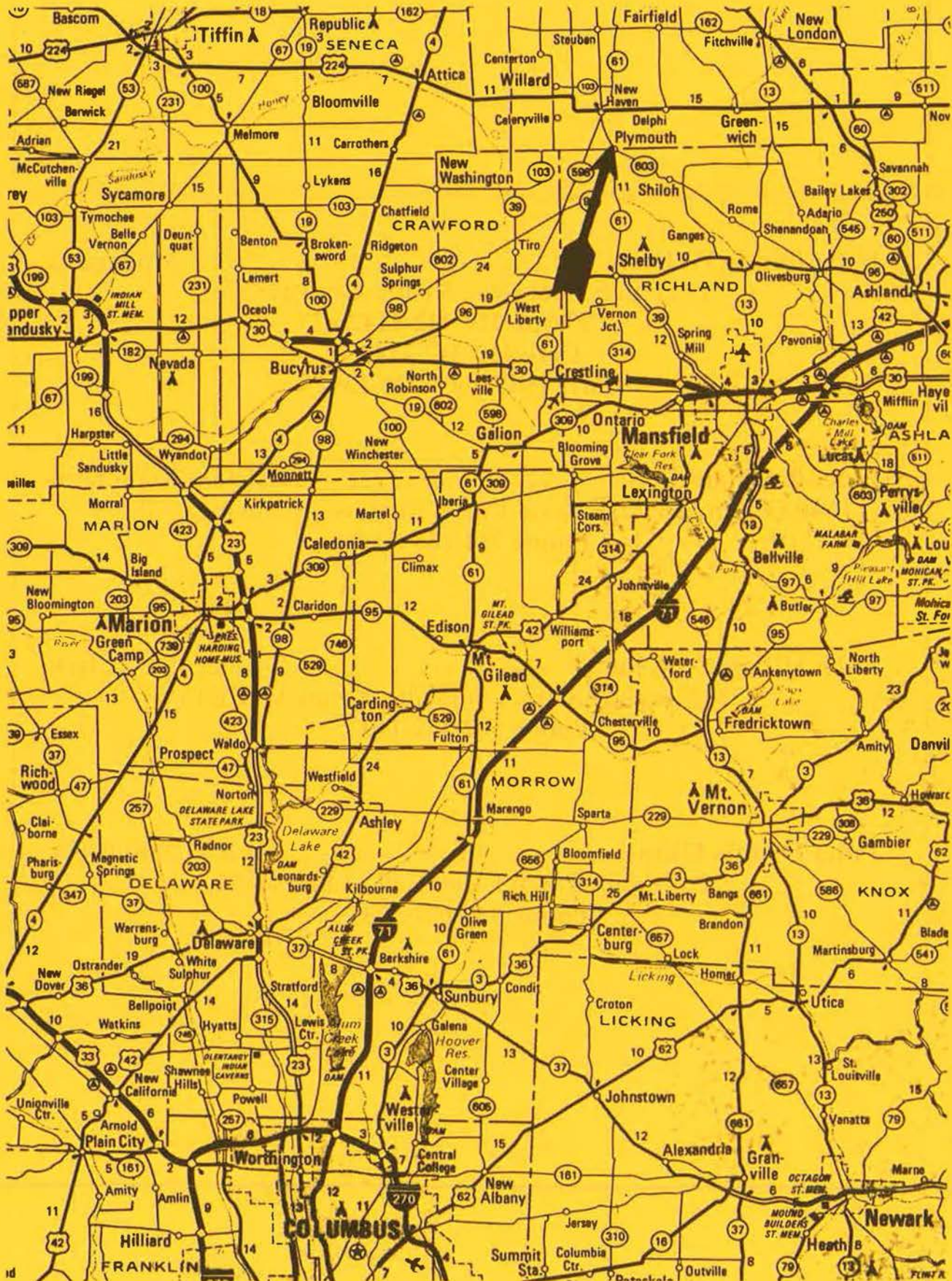
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