

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



**In Session Assembled With**  
**Pleasant View Church**  
**August 6, 7, 8, 2010**

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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 and loving memories that we dedicate this 53rd. Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association to the memory of our beloved Elders, brothers and sisters who have departed this life since our last setting.

While journeying here with us on the way to the promised land, their life was an inspiration to one and all by their good Christian life. They now rest in peace, while a waiting our coming.

Faithfully yours,  
Clerk Bro. Hillard Newsome  
Assistant Clerk Bro. Dennis Elkins

*"Use your little light to tell others of your good deeds.  
Your tongue to praise the Lord."*

Bro. Newsome



Officers (Right to left) Eld. Buddy W. Carty, Moderator; Eld. Ray Hamilton, Assistant Moderator; Eld. Hilliard Newsome, Clerk; Eld. Dennis Elkins, Assistant Clerk

## Deceased Elders Since Our 2009 Setting



**Eld. Buford Brock**  
Little Children's Home



**Eld. Savel Combs**  
Eternal Rose



**Eld. Arvid Blevins**  
Little Ida



**Eld. Matt Slone**  
Pleasant View



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**Introductory Sermon for 2011 — Eld. Thomas N. VanZandt**

**Alternate — Eld. Donel Gibson**

**Circular Letter — Eld. Billy Miller**



**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 worldly kingdom. And farther that we advise all of our churches having such members to rid themselves of any members that refuse 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-Third Annual Session of the**  
**Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist**  
**The Church of Jesus Christ**  
**August 6, 7, 8, 2010**

**Friday Session**

As a cool breeze began to flow among the tall trees standing surrounding the pavilion, where a large Congregation of traveling pilgrims, traveling for miles to attend this the 53rd Annual Session of this blessed old Association. As they began to mingle their voices together in making melody in their hearts by singing the inspiring songs of Zion, one soon forgot the tiresome journey, yet ever so grateful for God's goodness.

Alternate Elder Charles Duke in much humbleness approached the stand began to preach Christ to be the only way from earth to heaven. That you must be born again, and that Jesus came to save the lost. An humble and inspiring prayer was offered by Brother Duke.

Being chosen by the delegates at our 2009 session to preach the Introductory Sermon for this year, Elder Doug McCarty was blessed to preach that we can do nothing without the help of the Lord. Repentance is required at the hands of every man, and after we became Christians we are required to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Let our minds be joined together, so we can be of one mind and one accord. We were all once in bondage. We cried mightily unto the Lord and He set us free. He begged all that while you have the light believe in the light that you may become children of the light.

Those who were not delegates were asked to remain at the pavilion where the preaching would be conducted. The delegates were advised to assemble in the sanctuary of the Pleasant View Church where the business of the Association would begin. The following Elders were chosen to preach at the place arranged: Elders (1) Gary Young-Sardis; (2) Hobart Hamilton-Sardis; (3) Randy Combs-Old Indian Bottom; (4) Gary Blevins-Philadelphia; (5) Tennis Sturgill-Union; (6) Roger Hicks-New Salem.

After gathering in the house and one of Zion's songs was sung, Elder Leonard Hamilton-New Salem, was called on to make remarks and lead in prayer.

Our beloved Moderator, Elder Buddy W. Carty, announced that the 53rd Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

**Friday, August 6, 2010**

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed into the Clerk. The letter from the Pleasant View Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Elder Elmer Edwards, second by Elder Hargis Tuttle, 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: Danny Hurley-Old Friendship, James Barney-Union, and Litton Jimmy Dye-New Salem. Officers elected:

Moderator . . . . . Elder Buddy W. Carty  
Assistant Moderator . . . . . Elder Ray Hamilton

Clerk ..... Elder Hillard Newsome  
Assistant Clerk ..... Elder 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: Omery Chuck Hall-New Salem, Danny C. Belcher-Union, and Haston Whitaker-Old Indian Bottom.

Elder John M. Elkins made a motion, second by Elder Don Mullins to receive the report of the committees appointed and discharge them of their duties.

3. By a motion made by Brother James Hall, second by Brother Ernie Owens, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. By a motion made by Elder Larry Newsome, second by Elder Elmer Edwards, the reading of the Constitution and the Rules of Decorum was omitted and the Articles of Faith were read.
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, John B. Hamilton, Chuckie Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, Homer Isaac, Milton Dye, Preston Lewis, Travis Bentley, Squire Hamilton, Glenn Frazier, Elisha Branham, James Branham, Carlos Little, Don Vanderpool, Curtis Hall, Roger Hicks, Jeff Reed, Earnest Hamilton, Clyde Lewis, Ted Burke, Leonard Hamilton, Tallmadge Hicks, Bill Hicks, John Lewis, Thomas Ray Hamilton, Alan D. Osborne and Paul Matthews. Letter in the hands of Brother Preston Lewis. A motion was made by Elder Ralph Caudill, second by Elder Phillip Beverly 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, Estill Hamilton, Basil Elliott, Tennis Sturgell, Dave Pullum, Gary Sanders, James Barney, Homer Compton, and Chester Yates. Letter in the hands of Elder Danny C. Belcher. A motion was made by Elder Lowell Mullins, second by Elder Hargis Tuttle 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: Wayne Caudill, Luther Ramey, Jr., Lowell Adkins, Paul D. Moore, Ira Adkins, Jr., Dallas Bledsoe, Jr., Gary Adkins, Gary Blevins, and Willis Tolliver. Letter in the hands of Elder Paul D. Moore. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, second by Elder Robert Wallen 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, Charles Jarrell, Marion Duncan, Clarence Mathis, Gary Young, Ron Hamilton and Charles Edwards. Letter in the hands of Elder Thomas J. Dials. A motion was made by Elder Larry Newsome, second by Elder Wayne Sartin to receive the 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, Danny L. Hurley, James D. Stacy, Danny C. Justus, Dewey Matney, George Thomason, Junior Coleman, Gary D. Justus, Steve Baker, Edward Baker, Jr., and Roger Baker.



Letter in the hands of Brother Junior Coleman. A motion was made by Elder Danny Carty, second by Brother Hansel Brown to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.

- (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — Represented by the following delegates: Randy Combs, Ronnie Combs, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Murl Caudill, Haston Whitaker, Ruben Lycans and Paul Back. Letter in the hands of Elder Aaron Whitaker, Jr. A motion was made by Brother James Wagner, second by Elder Billy Miller to receive the 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 Pleasant View Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches, to arrange the ministers for Friday evening and Saturday morning, who reported as follows: Friday evening—Elders: (1) Danny Hurley-Old Friendship; (2) Danny C. Belcher-Union. Saturday morning—Elders: (1) Murl Caudill-Old Indian Bottom; (2) David F. Lester-Old Friendship; (3) Gary Adkins-Philadelphia; (4) Squire Hamilton-New Salem; (5) Thomas J. Dials-Sardis; (6) Estill Hamilton-Union.
- 8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Elders: Jerry Caskey, Delmas Hall, Coley Wicker and Morris Wicker.
- 9. A motion was made by Elder John M. Elkins, second by Andy White that we, the Northern New Salem Association, correspond by letter and delegate with the following associations: (a) New Salem; (b) Union; (c) Philadelphia; (d) Sardis; (e) Old Friendship; and (f) Old Indian Bottom.
- 10. The Moderator appointed a committee to arrange the agenda for Saturday, consisting of one delegate from each church, together with the officers of the Northern New Salem Association, and the officers and delegates from our corresponding associations. Committee on Arrangements to meet back at the house at 2:00 P.M. Friday afternoon.
  - (a) Brother Andy White made a motion, second by Elder Gordon Akers that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning, August 7, 2010.
  - (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 Elder Danny Hurley-Old Friendship, prayer by Elder Randy Combs-Old Indian Bottom, followed by Elder Danny C. Belcher-Union.

## Saturday, August 7, 2010

Met pursuant to adjournment this, the second day of three of the Northern New Salem Association. Our Heavenly Father has blessed us once more to witness the arrival of another lovely morning. A day to give Him glory, honor and praise.

Services for the morning were introduced by our beloved Moderator, Elder Buddy W. Carty of the Northern New Salem Association as he was overshadowed by the spirit as he welcomed everyone. An humble prayer was offered by Elder Milton Dye 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 Lowell Mullins, second by Elder Hargis Tuttle to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.

3. The Circular Letter written by Elder Hargis Tuttle for our 2010 session was read. A motion was made by Elder Bill Blevins, second by Elder Joseph Gibson to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2010 minutes.

4. The finance committee appointed Friday, Item #2(a), consisting of Elders: Omery Chuck Hall-New Salem, Danny C. Belcher-Union, Haston Whitaker-Old Indian Bottom, reported as follows:

2010 Church contributions .....	\$6,220.00
2010 Money for Pictures .....	640.00
Other contributions .....	1,300.00
<b>Total money received for 2010 .....</b>	<b>\$8,160.00</b>

A motion was made by Elder Danny Carty, second by Elder Don Lawson 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 July 31, 2009 .....	\$9,771.95
2009 Church contributions .....	6,275.00
2009 Picture money .....	330.00
Other contributions .....	1,225.00
<b>Total money on hand as of August 2, 2009.....</b>	<b>\$17,601.95</b>

### Expenses for 2009

B. Printer's Fee .....	\$5,679.00
Secretary's Fee .....	200.00
Postage, UPS Freight .....	516.52
Supplies .....	0.00
Other .....	0.00
<b>Total Expenses for 2009 .....</b>	<b>\$6,395.52</b>
Total of A .....	\$17,601.95
Less Total of B .....	6,395.52
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$11,206.43</b>
Plus interest earned .....	15.00
<b>Balance August 6, 2010 .....</b>	<b>\$11,221.43</b>
Plus money received for 2010 .....	8,160.00
<b>Total money on hand August 8, 2010 .....</b>	<b>\$19,381.43</b>

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

Association to the Pleasant View Church in helping host the 2010 Session . . . . .**\$9,650.00**

6. Elder John M. Elkins made a motion, second by Elder Elmer Edwards to receive the Treasurer's Report. By the same motion, 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. Elder Donel Gibson made a motion, second by Elder Phillip Beverly 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) Wayne Sartin-Northern New Salem; (2) Tennis Sturgell-Union; Sunday morning: (1) Alex Collier, (2) Dennis Elkins, Hilliard Newsome, Ray Hamilton, and Buddy W. Carty, all of the Northern New Salem.
9. The following Elders were chosen to take the vote for who is to preach the Introductory Sermon for 2011 and who shall be his Alternate: Elders (1) Willis Tolliver-Philadelphia; (2) Haston Whitaker-Old Indian Bottom; and (3) James Branham-NewSalem. The following Elders were chosen to take the vote for who is to write the Circular Letter for 2011: and Brother (1) Ron Hamilton-Sardis; and Elders (2) Travis Bentley and (3) Elisha Branham-New Salem.

By a vote of the delegates, Elder Thomas VanZandt was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Donel Gibson to be his alternate, and Elder Billy Miller to write the Circular Letter for our 54th Annual Session. A motion was made by Elder John M. Elkins, second by Elder Gordon Akers to discharge the Committees and commend them for a job well done.
10. On motion by Elder Doug McCarty, second by Elder Scott Hamilton the report of the Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the years 2009 and 2010 was omitted.
11. 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 2010 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Stony Blackburn, John M Elkins, Terry Ratliff, Hank Forgey, Scott Little, Lowell Thornsberry, Ray Hamilton, Bill Blevins, Elbert Hagerman, Luther Hagerman, Tom Vanzant, Thurman Jones, Hillard Newsome, Buddy W. Carty and Duane Graves. 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 2010 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Stony Blackburn, John M. Elkins, Kilby Deel, Wayne Sartin, Scott Little, Elbert Hagerman, Luther Hagerman, Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome, Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome and Scott Hamilton. Letter in the hands of Elder Scott Hamilton.
  - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the Little Rosa Church at the Association Building, Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2010 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John M. Elkins, Kilby Deel, Scott Little, Hank Forgey, Ray Hamilton, Bill Blevins, Mike Fortner, Tom VanZandt, Billy Miller, Buddy W. Carty, Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome, Delmas Hall, Don Mullins, Claud Hale and Danny Carty. Letter in the hands of Elder Billy Miller.
  - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the Apple Orchard Church and co-host churches; Pilgrims Home, Big Branch, Pilgrims Rest and Turkey Creek at our permanent building, Varney, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 2010 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Stony Blackburn, John M. Elkins, Wayne Sartin, Scott Little, Hank Forgey, Mike Fortner, Ray Hamilton, Bill Blevins, Buddy W. Carty, Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome, Hillard Newsome and Claude Hale. Letter in the hands of Elder Buddy W. Carty.



- (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Little Dove Church, 4761 Guesses Fork Rd. Hurley, VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2010. Delegates to attend: Stony Blackburn, Scott Little, Ray Hamilton, Bill Blevins, Billy Miller, Buddy W. Carty, Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome, Hillard Newsome and Wayne Sartin. Letter in the hands of Elder Buddy W. Carty.
- (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Little Home and Doty Creek Churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pinetop, KY. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 2010 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Stony Blackburn, Elbert Hagerman, Buddy W. Carty, Roy Caudill, Lowell Thornsberry and Hargis Tuttle. Letter in the hands of Elder Roy Caudill.
12. Note the request from the Little Ruth Church requesting that we change their address in our minutes. A motion was made by Elder Elmer Edwards, second by Elder Don Mullins to grant their request. 3521 County Road 217, Marengo, OH 43334.
  13. Note the requests from the Little Zion Church requesting that we add the Zip Codes to the church addresses to make them more GPS friendly. A motion was made by Elder Don Mullins, second by Elder Steven Miller to grant the request.
  14. Note the requests from the Little Zion Church requesting that we remove Matt Maddox's name from the list of ordained ministers. A motion was made by Elder Hargis Tuttle, second by Elder Joseph Gibson to grant the request.
  15. The request from the Little Flock Church, was read requesting permission to host the 2011 Memorial Meeting of the deceased members of the Northern New Salem Association on the odd Sunday, July 31, 2011. A motion was made by Elder Phillip Beverly, second by Elder Bill Smith to grant the request.
  16. The request to host the 2011 association from the Little Angel Church was read. The requests from the Little Flock, Maggie's Home and Little Ruth Churches to co-host with the Little Angel Church were read. A motion was made by Elder Jeff Dillon, second by Elder Scott Little to grant their request.
  17. Elder Jeff Dillon made a motion, second by Elder Ralph Caudill, to forego the reading of the current minutes.
  18. A motion was made by Elder John M. Elkins, second by Brother James Wagner to adjourn to the place and time mentioned in Item #15 of Saturday's work in the current minutes.

The 53rd Session was closed with remarks by Elder James Branham and an humble and uplifting prayer and Dismission by Elder Elisha Branham, both of the New Salem Association.

Done and signed by order of the Northern New Salem Association.

*Eld. Buddy W. Carty*  
*Eld. Ray Hamilton*  
*Eld. Hillard Newsome*  
*Eld. Dennis Elkins*

Moderator  
 Ass't. Moderator  
 Clerk  
 Ass't Clerk

## **Sabbath Morning, August 8, 2010**

On this lovely Sabbath morning, as a cool breeze was blowing, faithful worshipers were assembling in the sanctuary of the Pleasant View Church. As the echo from singing the inspiring songs of Zion filled the house, the love and peace of our Heavenly Father filled the heart of those in attendance.

Services for the morning were introduced by Elder Alex Collier of the Pleasant View Church. An humble prayer was offered by Elder Eddie Wallen of the Little Pilgrim's Home Church. Second on the stand was our beloved Assistant Clerk Elder Dennis Elkins. He begged all to build on a sure foundation, and that foundation is none other than our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Third to approach the stand was the Clerk Elder Hillard Newsome. Begging all to take heed to the light, and to get oil for your lamps an oil that will last you all the days of your life.

Elder Ray Hamilton was fourth to occupy the stand. He pleaded for the unsaved to cry unto the Lord for Mercy. The Lord talks to us, and we talk to Him. We are often tempted by the Devil, yet the Lord is there to help us.

In humbleness our highly respected Moderator Elder Buddy W. Carty came preaching on the love of Jesus and how that love flows from breast to breast. We ought to live our lives to give Him glory and honor. He suffered on the old rugged cross of Calvary, and grumbled not. Yet we grumble far too much. With shouts of praises this the 53rd Annual Session was brought to a close.

We wish to extend to the Pleasant View Church and the co-host Churches, Lily of the Valley, Pilgrim's Home, True Vine, Little Edna, Eternal Rose, friends one and all our thanks for showing your love and hospitality while we were in the Northland. The food was plentiful, delicious and served with smiles of love, all of which caused all to feel welcome. Ever so grateful.

To the residence in Campers Village was so nice of you to park and join our company for a spell. As you go forward on your journey, we pray God's blessing upon your travel. Please park at the Little Angel Church, Columbus, OH come August 2011. It's there and then we can enjoy your company. Thanks for your love offering of \$230.00 for the Pleasant View Churches.

Respectfully with Love,  
Brother Newsome, Clerk  
Brother Elkins, Assistant Clerk

## **2010 Circular Letter**

To the Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association:

Being chosen by the delegates of our 2009 session to write this Circular Letter for the Fifty-Third meeting of our beloved Grand Old Association, I will do so through much weakness, fear, and prayer. I trust with the help of the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, our great Savior, Jesus Christ that these words that I write will meet the approval of our honored delegates.

With all the Faith I have, I trust the Lord will guide my thoughts to write this letter for the up building and edification of this Grand Old Association. I have prayed many times concerning this matter and I feel the Lord has put on my mind two words, LOVE & FORGIVENESS. Everything we believe and stand on are based on these two words. I believe this because John 3:16 says, "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." So you see, Jesus loved us so much that he died to pay our sin debt and through this love, he forgave us. Therefore, we have eternal life and remember Jesus is our example in all things.

Let us now look at what the scriptures says: John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 15:9, "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love." Mark 11:25-26, "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." Luke 17:3, "Take heed to yourselves; if thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if herepent, forgive him." Therefore, Brethren, this proves that God teaches us through his scriptures that we should love and forgive one another, but I fear that even as Christians, we sometimes fall short of this mark. So let us strive to show the love of God, not in words only but in deeds. I can say that I love you all the days of my life but if my deeds don't prove it, it means nothing.

Jesus told us that we must be born again. I believe that if we have had this new birth in Jesus Christ, we have a heart of love and forgiveness. If we will only take heed to the "low still voice" from inside us, we will be blessed of God. Also, we will be kind to those that are without and through the love that is born down in our hearts, we may cause them to call upon Jesus.

In conclusion Brethren, I challenge each of us to live closer to God, be more humble in our daily manner of life, and above all show more love one to another. So instead of looking for faults in our brethren, let us look at ourselves and ask the question; "What can I do to make our individual churches and this Grand Old Association better?" Therefore, Brethren let's take hold of the old blood stained banner and march forward to the mark of the high calling. May God bless us all.

Written by your unworthy servant,  
Elder Hargis Tuttle

#### LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

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

May you take comfort in the promise of that great day when God will wipe away all tears and there shall be no more death or sorrow, neither shall there be any more pain but only everlasting peace and joy forever and ever.

Brothers in Christ  
Brother Charon Gilliam,  
Elder Gary Adkins

#### LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

We, your Sister, the Union Association, wish to convey to you our Sister, the Northern New Salem Association, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your blessed Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last gathering.

May God sustain you with the blessed assurance that is found in faith and sincere prayer. May precious memories of those gone on before us bring comfort and peace until we meet again in God's eternal Heaven "...where there's joy, joy, joy."

With everlasting love,  
Elder Danny Belcher,  
Elder Barry Lucas,  
Elder Gordon Deel



**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION  
WHEN ORGANIZED IN 1957**

From a long series of experiences we, the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 14.** All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of

a majority of the delegates present, except in receiving and dismissing churches and Associations which shall be by a unanimous vote.

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

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

**ARTICLE 1.** We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.

Isaiah 45:5, 1st Cor. 8:6, 1st John 5:7

**ARTICLE 2.** We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments of the 1611 Authorized King James version of the Bible are the written words of God, and the only rules of Faith and practice.

2nd Peter 1:21, 2nd Tim. 3:16

**ARTICLE 3.** We believe in the doctrine of election by grace. *"For by grace are ye saved through Faith."*

Acts 15:11, Titus 2:11

**ARTICLE 4.** We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore a Savior is needed for redemption.

Gen. 3:6, Romans 5:12

**ARTICLE 5.** We believe that sinners are called to repentance, and believe in the gospel, and regeneration of the soul, sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none such shall fall away and be lost.

Prov. 8:4, Matt. 9:13, Mark 2:17, 2nd Tim. 2:9, 1st Peter 1:23

**ARTICLE 6.** We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

2nd Tim. 1:9, Luke 18:13-14, Acts 13:39

**ARTICLE 7.** We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's church on Earth, and the mode is IMMERSION back foremost so as to cover all over.

Matt. 3:13-16, John 1:31-33, Romans 6-4, Eph. 4:5

**ARTICLE 8.** We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Savior, and that by the use of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming, by His believers.

Matt. 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:20, John 13:7-8, 1st Tim. 5:9-10

**ARTICLE 9.** We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust,

and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

John 5:28-29, 1st Cor. 15:51-53, Luke 24:46

**ARTICLE 10.** We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel, except such as are regular baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the gospel, and has come under the hands of a regular chosen presbytery of the church and ordained thereby.

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

**ARTICLE 11.** We believe that it is the duty of all church members to contribute money for defraying all reasonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor, according to their several abilities.

Acts 11:29, Romans 15:26, 1st Cor. 16:1-2

**ARTICLE 12.** We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage, or indulge people in their sins, or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation, is erroneous, and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

Matt. 16:12, Acts 8:16-21, Romans 16:17-18, Eph. 4:14-15, Gal. 1:8-10

**ARTICLE 13.** We believe that the church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ, who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and with one another, and have given themselves to the Lord, and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the gospel.

Acts 2:42, 1st John 1:3

**ARTICLE 14.** We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church, and the government thereof is upon his shoulders.

Isaiah 9:6-7, Ch. 22:21-22, Luke 1:33

**ARTICLE 15.** We believe that a sanctioned marriage of God is between a man and a woman only. Also we believe in receiving members into our fellowship that follow the natural dating relationship that leads to holy matrimony between a man and a woman only; thereby, preserving the family unit of father, mother, and children.

Eph. 5:22, 23, 28, St. Mark 10:6-8, Romans 1:26, 27

**ARTICLE 16.** 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.

## 2010 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

### Church

### Delegates

Little Rebecca .....	Marty Carty, Phillip Beverly, Lowell Thornsberry
Maggie's Home .....	Albert Osborne, Donald Mullins, Claud Hale
Little Flock .....	Duane Graves, Hank Forgey, Mike Fortner
Little Ruth .....	Bill Smith, Don Lawson, Jimmy King
Little Edna .....	Elmer Edwards, Kenny Anderson, Jay Samons
Little Ida .....	Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Steven Miller
Little Flossie .....	Russell Hicks, Sean Hicks, Thomas N. VanZandt
Little Zion .....	Jeff Dillon, Gordon Akers, Gerald Akers
Little Pilgrim's Home .....	James G. Hall, Robert Wallen, Darrell Hall
Mt. Olive .....	Elbert Hagerman, Luther Hagerman, Charles Blevins
Pleasant View .....	Larry Newsome, Alex Collier, Andy White
Little Family .....	Marcus Huff, Earnie Tuttle, Walt Evans
Little Angel .....	Wilburn Nichols, James Finley, Danny Carter
Antioch .....	Milford Prater, Scott Little, Wayne Sartin
Rose of Sharon .....	Johnie Bentley, Ralph Manuel, William B. Holbrook
Lily of the Valley .....	Roger Newsome, Scott Hamilton, Dave McCracken
Little Children's Home .....	James Wagner, Mike Hiatt, Skitter Pridemore
Morning Star .....	Bill Blevins, Willis Little, Mose Bentley
Little Bethel .....	Bill Back, Glenn Conley, Paul Dye
Family of Love .....	David Carty, Lavon Isaac, 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, Joseph Gibson
Little Ellen .....	Lowell Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, Cletus Easterling

# UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2010-2011

## NOVEMBER – 2010

**LITTLE MELROSE** - First in November (2010). Roy Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Paul Boggs, Buddy W. Carty, Scott Hamilton, Squire C. Hamilton, Murl Caudill.

## APRIL

**ANTIOCH** - First in April. Greg Sowards, Russell Hicks, Sean Hicks, Leonard Napier, Travis Bentley.

**PLEASANT VIEW** - First in April starts at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. Roger Hicks, Tennis Sturgell, Jeff Dillon, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Teddy Honaker.

**ETERNAL ROSE** - Second in April. Bill Blevins, Charles Blevins, Willis Tolliver, Billy Miller.

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

## MAY

**LITTLE FLOSSIE** - First in May. Danny Carty, Scott Hamilton, Raymond Stapleton, Don Lawson.

**LITTLE IDA** - First in May. Buddy W. Carty, Willis Tolliver, Gary Adkins, Gary Young, Harold Sesco, Ben Little, Hargis Tuttle.

**MAGGIE'S HOME** - First in May. Scott Hamilton, Squire C. Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Sartin.

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

**LITTLE ZION** - Second in May. Ralph Slone, Jr., Terry Hall, Omery Chuck Hall, Dan Samons, Charles Duke, Jr., Terry Lee Hall.

**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. Haston Whitaker, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton, Chester Cochran, Thomas VanZandt.

**LITTLE ELLEN** - Third in May. Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Larry Newsome, Hayes Chaffins, Elbert Hagerman, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Dennis Elkins.

**MORNING STAR** - Third in May. Eddie Wallen, Doug McCarty, Elbert Hagerman, Billy Miller, Danny Hamilton, William B. Holbrook, Jr.

## JUNE

**LITTLE BETHEL** - First in June. Bill Blevins, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Jackie Yates, Earl Dean Yates, Elbert Hagerman, Ray Hamilton, Ted Burke.

**LITTLE FAMILY** - Second in June. Elbert Hagerman, Gary Blevins, Scott Hamilton, Doug McCarty, John Elkins, Harvey Tuttle, Billy Miller.

**LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME** - Second in June. Elbert Hagerman, Billy Miller, Larry Dixon, Charles Edwards, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Morris Wicker, Estill Hamilton.

**LITTLE REBECCA** - Third in June. Gary Blevins, Paul Moore, Dennis Elkins, Thomas VanZandt, Danny Belcher.

**FAMILY OF LOVE** - Fourth in June. Saturday 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. Joseph Gibson, Gordon Akers, Wayne Sartin, Alan Dee Osborne, Paul Matthews.

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

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## **JULY**

**LITTLE FLOCK** - Third in July. Clyde Lewis, Gary Young, Billy Miller, Wayne Sartin.

**TRUE VINE** - Third in July. Danny Belcher, Barry Lucas, Ben Little, Wayne Sartin, Greg Sowards, Phillip Beverly.

**LITTLE ANGEL** - Fourth in July. Hillard Newsome, Richard Staton, Kennis Robinson, Hobart Hamilton, (Northern) Gayle Brown.

## **MEMORIAL MEETINGS**

**LITTLE REBECCA** - Third in August. Omery Chuck Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, Delmas Hall, Moderator, Assistant Moderator.

**MAGGIE'S HOME** - First in June. Eddie Wallen, Joe Gibson, Phillip Beverly, Danny Carty.

**LITTLE FLOCK** - Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Danny Carty, Richard Staton, Russell Hicks, Gary Blevins.

**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, Estill Hamilton.

**LITTLE IDA** - First in April. Bill Smith, Danny Carty, Estill Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Eddie Wallen.

**LITTLE FLOSSIE** - First in October. Danny Hamilton, Johnny Thornsberry, Delmas Hall, Clyde Lewis.

**LITTLE ZION** - Second in July. Edsel Slone, Joe Havlic, Johnie Bentley, Bill Blevins, Danny Adams, Billy Miller, Stoney Blackburn.

**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, Evan Hamilton, Bill Blevins, Moderator, Assistant Moderator.

**LITTLE FAMILY** - Second in October (2010). Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome, Willis Tolliver, Ira Adkins, Jr., Ralph Caudill.

**LITTLE ANGEL** - Fourth in March. Hargis Tuttle, Scott Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Dennis Elkins, Greg Sowards.



**ANTIOCH** - First in June. Hargis Tuttle, Danny Carty, Ben Little, Teddy Honaker, Ray Hamilton, Dennis Elkins.

**ROSE OF SHARON** - Second in October (2010). Leonard Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Dennis Elkins, Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley.

**LILY OF THE VALLEY** - Third in July. Danny Hamilton, Hobert Justice, Stephen Slone, Alex Collier, Danny Belcher.

**LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME** - Third in September (2010). Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Ira Adkins, Jr., Roy Caudill, Russell Hicks, Rick Akers.

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

**LITTLE BETHEL** - First in September (2011). James Branham, Elisha Branham, Phillip Beverly, Buddy W. Carty, Hargis Tuttle, Eddie Wallen, Scott Hamilton, Travis Bentley.

**FAMILY OF LOVE** - Fourth in October (2010). Paul Boggs, Morris Wicker, Russell Hicks, Jackie Yates, Ray Hamilton, Deffort Thornsberry.

**TRUE VINE** - Third in October (2011). Garfield Thacker, Roger Justice, Larry Newsome, Hargis Tuttle, Joseph Gibson.

**LITTLE MELROSE** - First in May. Eddie Wallen, Greg Sowards, James Barney, Willis Bartley, Danny Carty, Haston Whitaker, Marcus Huff, Lloyd Brown, Travis Bentley.

**ETERNAL ROSE** - Second in June. Kennis Robinson, Charles Duke, Jr., Raymond Gayheart, Hargis Tuttle.

**LITTLE ELLEN** - Third in October (2011). Joe Havlik, Joseph Akers, Gordon Akers, Jerry Caskey, Jeff Dillon.

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## **SPECIAL MEMORIALS**

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**LITTLE FLOCK** - Odd weekend in July (July 31), 2011. Special Memorial of all deceased of the Northern New Salem Association. All Old Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

**MEMORIAL FOR SISTER PHYLLIS CLARK** - 2nd weekend in May, 2011 at the Little Pilgrim's Home Church. Everyone invited.

**MARCUM MEMORIAL** - 5th Sunday, July 31, 2011. Location: (Wilkesville, OH near the intersection of 160 and County Road 8) Newsome Road. About 3 miles from the intersection. Ministers called: Russell Hicks, Harrison Runyon, Chester Cochran, Greg Sowards, Lloyd Ray.

**TUTTLE MEMORIAL** - We, the descendants of the Tuttle family wish to invite everyone to meet with us for the Tuttle Memorial on Sizemore Mountain near Wayland, KY, on Saturday, July 30, 2011. Singing will start at 9:30 A.M with preaching at 10:00. Any and all are welcome to attend. We especially look forward to the presence of Old Regular Baptist Ministers.

**MEMORIAL OF SISTER HEEDA THOMAS** on the 4th weekend in April at the Family of Love Church. Ministers called: Elders-Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Sean Hicks, Elbert Hagerman and Brother Preston Lewis.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

### LITTLE REBECCA

Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-9501
Elder Phillip Beverly	4076 Bull Head Rd., Willard, OH 44890	567-224-2661
Elder Danny Carty	5346 St. Andrews Dr., Westerville, OH 43082	614-899-9815
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	740-820-3190
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
Elder Greg Sowards	12942 St. Rt. 220, Waverly, OH 45690	740-289-4771

### 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 43686	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	863-242-9487
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 Ralph Caudill	1594 Wilson St., Lincoln Park, MI 48146	313-381-3710
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	260-318-2998

### **LITTLE ZION**

Elder Gordon Akers	735 Elmdale Lane, Almont, MI 48003	810-798-3834
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

### **LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME**

Elder Danny C. Hamilton	367 Twp. Rd. 1031, Nova, OH 44859	419-928-0955
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 Station Rd., Vermilion, OH 44089	440-967-5877
Elder Stephen Slone	4155 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-574-1740

### **LITTLE FAMILY**

Elder Roy Caudill	6143 Paulin Dr., Middletown, OH 45042	513-423-2381
Elder Marcus Huff	314 Manchester Ln., Brodhead, KY 40409	606-875-8066

### **LITTLE ANGEL**

Elder Greg Hunt	5774 Hargus Ct., Columbus, OH 43026	614-557-2095
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 Scott Little	93 Stoneridge Dr., Chillicothe, OH 45601	740-804-4881
Elder Hillard Newsome	3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, KY 40213	502-452-1197
Elder Wayne Sartin	1613 South 4th St., Louisville, KY 40208	502-645-2690

### **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	440-991-4710
Elder Scott Hamilton	4760 N. Ridge E., Geneva, OH 44041	440-361-4482
Elder Junior Jent	3120 Mill Rd., Dorset, OH 44032	440-293-5018

**LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - None****MORNING STAR**

Elder Mose Bentley	25537 Baker St., Taylor, MI 48180	313-292-3247
Elder Bill Blevins	11022 Oak Ln., Apt. 9106, 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	3951 Henry Rd. Lot 5, Plymouth, OH 44865	567-844-0945

**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	2038 Allcorn Rd., Greenup, KY 41144	606-473-0324
Elder Albert Hamilton	3819 Randall Rd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043	904-284-6046
Elder Doug McCarty	P.O. Box 2018, Keystone Heights, FL 32656	352-473-3424

**ETERNAL ROSE**

Elder Raymond Gayheart	14061 Twp. Rd. 215, Lakeville, OH 44638	330-378-9008
Elder Joseph Gibson	1838 Lyons Rd., Willard, OH 44890	419-933-7820
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.....	Sunbury, 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 Newsom Rd.....	Vinton, OH 45686 .....	(740) 669-1803
Little Ruth .....	Adron 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 St. ....	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.....	210 Creston Rd. ....	Ontario, OH 44906 .....	(419) 524-8514
Mt. Olive.....	Charles Blevins .....	14502 S. State Rd.....	Perry, MI 48872 .....	(734) 664-8721
2 Pleasant View.....	Dennis Elkins.....	2263 Pontius St. NE.....	Hartville, OH 44632 .....	(330) 877-7931
Little Family.....	Gary Sanders .....	4411 Dana Dr.....	Franklin, OH 45005.....	(937) 550-9402
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.....	William B. Holbrook.....	13388 Parkway Blvd.....	Carleton, MI 48117 .....	(734) 654-6883
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 Church Rd.....	Laurel, IN 47024 .....	(765) 698-2316
Morning Star .....	Charles Blevins .....	14502 S. State Rd.....	Perry, MI 48872 .....	(989) 413-7176
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 .....	2038 Allcorn Rd. ....	Greenup, KY 41144 .....	(606) 473-0324
Eternal Rose.....	Raymond Henderson .....	5840 CR 50 .....	Lakeville, OH 44638 .....	(330) 378-2223
Little Ellen .....	Jimmy Sowards .....	19166 Hyde Park Ct.....	Woodhaven, MI 48183 .....	(734) 775-7831

## 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	Mike Fortner
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	Don C. Lawson
Little Edna	Hobert Justice	Denver Meade
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill	Billy Miller
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks	Morris Wicker
Little Zion	Gordon 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	Marcus Huff
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	Aaron Whitaker, Jr.	Harvey Tuttle
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/Zip Code
Little Rebecca	4982 Henry Road, Ph. 419-687-8838.	Plymouth.	Ohio 44865
Maggie's Home	Benner Road	Dundas-Hamden	Ohio 45634
Little Flock	1900 Borland Rd., Rte. 1	Ray	Ohio 45672
Little Ruth	3521 Country Rd. 217.	Marengo	Ohio 43334
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain.	Ohio 44055
Little Ida	4060 Drennan Street	Ecorse.	Michigan 48229
Little Flossie.	159 W. Greenwood Dr.	Lisbon-Kendallville	Indiana 46755
Little Zion	63181 Romeo Plank Road	Romeo-Ray	Michigan 48096
Little Pilgrim's Home	1487 U.S. Rt. 224 East, Ph. 419-652-2485	Greenwich.	Ohio 44837
Mt. Olive.	M-52, 4 miles North of.	Stockbridge	Michigan 49285
Pleasant View	3589 Beat Road	Litchfield	Ohio 44253
Little Family	State Route 744, 1 mile West of	Jacksonburg-Middletown.	Ohio 45042
2 Little Angel	5733 Saltzaber Road, Ph. 614-492-0010	Groveport	Ohio 43125
Antioch	10817 Barricks Road	Louisville.	Kentucky 40229
Rose of Sharon.	5665 Carleton-Rockwood Rd., Ph. 313-379-4870	South Rockwood	Michigan 48179
Lily of the Valley	Rt. 534—600 Kiwanis Pk. Dr.	Geneva.	Ohio 44041
Little Children's Home.	Shady Lake Road	Laurel.	Indiana 47024
Morning Star	44441 Clay Road	Belleville	Michigan 48111
Little Bethel	State Route 228	Green Springs.	Ohio 44836
Family of Love	18061 S.R. 231 (Wyandotte) Ph. 614-482-2434	Nevada	Ohio 44849
True Vine	7992 Cleveland Massilon Rd, Ph. 330-882-6393	Clinton.	Ohio 44216
Little Melrose.	201 Pearl St.	Melrose	Florida 32666
Eternal Rose.	14061 Township Rd. 215	Lakeville	Ohio 44638
Little Ellen	IL 50, W. 115th, Rt. on Lawler, Left 11200 S. Avon	Alsip.	Illinois 60803

# STATISTICAL TABLE

2010

## CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	2	0	0	0	3	0	2	38	2:00 P.M. 3-E	325.00	July
Maggie's Home	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	28	1-M	150.00	July
Little Flock	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	18	3-M	300.00	Aug
Little Ruth	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	19	2-M	225.00	June
Little Edna	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	18	4-M	150.00	July
Little Ida	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	57	1-M	325.00	June
Little Flossie	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	1-E	350.00	June
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	18	2-M	120.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	2-M	150.00	July
Mt. Olive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4-M	150.00	July
Pleasant View	1	1	0	0	2	1	4	61	6:00 P.M. 1-E	500.00	May
Little Family	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	17	2:00 P.M. 2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	39	4-M	400.00	Aug
Antioch	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	26	3:00 P.M. 1-E	500.00	Oct
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	2-M	500.00	May
Lily of the Valley	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	17	6:00 P.M. 3-E	125.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	2:00 P.M. 3-E	150.00	July
Morning Star	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	16	3-M	300.00	June
Little Bethel	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	1-M	150.00	July
Family of Love	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	19	2:00 P.M. 4-E	250.00	July
True Vine	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	12	3-M	300.00	Aug
Little Melrose	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	10	2:00 P.M. 1-E	350.00	Jan
Eternal Rose	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	17	4:00 P.M. 2-E	100.00	May
Little Ellen	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	4:00 P.M. 3-E	100.00	June

2010 Church Contributions .....\$6,220.00

2010 Money for Pictures..... 640.00

Other Contributions .....1,300.00

**Grand Total**                      **12   12   0   0   10   7   21   540**                      **\$8,160.00**

M — Saturday morning services

E — Saturday evening services

# OBITUARIES

## MEMBERS

### EDWARD ALLEY

Edward Alley was born in Alliance, KY (Floyd County) on November 14, 1915 to Lee and Elizabeth (Lizzie Akers) Alley. His sister, Bertha (Newman), and two brothers, Noah and Orris, all preceding him in death. His sister Mary (Bolton), survives.

Ed attended Betsy Lane High School in Harold, KY (Floyd County) and Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, KY (Knott County). After College, he taught education at the Lee Alley School in Branhams Creek, Grethel KY (Floyd County).

Ed entered the U.S. Army Air Corps, 326th division, during WWII. He was trained as a B-17 and B-29 Flight Engineer and Mechanic, at the 3715th AAF Lockheed Aircraft School, in Burbank CA, and as an Airframe and Engine Mechanic, United Aircraft, in San Diego, CA.



Edward Alley

On December 2, 1944, in Los Angeles CA, Ed married former high school classmate, Gustava Dean Moore of Harold, KY (Floyd County). They lived in Kentucky where they had two sons, Ronald and Gary. They moved to Michigan for work, where they had a daughter, Phyllis. Gustava and Ed were married 58 years at her passing in 2003.

After the move to Michigan in 1948, the family made their home in the city of Ecorse, where for 15 years they owned and operated the Alley Grocery Store. Ed also dabbled in real estate, buying homes in Ecorse, then renovating, renting and selling them. He found employment with Ford Motor Company in 1948, where he retired as a final line Product Inspector in 1979.

Ed became a member of the Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church of Ecorse MI where he was baptized on September 18, 1960. He often spoke of when the church was built and how he felt he needed to do more than just fill a seat on Sundays. He enjoyed his fellowship there and looked forward to attending. Many times he was referred to as an "old soldier" of the church.

He was also a member at the Heritage and Pleasant Hours Seniors of Trenton MI and at the American Legion Post 217 of Wyandotte MI.

Ed passed away on February 12, 2010, in Trenton, MI. After a local service he was taken to Grethel KY for service at the Pilgrims's Home Church and internment at the Lee Alley Cemetery, beside his bride.

He is survived by his children, Ronald (Carol Brenda) Alley, Gary (Icie Marie Frady) Alley, and Phyllis (Richard Sr.) Nemeth; sister Mary Bolton, and sister-in-laws Ocie Alley and Marie Moore. Four grandchildren: Samantha Alley-Olson, Hugh Alley, Richard (Jennifer Dewitt) Nemeth Jr., and Jason (Jennifer Muhammed) Nemeth, Eight great-grandchildren: Ryan, Matthew and Mark Olson, Cheri Welch, Richard Nemeth III and Jacob, Bradley and Victoria Nemeth.

He was warmly loved by family and friends, and will be dearly remembered and greatly missed.



## LENORIS BAKER

With saddened and broken hearts, this is the obituary of my sweet darling mother.

She was born July 9th 1933, at Jenkins Kentucky; she passed this life on April 23rd, 2010 making her stay on this earth 76 years, 9 months and 14 days. She was diagnosed with Acute Leukemia on April 15, 2010 after not feeling well for a few days.

She was the daughter of John and Bertie Mullins, who both preceded her in death. She leaves behind a son and a daughter in law, John and Linda Baker of Wellston, a daughter and son in law, Phyllis and Frank Cantrell of Hamden, 11 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, 2 brothers, Donald and Robert Mullins, 1 sister, Betty Barnett, and a step mother, Glenna Mullins. She also leaves behind a host of family, friends and other children that she considered her grandchildren.



Lenoris Baker

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Baker, a daughter Diana Baker and an infant brother Eddie Ray Mullins.

She joined The Old Regular Baptist Church in 1970 and has remained a member at Maggie's Home Church nearly 30 Years. Family, serving God and this little church were her life. She was the backbone to Maggie Home Church. She was always trying to get the Brothers to build a lunch room/mess hall (as she called it). Well, it was completed and she was able to enjoy it for a short time before she passed away. She spent a lot of time at the "ole church". She would go plant flowers, rearrange the tables, wash the curtains or just go up to be alone with the Lord. I would ask her why she always working up to the church and she would reply "Now leave me alone. I'm doing what I like to do".

Oh, how I wish I could hear those words again. I wasn't ready to give her up. There are days when I think I can't go on and I can hear her say, "Now Phylis Kay, I told you it would be ALMOST more than you can bear. You have to let God help you through this. I know it is hard on you honey, but just pray and He will help you".

Our Mother and her faith is what kept our family together. IN 2002 our father passed away and in November 2003 our sister passed away at the age of 46 with cancer. In July 2009, I was diagnosed with colon cancer. Mom told me everything was going to be alright because she was shown in a dream. My surgery was a success but now I have something worse than cancer. It is a broken heart. I know everyone thinks they have the greatest mother but no, we had the greatest mother. She was patient, kind, forgiving, loving and always could find something positive about a person.

The message she wanted conveyed to her family was to take care of each other, love one another and get forgiven for your sins. Mom/Mama has left her footprints to follow. I can hear her praise His name. The last Sunday she was blessed to go to church, she shouted and praised His name as if she would be joining Him soon.

I would like to thank all of the members and friends of Maggie Home Church, Little Flock and Tick Ridge Church for the food, flowers cards and support.

Uncle Don and Aunt Betty, thank you for helping us through this most difficult time. I know her seat on the front row will never be filled.

### **A Message From Mother**

As we sat in the hospital room waiting to meet with the doctor on April 15th, we were not prepared for the news he was about to share. Although his voice was gentle and compassionate, his message was nearly impossible to bear.

He informed us that Mom had Acute Leukemia and her prognoses was very poor. From that point forward, we really didn't hear too much more.

I looked toward my precious mother for answers, as I so often did. She said "Now honey, it will be okay. A farewell, I will have to bid."

She added, "These things happen for a reason. I am not afraid to die. I am ready to meet Jesus, my savior, with his arms opened wide." As I began to pray silently, my dear mother said, "In Him, you can confide".

"Lean on Him and He will give you strength through this difficult time. Leaving you is not your choice or mine."

So to my dearest family, I have but one request: Ask God for forgiveness and He will do the rest.

Written by Her Daughter, Phyllis Cantrell

## JUDA BARTON

It is with very saddened hearts that we write of the passing of our dearly beloved mother, Juda (Mitchell) Barton.

Mom went to be with our Lord and Savior on Saturday, February 7, 2009 in Detroit, Mi. She was born August 20, 1935, to the late Harmon and Fronie Mitchell in McDowell, Ky. Five sisters, two brothers and her husband preceded her in death.

In 1953, she moved from Kentucky to Michigan, where she met and fell in love with Thurlow Barton. They were married on January 30, 1954. To this union was born four (4) children: Charles David Barton of Taylor, Mi., James (& Rhonda) Barton of Danville, Al., Loyce (Donnie) Kirklin of West Mansfield, Oh. and Edward Keath Barton of Taylor, Mi. She had eleven (11) grandchildren and twenty (20) great-grandchildren.

In December of 1966 she joined the Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church in Ecorse, Mi. In January 1967, they broke the ice away to baptize her and now our Lord has thawed the ground to bury her beside her beloved husband.

She was loved by all her family and friends, and though she will be missed by all who loved her; we will lean on our Lord and Savior who is the almighty Comforter to take us through our time of sorrow.

Written with love and prayers, the Barton Family



Juda Barton

## ELDER ARVID BLEVINS

Psalms 63:6-7: When I remember thee upon my bed and meditate on thee in the night watches, Because thou has been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

In littleness and by the help of the Lord, I will attempt to compile this obituary of my husband and an elder of the church.

Arvid was born April 22, 1929, in Hellier (Pike County) Kentucky to the late Kenis, Sr., and Mary Ellen (Gibson) Blevins. He was one of twelve children. Father and five siblings preceded Arvid to their eternal rest. Another brother, Lynn Harold passed shortly after Arvid. Their dear mother still remains here at 98 years of age.

Arvid's final days were spent at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, Michigan. He left this life on earth November 25, 2009, making his stay on God's footstool 80 years, 7 months, and 3 days. Arvid's wife, Pearl (Martin) Blevins preceded him in death in 1999 after 52 years of marriage.

Arvid and I married in 2003. We had such a short time of 7 years together until God took him home to rest, leaving me with the loss of a companion and husband.



Elder Arvid Blevins

The children left to mourn his loss are: Jonda Belvins, Ecorse, MI; Harold (Bo) (Kaye) Belvins, Ecorse, MI; Gail (Frank) Keatley, Glennie, MI; James (Penny) Blevins, Ecorse, MI; Keith (Kathy) Blevins, Lincoln park, MI; and Don (Yvonne) Blevins, Ecorse, MI. Arvid & Pearl also raised Francis (Tilman) Holbrook. He also leaves behind 9 Grandchildren (whom he loved so much), 6 step grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, 8 step great grandchildren (all of whom will miss him greatly), and a host of relatives, neighbors and friends.

Arvid joined the Little Church on June 2, 1956 and was baptized. He was a member in Old Regular Baptist Churches for 56 years.

Arvid was ordained into the ministry at the Little Vineyard Church, Old Regular Baptist, Litchfield, MI, on August 18, 1979. His final years were dedicated in God's services at Little Ida Church, Ecorse, MI.

To his children, relatives, and friends: Your loss and mine is great, but he is resting from his labors of life in peace with the Lord. His soul had gone back to the Giver, who loved him.

Written by his wife, Jo May Blevins

### **ABEL BRANHAM**

Abel Branham was born May 20, 1921, in Pike County, Kentucky, and departed this life on March 4, 2010 at his home (the Medina Hospital) after a long illness. He was a son of the late Newton Branham and Rosie (Tackett) Branham.



Abel Branham

He was married to Pauline (Turner) Branham on May 4 1946 and they spent 47 blessed years together. Brother Abel had one step-daughter, Donna Sue Matthews of Florida, who survives. He is also survived by one brother Bernis Branham (Shirley) of Akron, Ohio and one sister; Sarah Jane Hankins of Port St. Lucie, Florida. In addition to his wife and his parents, Brothers Abel was also preceded in death by three brothers; Virgil, Bob and Emery Branham and six sisters; Cecila Justice, Maxie Blair, Katie Flannery, Margaret Phillips, and Cora and Annie who passed away in infancy. He is also survived by his special niece, Helen Ferrell and several other nieces and nephews and a great host of friends.

Brother Abel was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in Europe with the Third Army during WWII. He moved to Ohio in 1956 and resided in the Brunswick and Medina area since that time. He retired from the Ford Motor Company in Brookpark where he worked 27 years as an engine operator. He also worked on clocks and watches and was a master at repairing them. For many years, his dining room table was covered with watch parts.

Brother Abel became concerned about the condition of his soul and where he would spend eternity. He sought Jesus Christ, as Savior and received the greatest gift a man can ever receive. He joined the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church at Litchfield, Ohio on April 3, 1977 and was baptized by Elders Alex Collier, David Slone and Ivan Amburgey. He enjoyed working around the church, enjoyed good meetings and loved singing and preaching. He remained a faithful member until his death coming many times in recent months when he was really not able to come. Five weeks ago, Brother Larry and Sister Patsy Newsome and I visited him. His blood level was so low that he couldn't raise his arms. His first words to us were asking for prayer. Shortly, he asked me to sing his favorite song, "There is No Other Fountain" and when we started to sing, he started praising God and wanted to raise up his hands. Being too weak to do that on his own, Brother Larry and I helped him. He continually praised God and proclaimed his love for the church and all of his brothers and sisters. He quoted scripture for hours as they gave him four units of blood in the emergency room. Two days later at Medina Hospital, he told me of his desire to attend church on



the coming weekend at Pleasant View. Brother Abel didn't get well enough to come back to church but he is now resting in Paradise where all is peace, joy and love.

No one has the assurance that they will live to be old like brother Abel did. Death or sickness can overtake you at any moment preventing you from doing what's most important in your life. The Bible teaches, you have no promise of tomorrow so you must work while it is day. Please Jesus while you have life and opportunity.

### **ELDER ALVIN BUFORD BROCK**

With the help of our Lord I will try to write the obituary of Elder Alvin Buford Brock. Brother Buford was born April 24, 1923 to Arlie Sr. and Mittie Webb Brock at Mayking, Kentucky. He passed January 7, 2010, making his stay here on God's footstool 86 years and 258 days. He was preceded in death by his Mother, Father, 2 sisters, 2 brothers, a son (Charlie Brock Sr.) and his wife of 62 years, sister Mary Brock. Left to mourn his passing are 4 daughters and their husbands, Julia Ann Fowler and her husband Hank of Danville, Indiana, Lettie Armittie Webster of Trenton, Ohio, Ruth Hiatt and her husband Mike of Danville, Indiana, and Retha Marlene Branam and her husband Donnie of Rockville, Indiana. Also, left to mourn his passing are 7 sisters, 1 brother, 12 grandchildren, and 24 great-children, along with a whole host of brothers and sisters in Christ.



**Alvin Buford Brock**

Over 60 years ago, Brother Buford joined this band of Pilgrims at the Mayking Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ. Not long after joining, Brother Buford felt the call to preach and on the third Saturday in June 1962 he was ordained. Over the years Brother Buford was very faithful in filling his seat at his home church, Little Children's Home Church, and visiting other churches far and wide. Brother Buford was the Moderator at Little Children's Home Church, and Assistant Moderator at Little Family for many years up until his health made it unwise for him to go. Brother Buford spent the last few years at the Danville Regional Rehab Center.

Brother Brock now has gone to heaven to be with Jesus and to his children if you want to see your Dad, Grandfather, or Great-Grandfather again you'll have to come the same way as he did and that is by forsaking the things of this world and trusting in Jesus Christ.

Written by his son-in-law and Brother in Christ, Brother Mike Hiatt

### **SISTER PHYLIS MAE CLARK**

November 18, 1935 to June 12, 2010

It is with a sad and broken heart that we will try to write an obituary of a very dear friend and loving sister in the church, Phylis Mae Clark. Sister Phylis joined the church on August 20, 2006, at Branams Creek Church in Kentucky. She brought her membership to the Little Pilgrims Home Church at Ruggles, Ohio, where she attended faithfully as long as she was able. She loved attending her sister churches and seeing her brothers and sisters. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

Sister Phylis was the Daughter of the late Ivorene and Lester Beltz of Marion, Ohio. She was born and raised in Marion. She worked for and retired from Elgin School District in Marion.



**Sister Phylis Mae Clark**

She married Milford Clark on November 7, 1988, whom she leaves to mourn her death. They were very close and went everywhere together. She also leaves one daughter, Debra (Bill)Carter of Florida , one son, Richard (Debbie) Kline of Dennison, Ohio. She had seven step-children; Five step-daughters: Sandra (Herb) Dwight of Clyde, Ohio, Beverly (Ron)



Henson of Lima, Ohio, Carolyn (Danny) Shambaugh of Ashland, Ohio, Julie (Kris) Nickles of Loudenville, Ohio, Clara (Anson) Clark of Perryville, Ohio. Two stepsons: Dwayne (Jamie) Clark of South Carolina, and Chuck Clark of Nova, Ohio. Step-daughters Dottie Shook of Delaware, Ohio, Beth and Carolyn and Beth Kline of Marion Ohio. Brothers Raymond (Blanch) Beltz of New Bloomington, Ohio, Sam (Merlyn) Beltz of Marion, Ohio, David (Tammy) Beltz of Alabama, and Paul (Peggy) Beltz of Alabama. Sister Maude (Tom) Hughes of Marion, Ohio, Jane Malone of Marion, Ohio Sister-in-law Fran Hansel. Some very special friends, Mary Katz, Barbara Bayless, Sister Marie Hall and Sister Roxie Hamilton. Sister Phylis had colon cancer surgery November, 2009. She then had a severe stroke on May 10th, 2010 which left her unable to use her right side or talk. She had suffered a lot the last couple of weeks but she never lost her faith. She had always told us she was willing to accept whatever the Lord had in store for her.

We will miss her greatly. She had become a very dear and close friend to us.

Written by, Sister Marie Hall and Sister Roxie Hamilton

### ELDER SAVEL COMBS

With the help of Jesus, I will try to fulfill the request of an Old Saint of God. I was very honored when he asked me to write his obituary to wit: Savel Combs

Savel was born at Wayland, Kentucky, to the late Louverna Conley and James Combs on November 10, 1925. He left this life for a better one on November 29, 2009, making his stay here on earth 84 years and 19 days. He was born into a family of three brothers--Kendall, Virgil, and Amel--three sisters--Sadie Gibson, Martha Slone, and Florence Combs. He was preceded in death by Kendall, Virgil, Amel and Sadie. He married Beulah Marie Parrigan on May 22, 1943. To this union was born two boys, Edmond Lee and Michael. He was preceded in death by Beulah, his son Edmond, and his grandson Keith. He was survived by his daughter-in-law Kathleen Peck Combs and grandchildren Steven, Kevin, and Eileen Whisler, his son Michael and his wife Melinda Combs, and grandchildren Lance and Margo. He was also survived by his second wife Nelcie Mollett Combs, whom he married on August 31, 1986, and her children Gary and Diana Mollett, and Gary's wife Diana. He is also survived by seven great grandchildren, eight nieces, and six nephews.



Elder Savel Combs

Savel was a US Veteran of World War II, serving honorably in the British West Indies; a graduate of Wayland High and Mayo Joint Vocational School in Kentucky; a certified mine engineer supervisor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; honorary Kentucky Colonel; a machinist at Ohio Steel Tube Company in Shelby Ohio, from 1955-1980; and four term president of USWA Local 3057 from 1960-1976.

Savel joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Steels Creek, Kentucky, on April 4, 1954. Sister Artie Collins said when she saw him baptized that she knew he was going to be a preacher. He later moved to Shelby, Ohio, where he brought his membership to Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth. He was ordained to become a minister on October 15, 1960. He had such a wonderful gift for the young people. Our children always called him Uncle Savel and they still do to this day. He and Beulah helped raise our twins--or should we say spoil them? When our children and many other children would get sick or have a toothache, they would ask to call Brother or Uncle Savel. He was a child's doctor, dentist, baby sitter, Santa Claus, preacher, teacher, marriage counselor, a good cook, and a kind friend to all who really knew him, A Christ-like person, full of love, kindness, mercy, and compassion for others. We have shared some wonderful family memories with Savel, as he was our neighbor for several years. In his younger years, when his body was able, he

loved to work and help with the upkeep of the church. He and Buck Stumbo built the stand for the First Northern New Salem Association at Plymouth. We used to have Church every Wednesday Night at different peoples' houses. It was in Savel's home over 48 years ago that I joined the church.

Dave and I were blessed to take a vacation out West with Sister Nelsie and Brother Savel. We came to realize then what a wonderful person Nelsie really is, such a jewel in Savel's life. She was able to spoil him for 23 years! I will never forget what Savel said when he saw the Grand Canyon for the first time. **"I have seen enough to preach on for the rest of my life about God's wonders."**

Sister Nelsie, you and brother Savel have suffered so many uncalled for heartaches. I am so glad you had the Lord to lean on and have held up beautifully. Keep in mind that our heartaches are not to be compared with what Jesus suffered for us.

Brother Savel told me that he had a dream that he was going down to the river and he looked back and saw me coming right behind him. I am on my way Brother Savel. It won't be long, and we can sing that new song, I've been redeemed, I've been redeemed, all in tune with the angels.

Brother Savel was such a strong man. He lived for Jesus through the good times and the bad times. It would break my heart to see him all bent over with a walker. You can throw that walker to the wind, you won't need it now, Brother. He has gone home to be with Jesus, no more pain, no more troubles over there. There will always be sunshine where the flowers bloom forever. His life is over. He fought a good fight. He finished his course. He kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give him in that day. And not him only, but to all that will believe and keep his commandments.

To you, Mike and Melinda and all his grandchildren, you had a wonderful Dad and Grandpa, one that gave you good advice and counsel, one who always set a good example for you to follow. You would do well to pattern your life like his. As long as you live you will have good memories of him. I beg you to prepare to meet him in that perfect land of peace.

We love you all,

Written by your Brother and Sister in the Lord, Dave and Hazel Pullum

### POLLY POE GRIFFITH

With fond memories, a very heavy heart and the help of God, I will try to write this obituary of my dearly beloved mother. She was born on September 7, 1915 to Lacey and Gracie Allen in Salyersville, Kentucky. On August 13, 1936 she married Henry Poe. He preceded her in death on August 13, 1981. They moved from Kentucky to Michigan in 1942. To this union was born four children. James Poe, Ruth Poe, and Mary Halcomb, all of whom preceded her in death, and Martha Caudill. She had 12 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. Mom married Elder Richard Griffith on May 27, 1989. He preceded her in death on June 8, 2002. Mom became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1950, to the best of my knowledge. I loved to hear her speak of her experience of forgiveness and salvation.



Polly Poe Griffith

She was so humble and grateful for God's mercy upon her. Mom loved going to church. She loved her brothers and sisters in the church and her family. However, God was first and foremost in her life. She showed love to everyone, and loved talking about the bible and Jesus to everyone. She would quote the bible saying "Tell them for me whether they hear or forbear to hear". Mom loved reading the Bible. I can remember as a child, especially throughout the long winter months, she would take me upon her lap and read the bible to me. She hardly ever missed a day of reading some. Many of the brothers and sisters would speak about how well Mom knew the bible. She would give God the honor and praise for teaching her the bible. Mom also loved singing the old

time hymns. When God gave her a mind to sing, she would, no matter where she was or who she was around. She would often quote the verse, "To make a joyful voice unto the Lord". Mom was the hardest working woman I have ever known. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, canning, sewing, quilting, and crocheting. She did everything with such passion and drive in a very big way. The grandchildren often referred to her as the Energizer Bunny. They would say you had better be prepared to work when you visit Granny. She did not want you leaving before the job was done either. Mom was a great cook. I often said I believed she could make an old leather boot taste delicious and tender. Granddaughter Candice described it best when she said, "You can just taste the love in Granny's cooking!" She was known for making the best fried-chicken. Many who could not stay for dinner after church would at least get some of her chicken for the long ride home. She sewed most all of her clothing. She made quilts and crocheted hats for family and friends. It was very endearing to go to the nursing home and see so many of the other women wearing a hat Mom crocheted for them. It was amazing how she was able to do that through most of her illness. To me, Mom was an amazing woman, full of love and kindness. She left this world of pain and sorrow on April 27, 2010. I believe her soul has gone to God who gave it, and the body is resting in the grave, awaiting the return of her savior to raise it, a spiritual body to meet with him in the air and be with him eternally. So sleep on, my dear beautiful Mother, until we raise in his likeness to be happy forever more.

Written by Daughter, Martha Caudill

### LEE HALL

With the help of God, I will try and write an obituary of my precious father who found God late in life and has been a devoted Christian for many years. Daddy was born on June 18, 1921 at Kite Kentucky (Knott Co.). He was the son of Robert (Born Sept., 21, 1879) and Evaline (Born March 13, 1880) Hall and both have preceded him in death. Daddy had five brothers and six sisters whom he loved very much. Brothers: Perry Hall, Tivis Hall, Sonny Hall, Ellis Hall and Finis Hall. Sisters: Rosinna Melissa Hall, Mary Bell Hall, Martha Caudill, Taney Yates, Millie Thronsberry, and Hermie Robinson, all of whom preceded him in death. Daddy married our mom, Marie Slone, around 1942. She passed on October 15, 1990.



Lee Hall

Daddy had three sons and one daughter. They are Devenis Ray Hall, who preceded daddy in death on March 19, 1963, David And Vivian Hall of Gastoni, North Carolina, Randall Hall of Plymouth, Ohio, and Linda and Donald Branham of Plymouth, Ohio. Daddy married Goldie Halley in 1972. They were married for 38 years. Goldie has three sons: David Robert Halley, Thomas Halley, and Earnest Halley. Daddy joined Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church on June 1, 1991 and was baptized July 7, 1991 by Elder Larry Newsome and Stony Blackmon. Daddy dearly loved the church and its members. Every time I talked to him on the phone, he would always tell me what a good meeting they had on Sunday and the singing was heaven on earth. I will never forget him telling me about the night God entered his heart to stay forever. Daddy said on a night many months prior to joining the church, he was restless into the night. After midnight, a light came down right through the ceiling. He felt he could see the Devil around the wall and he said "Go Devil Go", Jesus has taken over my life, and the Devil went right through the corner of the wall. Daddy said he could hear people hollering saying "Leo go be baptized". Daddy said he woke up with not a pain in his body and was never scared to lay down at night anymore. God had removed the burden of sin from his body. He said before this, he was scared he would die at night. Sick or well, Daddy always wanted to be at church on the weekend to fellowship with his Brothers and Sisters.



During the summer of 2009, Daddy started getting sick and very weak. He really needed to be in a nursing home, but wanted to stay at home as long as possible. My sister Linda started driving the 150 mile trip almost daily to care for him and nurse him back to good health. She remodeled Daddy's house and just treated him like a baby. Daddy had to be hospitalized at the end of June, 2010 due to falling. Doctors told us that his heart and kidneys could hardly function anymore and it was just a matter of a few weeks or days. We told Daddy what the doctor said and he said "I know, God is my friend and he told me I still had a few more days, we talk all the time."

Daddy continued to pray until he passed on. On July 14, 2010 the Good Lord decided to take daddy home. We will miss him, but we will celebrate that he is home in heaven with his God and never has to worry about that old worn out heart anymore. He will have a new heart. So I say to all of you, if you want to see heaven like Daddy and my Mother, you must repent of your sins and you will receive a new heart that will never wear out and you can dwell in the house of the Lord forever. So sleep on Father, we will surely miss you until we meet again on that bright shore.

By David Hall

### IRENE COLEGROVE HENDRICKS

Irene was born on May 26, 1927 on Evermans Creek in Grayson, Ky. She was the second child born to the union of Joel and Ella Colegrove. Irene had two sisters, Lenita and Ruth Anna, and one Brother, Paul Ray, who all preceded her in death. Irene married John Howard Hendricks on November 8, 1944 in Grayson, KY. Howard passed away on May 20, 1978. She was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law Diana Hendricks and son-in-law Gerald Arnette.



Irene Colegrove Hendricks

Irene was a loving mother to her children, Howard (Johnny), Shirley Arnette, Larry (wife Polly) and Sharon (Husband Roger Lavey). She was a wonderful grandmother to Tricia, Deena, Cary, Angela, and Larry Joe. She was a very loving great grandmother to 13 great grandchildren. She also leaves two sister-in-laws, Virgie Colegrove and Janell Hendricks, and many brothers and sisters in the Old Regular Baptist. On Sunday, October 26, 1975, Mom called and asked us to come over. She had something she wanted to share with us, and tell us in person. When we arrived she told us we had a new Mommy. She had turned her life over to the Lord Jesus Christ, and was baptized. Irene had a lot of faith in her Savior.

I am so proud to call Irene my mother-in-law. She was a very good friend to me and we conversed on the phone almost daily. When my Mommy was dying of cancer at University Hospital, Irene and her sister would sit with her to give us a break. Irene was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. My Mommy and Irene were good friends.

Irene looked forward to attending church at Little Angel where she was a member. She also enjoyed Association meeting and attending other sister churches. She always wanted to participate in cooking or Little Angel. She was a very good old-fashioned cook and didn't have to measure ingredients. Her specialties were fried chicken, pig's picken cake, and apple pies. The day before she passed away I asked her how to prepare cucumbers in vinegar. She said, "I think a little bit of vinegar, water, and sugar." I couldn't help but laugh.

On June 30th of this year, three weeks before Irene's passing, Elder Danny Carty, Elder Bill Smith, Elder Scott Little, four sisters and one brother from Little Angel came to Irene's house to have church. She looked at Elder Danny Carty and said, "I believe we have enough here for a church service." She enjoyed the service. We want to thank all who came. She will be waiting on the other side of Jordan, what a glad reunion that will be.

Written by her son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Polly Hendricks



## EDGBERT "E.B." HICKS

Edgbert "E.B. Hicks, 91, Alger, died Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at Hardin Hills Health Center, Kenton. He was born Sept. 15, 1918 in Hueysville, Kentucky, to Georgie and Amanda (Bailey) Hicks, who both preceded him in death. He married Alice Johnson Oct. 14, 1937 and she survives in Kenton. Also surviving is one son, James L. (Kathy) Hicks of Forest; three daughters: Goldie (Darel) Scott of Forest; Trylbia VonStein of Findlay and Reba (James F.) Long, of Alger.



Edgbert "E.B. Hicks

It has been a joy to have Brother E.B. as a member of the Family of Love Church. His presence meant so much to us. We've really missed him and Alice very much since they haven't been able to come to church. The members wish he had lived closer to us so we could have gone to his home to visit them more, but when we did go, we really enjoyed being with them. The first thing he wanted us to do was to eat with him and Alice.

The Hicks are wonderful people and we feel privileged to know so many of them. You have always showed us love and respect.

Brother E.B. loved the church so much, it never was a burden for him to help the church, he counted it joy. It always ran his cup over with joy to see us come to his home. Before we stopped by one day, we thought we would eat before we got there so we could spend more time just visiting. That was a mistake. After we got there and shook their hands and gave them a hug, he went to the kitchen rummaging around. He said, "Alice get them something to eat." We told them we had already ate, but that didn't work. He made us eat some more anyway. What made him this way? It was the Love of God in his heart.

When we meet again, Bro E.B. won't be serving us, but Jesus will gird himself and serve us. What a day that will be.

Alice, you have been a good help mate to him. A part of you has gone, but it won't be long until you can see him again. We won't forget the kindness you have shown us. We will not forget about you.

Bro E. B. will not have to worry about cancer anymore or any other illness. His troubles and trials are over and he'll rejoice forever around God's throne. Sleep on Brother E.B., your body will be changed in the morning and your soul will rest in peaceful Paradise.

With much Godly Love, Brother Buddy and Sister Carlene

## TIVIS MEADE

Tivis Meade, 75, of Rittman, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at his home, following a courageous battle with cancer. Tivis was born February 1, 1934, in Topmost, KY, the son of the late Oliver and Connie (Hall) Meade. On October 1, 1955 he married Loretta Stiltner and she survives.

He retired in 1996 from the Packaging Corporation of America in Rittman. He had built his own home in Rittman in 1971 where he resided. He was a member of the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church in Litchfield. He enjoyed his time woodworking, gardening, and making knives and letter openers which he gave as gift to family members.



Tivis Meade

He will be greatly missed by his wife; his three children Kathy (Mark) Ramsdell of Valley City, Patrick (Tammy) Meade and Pamela (Dale) Schemrich both of Rittman; his four grandchildren Seth (Vanessa) Meade, Heather (Matt) Butler, Adam Schemrich and Emily Schemrich; 2 great-grandchildren Wyatt and Connor Butler; a brother Henry (Reathel) Meade of Bevinsville, KY; 2 sisters Callie Gibson of Rittman and Alpha

Bates of Pretonsburg, KY and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 4 brothers, Harold, Marion, Everett and Halard and 3 sisters Ollie Belcher, Flora Neuman and Laura Turner.

Brother Tivis was a very nice person and was loved by everyone who knew him. This made it very hard for him to realize that he couldn't just be good enough to go to Heaven and that he had to deny himself and his works and trust in Jesus. During his illness, he finally became willing to surrender his life to Jesus and fully trust Him for all things. He then received forgiveness and the salvation for his soul that he diligently sought for. I was going to visit him on Sunday, June 7, 2009 after church. When I called to let Loretta know I was coming, she told me that I needed to bring someone with me because Tivis wanted to join the church. I made a few calls and shortly we had several brothers and sisters there. We had a little service for him and he offered his hand to become a member of the Pleasant View Church. He desired greatly to be baptized despite his failing health and frail body. We met at the Hospice center in Copley on Saturday, June 27, and brother Tivis was duly baptized by Elders Hayes Chaffins, Larry Newsome and Dennis Elkins. He was peaceful and satisfied for several weeks after answering a good conscience before God.

Family and friends, you can go where Brother Tivis has gone, but if you have not already closed in with the offered mercies of Jesus Christ, please seek Him while you have life and opportunity. He is waiting and willing to save all who would believe, repent and be born again.

Written by his family and his brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

### **WINFIELD MOORE, JR.**

Winfield Moore, Jr. was born January 28, 1944 in Ligon, Kentucky, and departed this life on February 12, 2010 at his home in West Salem, Ohio, after a prolonged illness. He was the son of the late Winfield, Sr. and Callie (Boggs) Moore.



**Winfield Moore, Jr.**

He was married to Geneva (Johnson) Moore on December 21, 1965 and they spent 44 years together. To this union was born one daughter; Patricia (Allen Keith) Stanley of Melvin, Kentucky; Brother Jr. also had 4 grandchildren; Dustin, Christena (Brandon), Joshua, and Veronica, and 2 great grandchildren; Breann and Leland who survive. He is also survived by three sisters, Mary Mosley of Wheelwright, Kentucky, Loretta Hall of Rittman, Ohio and Brenda Newman of Mercer County, Kentucky. In addition to his parents, Brother Jr. was also preceded in death by two brothers; Bascom and James Moore and six sisters; Norlean, Elvie, Emojean, Oma and Nellie Moore and Opal Hall.

Brother Jr. loved to trade and go to flea markets and auctions and look for bargains and antiques. He would share his finds with his friends.

Brother Jr. joined the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church at Litchfield, Ohio on August 4 1996 and was baptized on September 8, 1996 by Elders Larry Newsome and Stoney Blackburn. He remained a member until his death although he was unable to attend for a couple of years after his illness prevented him from attending. He always enjoyed it when the brothers and sisters came and sang and had prayer with him. Brother Jr.'s suffering is now over and he is now at rest in Paradise. Brother Jr. is to be buried in Newman Cemetery at Hi Hat, Kentucky.

To his family and friends, the Bible teaches, you have no promise of tomorrow so you must work while it is day. Please seek Jesus while you have life and opportunity. Tomorrow may never come.

## MELSTER NEWSOME

Wife, Mother, Grandmother

With loving memories I shall endeavor to write a few words about the life and beauties of my loving and devoted wife, my rose petal, my best friend, Melster Prater Newsome. It was October 14, 1933 in the lovely hills of Eastern Kentucky in Pike County, in a little community known as Greasy Creek where the trees stand tall on the mountain side, reaching up and each year getting closer to the clear blue sky, a little girl was born. As the seasons come and go and the passing of time swiftly passes by, just as our lives with the allotment of time given by our Heavenly Father, we to, must gently return to the good earth there to wait the glories resurrection morning. It is there and then we shall join our love ones in a land of everlasting peace and joy.



Melster Newsome

As the master artist of all paintings, with his brush and pails of colorful paint, began to paint colorful scenes on the canvas of the hills, valleys and dales of the lovely mountains of our beloved Eastern Kentucky, it was here in the amazing picturesque setting that a little pink squirming baby girl, a gift from God, graced the home of the late Willie and Roma Rowe Prater. Soon everything was dressed in the beautiful colors of fall, which would soon give way to the chilly days of winter. They choose the name Melster for this precious child. She was the first of six siblings born into their home. It was here she first shared life with her brothers and sisters roaming the hills, picking wild flowers, playing in the streams and attending a one room school. Soon she grew up to be a fine young lady which was a gift from God to me for all these many years. Of her siblings she is survived by one sister, Maxie Adkins of Greasy Creek, Pike Co., KY; two brothers, Milford Prater of Jeffersontown, KY and Miles Prater of Greasy Creek, Pike Co., KY. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Ruth Skinner and Myrtle Marie Prater and one infant brother, Johnny Prater.

She leaves behind to mourn her loss, a loving and devoted husband of 55 years, Hillard Blake Newsome; one daughter, Debbie Adkins and husband Paul of Louisville, KY and one son, Hillard Blake Newsome of Shepherdsville, KY. Melster is also survived by her four grandchildren, whom she loved so much, Jason and Jeremy Adkins, Amanda Newsome and Beth McEntire, and five great-grandchildren, Addison Adkins, Briar Adkins, Gavin Taylor, Hayden Newsome and Noah McEntire.

Melster was baptized into full love and fellowship of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church on the first Sunday in April 1978 by the hands of the late Elder Paul Adkins and her husband Elder Hillard Newsome. A gifted singer, she let her light shine brightly. Melster was kind, gentle and humble. She loved to set in the holy courts of this blessed old fashioned church. It was here her soul was fed as she worshipped in singing praises to her Heavenly Father. She was a loving sister, different from the world, dressed modestly as a Christian. The changing times and the fashions of the world, it was not a part of her. She was not a tale bearer or a gossip. A meek and humble child of the King, she never brought shame on me as a minister's wife or her church, always setting good examples by her every day life as a child of God. She believed in her church teachings and her convictions that you had to be born again to a life pleasing to God by showing your love for each other. Yes to me she was a precious woman, my wife, my mentor. She did not waste her days away, everyday was a gift from God. How I enjoyed living my life with her. It has truly been an honor to be her husband and friend. Two hearts of love have been broken, yet the memories of happy days of a loving marriage are a gift death cannot destroy. She was so content with her little cottage here on earth. It now has been traded for a mansion in glory. My love for her is immeasurable.

Not only a devoted wife but a loving and caring mother to our children, Debbie and Blake. Her eyes would light up when they came to visit her.



To you, her grandchildren, you were her pride and joy. May you all cherish the things she taught you by showing your love for each other. I would beg you children and grandchildren, to see our loving Melster again, you must repent and be borne again. Prepare in this life to go see her in her Heavenly home, there to live forever. Always learn to be forgiving and love each other as she would want you to.

We were married on May 18, 1955, the cord of love for each other was entwined in our hearts. It caused two hearts to become one, only to be broken by death on Tuesday, July 6, 2010. It left me with a sad and broken heart, yet with everlasting memories that will comfort and sustain me until we are blessed to meet again over on God's golden shore. For over 55 years we shared life together in wedded bliss. She always prepared me wholesome and delicious meals and my clothes were always clean and presentable. About five years ago, Melster began to become afflicted with that dreaded disease Alzheimer. She spent her last two years in the Westley Manor Nursing Center. I would go everyday to feed her, along with Debbie. I would ask "Where is my baby, my rose petal?" Her little eyes would light up when she heard my voice. She would begin to motion for me to come to her. I would say "Honey, this is your Hillard." And then I would tell her how pretty she was and she would say "I know it." So many times she would hold her hand up and call for her father and mother. She knew she would be home soon. She would ask Debbie if she could see that little girl and how pretty she was. Oh how I miss those loving arms around me, her lips that kissed me gently and that sweet voice that told me she loved me. And, oh yes, I will miss the gentle hands that brushed my hair and her sparkling eyes that always found my Snicker candy wrappers. Yes darling I will miss you, but I will love you forever. Until we meet again, my love is everlasting.

Thank you, Darling, for everything, Your Husband, Hillard

### **ELMER EUGENE OSBORNE**

Elmer Eugene Osborne was born July 13, 1929 to the late Elder Daniel and Sister Leona (Greer) Osborne of Jonancy, Kentucky. Eugene was the oldest of six children and went home to be with the Lord on April 7, 2010, making his stay on earth 80 years, 8 months, 3 weeks and 4 days. Eugene was preceded in death by his loving parents, two nephews, three brothers-in-law, three sisters-in-law, and a son-in-law.

Eugene taught school in Eastern Kentucky where he met and fell in love with his loving wife Evelyn June Burchett and they were married on September 24, 1949. This marriage lasted for 60 years, 6 months and 2 weeks and only by death did they part. To this union God blessed them with five children, one daughter, Evelyn Jean Coley and four sons, James Elmer (Kathy), Justin Keith (Sue), Ronald Linn and Raymond Henry (Phyllis) Osborne and also fourteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He also leaves behind three brothers, Kenneth Bernard (Christine), Jack (Molly) and Daniel Osborne and two sisters, Jessie Tipper and Patty (Gillis) Hamilton. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, three aunts and one uncle and also many friends he had met along the way.

Eugene moved to Michigan where he was employed by General Motors and retired after 32 years of service, he also worked in Real Estate for most of his spare time during working at General Motors and then worked the Real Estate full time after retiring from General Motors until his death. He also was on City Council in Hazel Park, Michigan. Eugene was very loving and kind to all. Eugene was a member of the Rose of Sharon Old Regular Baptist Church in South Rockwood, Michigan.

Written by his loving family



## BROTHER ELSTER AND SISTER SALLY ELLEN RATLIFF

Sister Sally Ellen Ratliff of Green Cove Springs, Florida was born to James and Molly Hamilton November 10, 1931 at Henry Clay in Pike County, Kentucky and departed this life June 24, 2010, making her stay upon the earth, 78 years, 6 months and 14 days. She was preceded in death by her parents; by two brothers, James Howard and Ben T. Hamilton and granddaughter Janet Lee Little. She is survived by her husband, Brother Elster Ratliff; daughter Caroline Meadows; son Donald Franklin Ratliff; granddaughters Glenda Potter and Valerie Tackett; grandson Jeremy Hunter; six great-grandchildren; and brothers Tommy, Albert and Charlie Hamilton; two half brothers Bobby Ray and Franklin Hamilton; four half sisters, Patty June Davis, Vada Jean Pickles, Reba Gay Savage and Della Faye Robinson; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.



Brother Elster and Sister Sally Ellen Ratliff

Brother Elster Ratliff, also of Green Cove Springs, Florida was born on January 4, 1928 in Hellier, KY, to parents Charles and Vernie Ratliff. He departed this life on July 18, 2010, being here on earth 82 years, 6 months and 14 days. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wonderful wife, Sister Sally; 3 brothers, Roger Lee, James Robert and Jimmy Ratliff; 2 sisters, Delores Eva and Janice Marie; granddaughter Janet Lee Little and son-in-law Jessie Meadows. Brother Elster is survived by his son, Donald Franklin Ratliff; daughter Caroline Meadows; brothers Roy Dale and Charles Ray Ratliff; 2 granddaughters, a grandson and 6 great grandchildren.

Brother Elster had worked for the United States Navy at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in 1943 and was a U.S. Steel worker for 33 years. He had survived Sister Sally, his wife by only 25 days before passing away. Brother Elster and Sister Sally both were raised in Kentucky. They were married while they were young and moved to Northern Ohio. While Sister Sally was still young, after she had prayed on the account of her sins and felt that the Lord had forgiven her, in about 1953, she offered her hand to join the Little Edna Regular Baptist Church in Lorain, Ohio and was baptized into their membership.

21 years ago, they moved to Green Cove Springs, Florida and Sister Sally brought her letter to the Star of Bethlehem Church in Crystal Springs, Florida until after the Little Melrose Church was organized in 1994 and then moved her letter to the Little Melrose Church where she remained a faithful member until her death.

Brother Elster Ratliff was baptized into the membership of the Little Melrose Church in December, 1996 and remained a faithful member until his death. He was also a wonderful member of the Little Melrose Church, coming faithfully as long as he could.

They were a great light to their children and to all that knew them. Children, if you will remember their teaching and follow the same God that they followed, obeying His word and repenting of your sins, you can also go to Heaven where they are.

Written by Elder John M. Elkins

## WAYNE AND LEALY RATLIFF

It is with great sadness that we attempt to write the obituary of our beloved parents, grandparents and sibling, Wayne and Lealy Ratliff. They have both gone on to be with the Lord and they are together again after being parted on this earth almost six years prior.

Wayne was born March 4, 1924 to Virgie Phillips Ratliff and John L. Ratliff. He had two siblings, William and Otis Ratliff of which Otis preceded him in death. Wayne passed away April 9, 2003, attaining the age of 79.

Lealy was born on March 31, 1928 to Arkansas Burke Hudson and Roy Hudson. She had one brother and six sisters. She had three sisters who preceded her in death. Lealy passed away on October 4, 2009, attaining the age of 81.

Lealy and Wayne were united in marriage on January 23, 1946 and were married for 57 years when they were parted due to Wayne's death. To their union were born three children; A daughter Joyce Ratliff Hobson and two sons Michael and Jerry Ratliff. They had ten grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. They met and married in Kentucky and moved to Michigan to find work. After they retired they returned back to Kentucky.

Lealy was saved in 1956 at Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church. She later took membership in the Old Regular Baptist Church and after moving to Michigan was a member of Little Zion Old Regular Baptist Church where she was a still a member at the time of her death. She moved back to Kentucky and after the death of her husband she went to church with her brother in law and daughter attending both Buckfield and Bethel Freewill Baptist Churches. She loved to fellowship with God's people and loved to listen to good preaching and singing that she often said was coming down from Heaven.

Wayne was a World War II Veteran. He lived and worked at Interstate Manufacturing for many years before he retired. After moving back to Kentucky he loved to flea market. He had many friends that he met through this. He was saved in 2002 and a member of the Buckfield Freewill Baptist Church at the time of his death.

While Wayne's death parted them we believed they are now resting together again. They are free from all trials and worries of this world. We will always cherish the time they were given with us on this earth and the memories that we share. We love you and miss you always and will meet you again someday.

Written by, Sister Lora Johnson, Granddaughter Michelle Varney,  
and daughter Joyce Hobson.



Wayne and Lealy Ratliff

## IRENE KINNEY ROBINSON

Irene Kinney Robinson was born April 1, 1926 at Dry Fork near Shelbiana in Pike County, KY to the late Beverly and Ida (Thacker) Kinney. She departed this life on March 4, 2010 at the Akron General Hospital in Akron, OH, making her stay here on earth 83 years, 11 months and 3 days. She is now at rest in the paradise of God where all is peace, joy and love.

She married Leonard Robinson on December 23, 1939, at the tender age of 13 and they spent 64 blessed years together until his death, January 20, 2004. To this union was born, 4 sons; Kennis L. (wife Ethel), Larry Douglas, who died October 17, 2007, Tim R. (wife Jennifer), and Troy L. (wife Bonijene), all of Akron OH; and 3 daughters; Matti Ruth,



Irene Kinney Robinson

who died in infancy, Ida L. Rafferty (husband Arza "Jim") of Barberton, OH, and Vickie J. Mosier (husband Rick) of Tipp City, OH. She is also survived by 2 brothers; Don Kinney of Shelbiana, KY and Tommy (wife Grace) of Salyersville, KY, and 4 sisters; Patsy Gillespie of California, Mary Margaret (husband Wallace) Mitchell of North Carolina, Fontella Griffith and Beverly Hicks, both of Shelbiana, KY. She also leaves to mourn her loss 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren, and a great host of friends and loved ones. In addition to her parents, husband, daughter, Matti Ruth and son, Larry Douglas, she was preceded in death by 2 brothers; Art Kinney and Paul Blake Kinney, and 1 sister; Virginia Lee.

After bargaining unsuccessfully with the Lord, offering her life in exchange for her son Troy's safe return from Vietnam, she finally became willing for God's will to be done in her life, and Jesus heard her cries and forgave her sins, and she received a new birth in Jesus Christ. Shortly after that, she went to the Pleasant View Church and while witnessing Brother Luther Meade being baptized on July 19, 1970, she ran into the water offering her hand to become a member of Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ in Litchfield, OH, and was baptized by Elders Ivan Amburgey and Chuck Keesee. Her husband, Brother Leonard was ordained a deacon in December, 1971. She took her letter to the Little Edna Church, Lorain, OH in November, 1982 and went in the arm to establish the True Vine Church, Clinton, OH in October, 1983 and remained a faithful member until her death. In addition to serving True Vine, she and Brother Leonard also served as deacon to Pleasant View, Little Edna and other Old Regular Baptist churches. She was always a willing worker, cooking and cleaning for the church and keeping many a visitor in her home. She personified the Love of Christ in her life and showed abundant love to everyone, loving as the Bible commands in 1 John 3:18 "My little children, lest us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." She always let her kindness show the world who she served.

She was a caregiver her whole life, first to her family and then to the sick and the elderly. She was one of the kindest, sweetest, most gentle person you would ever want to meet. If you could only have one friend in this world, you would want it to be someone like her. Sister Irene enjoyed people and loved everyone very much. She loved having her family and friends come and visit her and enjoyed every phone call. As soon as you walked in, she wanted you to have something to eat or drink and before you left, she often whipped out her little disposable camera for a picture to commemorate the time. Most of all she enjoyed attending church and visiting with her brothers and sisters in Christ. She never let anything stop her from attending church and worshipping the Good Master. Despite the hardships she faced, no matter the weather, she would get up very early in the morning, bathe and feed Larry, take him to a sitter and then make the hour plus drive to church somewhere, even if she had to do it alone. No matter what she faced, she kept smiling and praising the Good Master because she accepted His will in all things.

Sister Irene had been in good health and continued to attend church every Sunday. She fell in her bathtub on the 15th of February and badly bruised her ribs. She didn't want to go to the hospital because the upcoming weekend was church time at True Vine, and she didn't want to risk being in the hospital and missing church. When she went to the hospital due to the pain from the fall, they kept her one night, examined her and found nothing broken, just badly bruised ribs. Her soreness prevented her from doing her daily treadmill exercise routine. She got pneumonia and passed out at her home Saturday, February 27th. She was immediately taken to Akron General Hospital, but her heart and her breathing stopped shortly before arriving at the Emergency Room. She was resuscitated, but was never able to regain full consciousness despite aggressive treatment. Sister Irene fell asleep peacefully in the arms of Jesus surrounded by her family.

Sister Irene lived everyday to the fullest and despite many hardships and sorrows, she always remained positive. No matter how bad your day was, talking to her would cheer you up and make you more thankful. She spent her time raising her children, caring for her grandchildren and great-



grandchildren, and showing God's love to all with whom she came in contact. She was very active and loved to travel and have fun with her family. She loved and lived life to the fullest.

She worked so hard to give Larry, who was mentally retarded and blind, exemplary care throughout his life. Although she made many personal sacrifices to make sure that Larry was kept clean and comfortable, she never complained or saw it as a burden. Sister Irene bathed him, shaved him, brushed his teeth, diapered him, dressed him and fed him for 57 years. When Larry passed away, she felt like she had lost her usefulness, but she never lost her loving spirit. She counted it all joy and served God fully in everything she did. She was a wonderful Christian example for everyone to follow.

Children, family and friends, I hope you will take heed to the great light she let shine before you. Her loving voice has now been silenced but her sweet memories will linger on for the rest of your lives. Regardless of how much you loved her, she loved you more! Like David said when he lost his son, "he cannot come to me but I can go to him", we can be with her again but we will have to make the same preparation she made. God is no respecter of person but is free to all of them who come to Him in faith believing. Please don't miss out on what's important but rather choose the good part. Seek Jesus while you have life and opportunity so you can spend eternity with her in Heaven.

Written by her brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

**A Tribute to my Mother-in-law, Irene Robinson— To Troy, Kenny, Ida Vickie and Tim:**

From a very young age, I was depended upon as a healer and a peacemaker... someone who was always expected to help turn sadness to joy, anger to calm, enemies to friends. I never knew why, but it was a role handed to me by my family, and never stopped taking this responsibility seriously. So if I were with you now, I would desperately want to comfort you... say the right thing, do the right thing. But I would fail. First of all, I know too well that there really is no comfort I could offer for the anguish you are feeling. Second, I would be too frozen with grief to even properly try. From far away, I'm able to do something else, to share what's in my heart in a way I could never do without the benefit of a keyboard or a pen. My hope is that it gives you some small measure of the comfort that's intended.

Before I met your Mother, I had heard a lot about her. She was a real country woman, who woke up every morning at the crack of dawn to bake biscuits and cook beans. I pictured a little fat lady, dressed in a hairnet and apron, who never left her old fashioned kitchen... kind of a cross between Betty Crocker and Aunt Jemima. Imagine my surprise when I met the real deal, a woman of grace, courage, humor, faith, sensitivity, spirit, and immeasurable kindness. I liked her from the moment I met her.

I was expecting aprons, hairnets, and scrubbing boards, and I saw pretty clothes, beautiful hair, and a dishwasher. I even found out that some of those "homemade biscuits" actually started out on a supermarket shelf. But I'm pretty sure I wasn't exactly what she expected either. She saw I felt differently about so many things and lived my life differently in so many ways, but it didn't seem to matter. She accepted me exactly as I was, like very few people ever had. She did more than accept me, though; she made me believe that she loved me, maybe in spite of my differences, maybe sometimes because of them.

How did I feel her love? Well, there are far too many ways to even try to list them all, but I'll share just a few. She always insisted on making me breakfast no matter how ridiculously early in the morning it had to be done, just because she knew I liked it. Whenever she caught me secretly lowering the kerosene heater each time your father raised it, she'd wink and laugh but never rat me out. She would hide away the leftover Christmas ham just for me to find because she knew I'd want to pick at it late at night. Sometimes it was the way she would suddenly grab my hand, squeeze it, and smile at me. Or the way she could tell when there was something that made me uncomfortable or that I didn't want to do, and she'd make it easier for me to avoid whatever those



some things were. She showed her love for me by loving Sean, taking an interest in him, being proud of him, trusting me to know what's best, even when it worried her, like my insistence on feeding him nothing but formula until he was a year old. Like everyone, she feared I was starving him, but when I explained why it would make him a healthier adult, she accepted my decision and even defended it to others. I felt her love though the secrets we'd share and the talks we had about our thoughts and feelings and fears. When it took me 12 hours to cook a turkey, delaying Thanksgiving dinner until 10:00 p.m., she acted like it didn't matter. Surely, that's love. So was the look in her eyes, the smile on her face, the visible joy oozing from her 10+ years ago when she saw me leave canes and wheelchairs behind and be able to walk again. When my terror and insecurity over being a mother escalated into a full blown anxiety attack right in the middle of my baby shower, she let me run away and then found me and held me close. She never judged. She never criticized. She accepted me. She gave me love.

Your Mother is the only person I've known in my entire life who I cannot say one bad thing about... not one single thing. To know her, is to like her. To know her well, is to love her. She makes the world a better place just by being part of it, and it breaks my heart to imagine a world without her.

I have the benefit of remembering her exactly as she was when I met her and on the day I last saw her. And I'll always remember things like—

**The sound of her voice.** That soft southern drawl that, for years, was difficult for me to understand. I had a harder time with your father's accent, but hers also caused me problems. She eventually realized it, and we had a pretty good laugh. I offered to teach her French or Yiddish is she would teach me "southern." I can remember her voice when she would admonish your father, just by saying, "Leon-ard", like it was two separate but equally emphasized words. You could tell by her tone that she meant business, but with one quick look in her direction, you could see the grin that was sneaking out on her face.

**The way she looked.** Dressed up for company or church or an outing, I always thought of it as quiet elegance, the right outfit, the right shoes, hair just so. Or even in her bathrobe late at night, watching TV, talking till the wee hours, trying to get as much time with us as she could, and of course, trying to convince us to eat more.

**Her silly camera.** I admit, I was never a big fan of the photo-taking, but because she was the one asking, I followed her orders and never did worse than tease her about it, or maybe smile.

**How she never showed anger.** I saw her annoyed, aggravated, irritated, frustrated, but never really angry, never harsh. Maybe someone was late for dinner, and she'd gripe a bit, but only a bit. She'd quickly be back to normal, kind and at peace. She always seemed at peace.

**Her grilled cheese sandwiches.** Sure her recipe is lethal to the cardiovascular system, but sometimes you just have to jump in and take the risk. I consider myself a grilled cheese expert, and these are the best. Of course, as soon as she realized, I felt this way, all she wanted to do was please me. I'll never forget the night we laughed ourselves silly, after downing serving after serving of grilled cheese sandwiches... the true number never to be divulged.

**Her optimism.** I've always been the kind of person who sees the glass half empty. She always seemed to see it as half full. She always had a good word to say, a compliment, a bit of encouragement. I can't tell you how many times I heard her say, "Don't worry, it will be Okay." I suppose it's her faith that kept this bright glow burning inside her, but it was her love and kindness that sometimes ignite it in me.

**Her dedication and commitment.** To her family, to her faith, to her friends, to her responsibilities, even to her health and fitness, I don't know anyone who could match her.

I started out this note by mentioning how beginning as a child, I was given the task of making things better, easing problems, pain, anger and sadness. It was a daunting responsibility for a little kid, but it gave me a purpose and helped to shape the person I grew up to be and also helped to

define what I expected from myself, and I was very good at it. Then while I was in college, my mother's mother became ill and died. She wasn't the first person I loved who died, but it was the first time I felt utterly helpless, the first time I truly realized there was a situation I couldn't fix, a pain I couldn't ease. Death became the adversary I couldn't defeat. For the first time, I came face to face with failure... the mission that I was given life had finally found a situation that made it irrelevant. It left me with a very solitary kind of grief. I felt it first right then, as a teenager, when I lost my grandmother. I felt it for days as I sat alone and afraid, frozen in a chair, watching my mother die, helpless to stop it. I felt it recently when a close friend suffered and onslaught of unbearable pain that I had no fix for. And I feel it right now.

With all my heart, I want to ease the sadness that I know you're feeling, but all I can do is tell you that I share that sadness. I've known your Mother for most of my life. I've respected her, valued her, and loved her. She is truly one of a kind.

For the past 10 years, I've been lighting a candle on March 3rd to honor my Mother who died on that day. If it hasn't already come, I understand the end is inevitable and very near for your Mother. I hope there's been some kind of a miracle, and she's sitting up in bed, sipping a Diet Coke, but if that isn't the case, I can tell you this. Beginning next year, and for the rest of my life, I'll be lighting two candles in March. I will never forget this wonderful woman who will live on forever in my heart.

With deepest sympathy and love, Bebe

### **ELDER MATT SLONE, JR.**

On April 3, 2010 the Heavens opened up and God sent his Angels for the soul of a man with a loving smile and a kind heart. We are comforted and rejoiced knowing our beloved husband, father and grandfather is at rest with Jesus but, sad and broken-hearted he is gone.

Matt Slone Jr. was born on August 7, 1934 in Pike County, Kentucky. He lived in Ohio for the past 54 years. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Faye (nee Bevins); son Gene (Connie) Slone of Lorain; daughters, Janet (Thomas) McMahon of Sheffield and Julie (Mark) Taylor of Elyria, Ohio. Survivors also include his grandchildren, Thomas McMahon Jr., Joseph McMahon, Nicole Slone, Heather Taylor; and his brothers, Curtis Slone of Cleveland and Bud Slone of Millard, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his parents, Matthew and Gracie (Thacker) Slone; three sister and five brothers.



Elder Matt Slone Jr.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corp. for four years during the Korean War and was stationed in Korea. He retired from Ford Motor Co. and was a member of local #2000.

During the week you could always find him outside doing yard work or doing chores around the house. On weekends he was devoted to his church. He was a member of Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church in Litchfield since 1980. He was an ordained minister and enjoyed visiting other churches. Dad had impaired speech from a stroke but, that didn't stop him from trying to spread the word of God. He was a humble servant that always loved meeting and talking with anyone who would listen.

He is now free, no more sickness or suffering. He followed the path that God laid for him and now his work is done. Thank you Jesus for giving us a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. For all the memories forever in our minds and the love for him forever in our hearts! We know he rests in peace waiting for his walk to that beautiful mansion in the sky with his beloved Jesus. His final wish would be for us all to repent and go home to be with the Lord where once again we will unite with family and friends.

Written by his loving wife Faye, and children

### *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free;  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I found that place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
Ah yes these things, I too, will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow;  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
Good Friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;  
Don't lengthen it now and with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me;  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

### **SISTER HEEDA THOMAS**

Heeda Thomas, age 74, of Marion, passed away on January 22, 2010, at her home. Born in Hindman, Kentucky on April 5, 1935, she was the daughter of Birtchel Mosley and Mary Slone Mosley. She married Robert Lee Thomas on February 12, 1954 and he preceded her in death. One granddaughter, Joy Lynn Collins and 2 brothers, Harold Mosley and Rudolph Mosley also preceded her.

She is survived by her two daughters, Rhonda (Rick) Collins of Edison, OH and Vickie (Dennis) Martin, of Prospect, OH, and one granddaughter, Ashley (Bryce) Volk of Marian, OH. Other survivors include brothers Birtchel (Sandy) Mosley, of Kendallville, IN, Quinton (Helen) Mosley, of Pataskala, OH, Phillip (Kathy) Mosley, of Hazard, KY, Robert (Kim) Mosley, Orlando, FL, sisters, Ruby (Harry) Richardson, of Dayton, OH, and Helen (Chet) Groff, of Columbus, OH and numerous nieces and nephews.

Over a year ago when she was diagnosed with cancer, Sister Heeda began wanting to tell me of the arrangements she desired for her funeral. She let me know that I was to help write her obituary. All I could say was "Sis (or Mommy as I like to call her) . . . you don't realize what you are asking. The only way I could do that is the Good Lord will have to take over, hold me up, and lead me through it." Now that the time has come, I have tossed and turned and don't even know where to start. All I know to do is the same thing I always do when I am in trouble and that is to call on Jesus to help me, to settle my mind and allow me to write the things that would be pleasing with him. For I know that if this little attempt at an obituary pleases the Lord then Sister Heeda would be pleased also, for she lived her life in an effort to please him.

Sister Heeda joined the Little Rebecca Church and was baptized on November 18th, 1967 and



**Sister Heeda Thomas**



took her letter - as a member of an arm - to the newly formed Family of Love Church on July 20th, 1974. She truly loved and gave all she had in the up-build of that little humble church. To think of the family of Love Church without her is impossible to do. Her memory and the little pile of stones she laid up there will live on forever.

Sister Heeda loved reaching out and taking the younger members of the church under her care. Although I had known of Sister Heeda all my life, she truly became a Mother to me in the Lord when I joined the church. She was so easy to talk to, so willing to listen, so patient and gentle in her handling of others. Anyone that confided in her knew that the conversation would go no farther, and that you could trust her to advise you in the truth . . . in the way that would be pleasing to the Lord. She was so concerned about keeping peace in the old Church and would rather take on a pound of suffering herself than to bring an ounce of confusion among God's children.

I had just left her bedside, gone home and was reading the bible when the call came asking to come back, that her breathing was getting worse and her time was soon at hand. The exact spot I was reading when the call came was Proverbs chapter 31 verses 25 and 26 - "Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness." I am so thankful that my family and I got to know her. She spent several Christmas' at our house and those memories will be treasured by all of us forever.

Sister Heeda once gave me a tape of a little song I call, "Children Coming Home." She asked me to learn it and would often have me sing it for her. In July 2009, she got to see one of her daughters-Sister Vickie come home, when she gave her hand to the church. Sister Vickie, words could never explain the joy mommy received when you gave her the roses that Blessed day. Sissy, the wonderful news is you too still have the opportunity to rejoice with mommy in heaven someday. Jesus said to draw nigh unto Him and He will draw nigh onto you. Blessed be the name of our Lord.

I must close this little attempt of an obituary now, although I could go on -and-on telling of how wonderful Sister Heeda lived her life. But, that explanation can be summed up in one word. Obedience. We should all strive to live our life as close as we can to the way the Lord wants us to and be obedient to His word so we can also live in this same Glorious light.

To the Family of Love Church, if you want to pay honor to your departed Sister's memory then please keep peace and love among you. Sister Heeda taught me many things in her kind and gentle way and one of her lessons was this; we can have true happiness and heavenly peace right here on earth. Not by allowing strange sounds to come amongst us, but by standing firm on the "Word", by hewing straight to the line". Then we can realize the true peace that blesses us to raise our hands to heaven rejoicing, "I'm glad that I was born to die."

So, rest on our dear Sister and Mother, your work here on earth was not in vain. I will not say goodbye, because I believe we will see you again. In that bright morning we will gather from the east and from the west, from the north and south the same. What a glorious sight it will be when all of God's children ascend into their new home of peace and joy to live forever and forever.

With thanks to our Dear Lord for these few words, Brother Marty Carty

## BROTHER BUEL THORNSBERRY

SHELBY: Buel Thornsberry, age 68, resident of rural Shelby, Ohio passed away on Friday, July 16, 2010 in MedCentral Mansfield Hospital.

He was born on June 13, 1942 in Puncheon, Kentucky to the late John and Lizzie (Hall) Thornsberry and had been a Shelby area resident for 50 years. Mr. Thornsberry was a graduate of Wayland High School and was retired from PPG in Crestline. He enjoyed woodworking and collecting knives, guns and coins. He was a member of the Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Judy (Hall) Thornsberry; one son, Craig and Dawn Thornsberry of Shelby; one daughter, Karen and James Brown of Shelby; five grandchildren, Cory, Tyson and Brody Brown and Erica and Dillion Thornsberry; four sisters, Imil Amburgery of Paintsville, KY, Thelma Thornsberry of Shelby, Sarah Thornsberry of Shelby and Louise Hall of Kite, KY; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two sisters, Ivilean Brown and Delma Isaac and an infant brother, Luther Thornsberry.



Brother Buel Thornsberry

Dear Lord in Heaven, please help us write this eulogy of one we love so much.

Buel was a special brother in the church. We have been together a lot for the several years. It is so hard to give him up, but when someone dies I try to think of them being blessed that God takes them home. I believe with my whole heart we'll see him again, in that morning of all mornings to never part no more.

God blessed him so much here to have a good life, to have Sister Judy, Craig and his family, Karen and her family and many natural things. His sisters have always showed him so much love.

A few months ago I began to feel sorry for him because his mind was getting so bad. I walked up to him and he gave me that wonderful smile of his, I said "you look so happy" he said "I am happy". I felt different about the situation after that I started calling him "Smiley", no matter how sick he got when I called him Smiley, he would smile.

"Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his Saints"

Brother Buel was raised without a natural brother; I also was raised without a brother my age. When Brother Buel and I met about 35 years ago, he and all his family became so close to me and Carlene, he felt like a natural brother to me.

He grew close to me and I to him.

Buel told me an experience of grace several years ago. How he left home feeling he was going to die. He said he thought he would never see home again. He began to pray on his way to work. When he got to work he felt better. I asked him if he thought the burden had been moved and he said he did.

I asked Buel if he realized what he had just told me. You have just told me an experimental knowledge of grace.

It was several years before he came into the church. About 2 years ago he came home to live and die with his Brothers and Sisters in the Old Church.

He loved the church and proved it by his works. He was willing to do everything he could for it. We are all going to miss him, his smile, meek and humble spirit.

At the services tonight, what a powerful spirit God gave the preachers, singing and praying to preach His everlasting Gospel.

Time and space cannot tell it all, but we shall know all about it by and by.

Sister Judy, Carlene and I love your family so very much. We will try to stand by you as much as we can. God will stand by you all the time.

God Bless You,

Written with Love, Brother Buddy and Sister Carlene

### **BROTHER CRAWFORD THORNSBERRY**

Crawford Thornsberry, age 86, resident of rural Shelby, Ohio passed away on Monday, October 26, 2009 in Willard Mercy Hospital. He was born on September 19, 1923 in Knott County, Kentucky to the late Lewis and Mattie (Hall) Thornsberry and had been a Shelby resident for over 50 years. He retired from the former Copperweld in Shelby after 30 years of service. He was a member of the Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church and enjoyed gardening, farming and making people laugh.



**Brother Crawford  
Thornsberry**

He was a member of the 281st Field Artillery Battalion of the US Army. As a member of a 105mm howitzer gun crew, his unit fought through France, the Low Countries and into Germany. Crossing the Rhine River on a pontoon bridge, they subsequently defeated the German Siegfried Line. His unit was then charged with guarding former SS troops in a prison camp before returning home.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Thelma Thornsberry, whom he married on August 13, 1949; two daughters, Charlene (Dr. Vince) Trago of Lexington, OH; and Anna Lou Thornsberry of Shelby; four grandchildren, Brendan Crawford, Patrick, Killian and Bridget Trago; six sisters, Anna King; Bethel (Raymond) Anderson; Roxie Hall; Eddie (Pete) Butler; Marcella (Marvin) Rice all of Kentucky; and Lora (Vester) Webb of Virginia; numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Arthur Thornsberry; two infant brothers, Luther and Crockett; and two infant sisters, Dixie and Clerinda.

As previously mentioned, Crawford enjoyed making people laugh and when greeting you, he would often have an innocent story to tell on Thelma that would get everyone to chuckle. Crawford was easy going and enjoyed a few nicknames throughout the years. When I was a young boy, I often heard Crawford referred to as "Tinker". A few years later several people including myself began calling him "Colonel". But when Crawford gave his humble hand to the church in May of 2008, we could then refer to him with the best name of all and that was "Brother". Brother Crawford had faithfully attended the Little Rebecca Church for many, many, years. His humbleness was often visible as tears would fill his eyes when the church was blessed with God's loving spirit. I often wondered why he was waiting so long to announce to the world what side he was on. Oh, what a joyous day it was when the call went out that Brother Crawford felt the Lord had forgiven him and he wanted to be baptized. It was a Thursday afternoon but we gladly dropped what we were doing and gathered around the creek bank to witness his baptizing.

During the last year or so, we all watched as Brother Crawford's body became frailer with each passing day. Last week I heard he had been praying and asking the Lord to come and take him home. On Monday morning at around 10:29 the Lord answered his prayer. We will now travel the last mile of the way with Brother Crawford here in this world, but the morning of all mornings is yet to come. Oh, how precious it will be when we are raised in Jesus' likeness... no walkers or oxygen tanks will be needed in that Good Land and the wonderful sound of singing and rejoicing will be ringing down from Heaven.

So rest on Dear Brother. We will miss you until we meet again on Heaven's bright shore.

Written by his daughter & Brother in the Lord Brother Marty Carty



## DOROTHY MAE ADAMS WILLIAMS

With deep sorrow, and hearts full of loving memories, we attempt to write this obituary of our gracious mother, Dorothy Mae Adams Williams, age 85, of 102 Cecil Hall Street, Ivel Kentucky, whom we believe crossed over the river into that glorious peaceful kingdom of eternal rest on March 19, 2009. Dorothy was born September 3, 1923 to Cindy and Jay Adams, who preceded her in death. On November 12, 1939, she was united with her loving husband of 69 years, Delmar Williams. Out of this union came five children; Milford (Carol) Williams of Willard, Ohio; Betty Lois Williams, deceased; Lois Jean Keathley of Ivel, Kentucky; Barb Nelson of Newark, Ohio; and Betsy Lee Keathy of Prestonburg, Kentucky. From these came 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.



Dorothy Mae Adams  
Williams

Mother's greatest accomplishment was the devoting of her life to God. She joined the Little Rebecca Church of Old Regular Baptists in Plymouth, Ohio, where she was a faithful member until returning to Kentucky after retirement. She then brought her letter to the Old Beaver Old Regular Baptist Church, and remained a faithful member until her passing.

There are many more memories of mom than there is space to write them down. My favorite memories are of strawberry and peach picking time. Mom and Dad would drive 6 hours from Kentucky just to pick strawberries and peaches. They would pick so many and pack their car so full that the only seating available was occupied by them. More great memories deal with our one day trips. When we would go down to Kentucky, we would all cram into 1 or 2 vehicles and just drive, mostly visiting the numerous lakes or Cumberland Falls, have a picnic, and then drive home. Everyone had a lot of fun and Mom loved and cherished those times together, with her family. When the time drew near, and mom's health began to fail, she would still talk about the things we used to do. When both family and friends would come to visit, she would make sure that everyone had their favorite food or dessert ready to eat.

To all those that helped during the last days, we appreciate and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You were there comforting and caring, when we couldn't be. The Lord will surely bless you for caring the way you did. To the Little Rebecca Church, mom remembered you right down to the end.

Mom has left us with good advice that we all need to follow. Put God first over all things and you will never fail. We will remember that, as we remember you, Mom. We know you can't come back to us, but by the grace of God we can come to where we believe you to be. Mom your last words were, "Peace, and everything is all right." I will always remember what you told me, we will take good care of Dad. Rest in peace.

Written by her son and children

## OBITUARIES

### FRIENDS OF THE N.N.S.A.

#### LYNN HARRIS BLEVINS

In Loving Memory of Lynn Harris Blevins,

It is with broken a heart that I write this obituary of our dear father, Lynn Harris Blevins whom we loved so dearly. He was the 3rd child of 12 children born to Kenis Roscoe Blevins Sr. and Mary Ellen Gibson Blevins, born on November 20th, 1931 at Hellier, KY. He is survived by his wife Clara Hinkle Blevins of Lincoln Park, his mother Mary Ellen of Ecorse, 5 children Patricia (Thomas) King of Westland, Anita (Edwin) Leighton of Waterford, Michael (Cheryl) Blevins of Trenton, William Blevins of Lincoln Park, and Robert (Debbie) Blevins of Lincoln Park. Eleven grandchildren, David King, Joseph King, Alishia Thomason, Jason Leighton, Ryan Leighton, Austin Blevins, Jessica Blevins, Alysha Blevins, Landon Blevins, Joshua Blevins, and Eric Blevins. Six great-grandchildren, Ariel King, Felicia King, Alissa King, Krystal King, Makayla Thomason, and Chloe LeFlure. He is also survived by four sisters and two brothers, Faye (George) Wakefield of Alabama, Opheila (Leif) Hanson of Ecorse, Gerri (Bob) Loree of Lincoln Park, Walter (Mary) Blevins of Ecorse, John (Mar) Blevins of Brownstown, and Vanessa (Ray) Broome of Brownstown. Also may beloved nieces and many nephews and many beloved friends. He was preceded in death by his father Kenis Blevins Sr. two sisters and three brothers, Lina Blevins, Marie Williams, Arvid Blevins, Estel Blevins, and Kenis Blevins, Jr.



Lynn Harris Blevins

He lived in KY until 1963 when he migrated to Michigan in order to find work and moved his family to be with him in 1964. He was a faithful member of the Triumphant Church of God in Lincoln Park where he participated in music ministry and assisted at times in teaching Sunday School. He was a mighty man of valor and loved the Lord with all his heart and soul. There was not anything else that he would rather talk about and it was his greatest desire to see all his children come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

He loved his family very much and worked hard for many years to provide a home for us until he medically retired in 1995. He continued to support his family in whatever way possible, such as babysitting his grandchildren that he loved so deeply and was always available to lend an ear or give Godly advice whenever needed. He raised us with a firm hand, yet loving and was a great and fun dad and grandfather. We will always remember how he used to play with us for hours when we vacationed in Kentucky. You have not played hide and seek until you played it with dad.

He liked to play the guitar and sing, mostly for pleasure at family gatherings. He did at times play in a band with friends and played at church functions and the Kentucky Picnic every year. Music came naturally to him. He first started at about the age of 9 and taught himself on a home-made guitar. He did not read music and played by ear. It was very common that people gathered at our home in KY and here in Michigan just to hear him sing and play. Those times are among some of our most favorite memories. We will always cherish them in our hearts.

It was hard to say goodbye to someone who meant so much to us. We all will miss the hugs and kisses and the "I love yous." We will miss his sense of humor, little jokes, and tricks that he would play on us and we most certainly will miss his stories that he would tell us as only he could tell them. He loved to reminisce about Kentucky, his childhood, and his times as a truck driver for Swift out of Huntington, WV. And we know that Mom will certainly miss her nightly games of rummy with him. July the 18th of this year mom and dad would have celebrated 60 years of

marriage. And oh, how he loved mother! Even when he spoke of her, it was with tenderness in his voice. She was the love of his life.

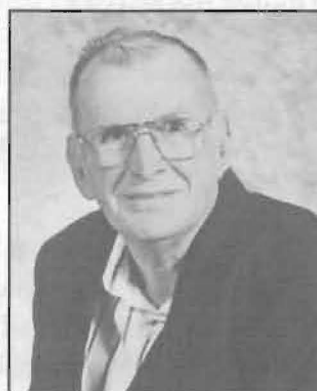
February the 21st, 2010 on a Sunday morning at about 9:10 A.M., he peacefully stepped out of his earthen vessel and stepped into Glory and, I believe, was greeted by Jesus. Some of his last words are that he wanted to see Estle Whitt, his little brother that died at about the age of 2 when he was about 4 or 5 years old. He often spoke of him and how much he had loved him. I believe that he has be reunited with his little brother as well as his other brothers and sisters and his father. What and awesome reunion that must be.

So the best way for me to sum up dad's life is to simply say that **"HE LOVED"** and left us with a Godly heritage. Someday soon we will see him again when that time comes for all of us. Until then we all want to say that "we love you dad and we will miss you sorely." But our loss, after all, is. . . Heavens gain.

Written by His adoring daughter . . . Patricia Blevins King

### CARLOS BRANHAM

With the help of the Lord, we'll try to write the obituary of our dear brother, Carlos Branham. He was born August 25, 2010 at Honaker, Kentucky, to Bill and Dollie (Case) Branham, who preceded him in death. Carlos was called to be at home with the Lord February 17, 2010, while residing in Willard, Ohio, making his stay here on Earth 78 years, 5 months and 23 days. Carlos was also preceded in death by two brothers and their wives, Johnnie (wife Hilda) Branham, Elzie (wife Mae) Branham, three sisters, Cloteen, Lorene, Gearldine, and two brothers-in-law, Johnnie Goble and Enon Chaffins. Left to mourn his passing are his sweet wife, Edna Branham, three sisters, Cola Goble of Willard, Ohio, Hazel (husband John) Elkins, Addie (husband Bob) Langley of Interlachen, Florida, three brothers, Malcolm (wife Betty) Branham, Donald (wife Linda) Branham of Plymouth, Ohio and Ronnie (wife Gracie) Branham of Shelby, Ohio.



Carlos Branham

Others to mourn his passing are his niece who was so good to Carlos and managed his affairs and was very good to help in any way she could and neighbor and friend Denese Vasquez who was always there for Carlos and Edna, providing a great deal of love and help to them. Additionally many nieces, nephews and friends will miss him very much.

Carlos worked for Wier's Brothers Farms and Produce Company for fifteen years, after which he gathered and sold scrap metals as long as he was able to get around. He had a great sense of humor and was well known to many, locally as well as in Kentucky. He had a little dog, Tia that he loved very much, calling her his baby. Carlos loved to fish with his friends.

Towards the end of his natural life, Carlos became concerned about where he was going to be in Eternity, and began to diligently seek the Lord, praying asking the Lord to forgive him. He had lots of time, lying in that hospital bed at home and spent much time in prayer. The Lord answered his prayers and let him see his future Eternal Home. He was so happy and saw himself walking with his Dad and Mom as well as his old buddy, Enon. When he could barely talk, he told his brother, Malcolm and others that he saw a large band of Angels around his bed. He was a great witness for the nurses and others who helped to care for him during his last days on earth.

On Carlos and Edna's behalf, we want to express our great appreciation to Dr. Brown, the nurses and all that helped to take care of Carlos. You did a wonderful job and God will bless you for what you did.

Written by Your Brother-in-Law and Sister, Elder John and Sister Hazel Elkins



## VIRGINIA LYNN BRANHAM

I feel very humbled to write this obituary of my dear sister-in-law and friend Virginia Lynn Branham. Virginia was born on July 23rd, 1950, in Middlesboro, KY to the late William and Nell (Bryant) Redman. She passed away on April 7th, 2010 at Riverview Healthcare Center of Prestonburg, KY.

Left to mourn her loss is her loving husband Ellis Branham, her daughter Lisa (Mike) Casebolt, and two grandchildren, Hunter and Olivia Damron. She also leaves behind two brothers and four sisters; Donald Redman, Roger Redmon, Ann Hensley, June Marx, Billie Frisbee, and Connie Bradley.

Virginia and Ellis started their life together in Clyde, Ohio in 1965. They attended Little Bethel of Old Regular Baptist Church where Virginia was a member for several years. They eventually moved back to Kentucky in 1982 where Virginia worked as a Postal Clerk. Virginia was very ill in her later years due to complications from diabetes. For many years Ellis faithfully cared and nurtured Virginia as long as he was physically able. He was a loving and devoted husband for 45 years.

Before passing Virginia spoke of her love for the church and her longing to show her continued faith in the Lord. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

Written by her Sister-in-law, Maxine Collins and nieces



Virginia Lynn Branham

## ROBERT T. BROWN

Robert Timothy Brown was born May 3, 1970 on Homestead Air Force Base in Homestead, Florida, to Robert Charles "R.C." and Esther Mae Fancher Brown. Bobby's life ended suddenly and unexpectedly when he fell from his deer stand on Saturday, October 10, 2009, making his stay here on earth 39 years, 5 months and 7 days. Bobby got up early Saturday morning and took his bow and arrow and made the hour and fifteen-minute journey to Carroll County to do something he dearly loved, deer hunt. We know he arrived in the area well before 6:00 a.m. on what was to be a beautiful fall day and climbed up his tree stand. No one but God knows exactly what happened after that. All we know is that he never came home. When we first heard that Bobby hadn't made it to work Saturday evening, we all knew something was wrong. He was

always dependable and punctual so the moment Rebecca knew he didn't show up at work, she initiated the search. Four long hours later, the horrible news came that Bobby's young life was over.

While R.C. finished his enlistment in the U.S. Army, Esther moved back home to Ravenna when Bobby was six weeks old. R.C. was given the honor of serving his country in Okinawa from June 1970 to June 1971, Esther began raising Bobby in the Christian Fundamental teachings and philosophy that would shape his life.

In 1998, while employed at Press of Ohio, Bobby met the love of his life, Rebecca Marie Elkins. Both of them had beautiful young girls. Bobby had Kayla Marie and Rebecca had Abigail Dakota. They fell in love and married June 30, 2001 in Barberton, Ohio. God blessed them with three additional children, Emma Grace, Hannah Elizabeth and Luke Elijah, who all survive. In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by his parents, R.C. and Esther Brown of Statesville, NC, his brother, Thomas Anthony of Las Vegas, NV and his sister, Sylvia Lucille (Angelo) Smith of Brimfield, his in-laws, Dennis and Nelvia Elkins of Suffield, his grandfather, Charles Brown of Ravenna and a host of other relatives and friends. Bobby was preceded in death by his maternal



Robert T. Brown

grandparents, Rev. James and Blanche (Scott) Francher, and his paternal grandmother, Reverend Sylvia L. (Smalley) Brown.

Bobby was a faithful husband and father who diligently provided for his family. He loved all of his family and was always ready to lend a helping hand. He was well read in the Bible, was quick to forgive and never held a grudge. Bobby never had an unkind word to say of anyone. He had participated in Bible Bowl type competitions while attending his family church in Ravenna. He was a loyal and cherished friend to all that knew him.

Bobby was a quiet man and enjoyed spending time alone and watching sports of all kinds. He loved golf and played whenever he could. He loved fishing and deer hunting and was always pursuing bringing home that big trophy buck. Until a couple of years ago, he was always involved in softball and loved it. He enjoyed coaching Emma's softball team and watching Kayla, Abby, Emma and Hannah play in various sports and participate in other extracurricular activities. His pride overflowed as Kayla graduated from Streetsboro High School this spring with honors. From the first time I met Bobby, he was always bragging about his nephew Dominic. He thoroughly enjoyed watching his two favorite nephews, Dominic and Isaiah play football, baseball or wrestling, and of course, he enjoyed watching his niece, Cheyenne, as she played softball, volleyball, and basketball. He dreamed of the day when he could watch and coach his son.

Bobby worked his way up from being a general laborer to becoming a supervisor with Press of Ohio, now Hess Print Solutions where he worked about 15 years.

To his friends and family, Bobby loved all of you. But to those of you that Bobby was closest to his sister, Sylvia, and her husband, Angelo, who Bobby felt you were like a brother. Bobby adored you, he enjoyed just being near you, Rebecca wants to say thank you so much for all the love, the support, the gifts, the joy that you brought us. She is forever indebted. To his friends, in particular Jeff and Spike, thank you. He loved the two of you.

The Bible teaches us that we have no promise of tomorrow. If the good man of the house had known when the thief would come, he would have set up a watch and prevented his house from being taken. To all of Bobby's family and friends, Bobby's passing is such a clear example of the suddenness with which a healthy young life can be snatched away. If Bobby were able to speak to you, he would warn you to not take the brittle threads of life for granted but to value every moment. Love and honor God with your whole heart and love your family and friends as yourself. Seek God and his wondrous mercy while you still have time and opportunity.

### **GOLDIE HALL**

Goldie Hall (nee Strboya) age 81 of Strongsville went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 15, 2010 in the Falling Waters Nursing Home in Strongsville after a long illness. She was born on May 20, 1929 in Bath, Ohio where she was raised on a farm and loved the animals and horses. Goldie attended the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church in Litchfield as long as her health allowed her to. She was a very loving and caring person who always tried to help people and will be greatly missed by all her friends and family. She is survived by her sons David R. Halley, Ernest Halley and Thomas (Karen) Halley and step children Linda (Donald) Branham, David (Vivian) Hall and Randall Hall. Survivors also include grandchildren, Sharon Halley, Thomas E. (Kathryn) Halley and John (Susan) Halley and by her great-grandchildren, Sarah H, Thomas G., and Lillian M. Halley and by her brother, Max Strboya of California. Proceeding her in death was her husband Lee, who passed away the day before Goldie, her first husband, George Halley and four brothers and five sisters.



**Goldie Hall**

## LELIA MARIE OUSLEY LEMAY

Lelia was born on July 9, 1938 in Floyd County, Kentucky to the late Mike and Sarah Ousley. When she was nine years old, they moved to Dundas, Ohio. She had six brothers and three sisters who loved her very much. Mom later met Dad, the late Paul LeMay. They were married forty years. They had five children: Blaine (Kim) LeMay, Duane (Lisa) LeMay both of McArthur, Karen (Rick) Bartoe of McArthur, Valerie (Bob) Smith of Lebanon, and Rita (Ronnie) Dennison of Jackson. Mom also had fourteen grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. Mom always said if she had the money, us kids wouldn't want for anything. We felt like we had everything, Mommy's love. We all miss her so very much. Now she's one of God's angels.

Daughter Karen Bartoe



Lelia Marie Ousley LeMay

## DOY RIFFEL

I came here from Rhode Island 27 years ago and drove the road outside this very church on my first trip to Ohio as I started the courtship of my wife, one of Uncle Doy's nieces Samantha. I walked into a new relationship, a new family, very different people and a very new culture to me . . . And a whole new life that over the years has continued to broaden my understanding of people, family relationships and love.

Sam and I married 25 years ago this July 28th in this very church and I married not only the love of my life but into a family, history and culture that I now treasure as my very own.

I have learned many lessons through my experiences with the potter. . . But possibly the most prevalent is how different we may be . . . But how very similar we all are.

It does not seem possible that I stood here 9 years ago to eulogize the patriarch of the potter family, Bart . . . Today I am asked to do the same for one of Barts 2 son-in-laws, Doy Riffle.

Uncle Doy Riffle was born in Diana, WV on June 16, 1940 to the parents of H.C. And Dovie Riffle. He was one of 10 children. . . He spent his boyhood years there along with his brothers Roy, Coy, William, Harley, Wayne and sisters, Alta, Maimie, Mazie, and Hazel. He graduated high school and left his homestead. . . And moved to Medina, Ohio. He began his working life at Terex in Hudson, OH and then soon left to work at the Brook Park Chevy Plant as a tow motor operator and for 12 years a union rep. He was employed for 40 years until retiring October 1, 1999. There is no mistake that Doy was a faithful provider for his family.

In July of 1961, Doy met his love Wanda, while she was horseback riding on Spieth Road. Wanda was not to impressed with her initial meeting with Doy but he promptly went home to his brothers house and declared "I just met the girl I am going to marry" . . . After a few subsequent uneventful meetings... They met by chance on a hay ride and Wanda promptly left with another man. Doy was determined to take this to the next step. . . One Sunday afternoon Doy hopped in Wanda's 57 Ford Convertible and refused to get out until she took him to the "Big Clown" for a coke and burger. . . Doy was wild about his new love but it took Wanda about a year to come around.

Wanda finally succumbed and married Doy on November 2, 1963. The love of their life Tricia. . . Joined their family on December 4, 1968. . . And blessed them with 3 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Doy Riffel



After retiring Doy spent the bulk of his retired years doing what he loved working in his yard and garden and most importantly quality time with his family. The last 3 years of his life were difficult as health problems mounted finally and mercifully taking his life last Saturday, May 29 at approximately 10:45 PM.

To know the Potters is to understand, family is supreme. . . And to know and understand Doy Riffle is to know and understand the same. It was recognized by the family rides on the 3 wheeler he built ... The unplanned dinners with the family and the picnics at the metroparks.

I remember early on in my relationship with my wife her stories of her Uncle Doy. . . Buying her first car and helping to fix others. . . And my sister and brother-in-law Cathy and Phil speak of the annual County Fair and how Doy would always take them with a big wad of money and buy them all food and rides until the fair closed. . . And my father and mother-in-law recounted the stories of the adult and family parties where Doy was always right there in the middle of things. . . Doing and serving. . . He was even the bartender at my wedding and loaned me some money when things got very rough a number of years ago.

There was the fried shrimp dinners on Friday with the nieces and nephews. The drivers lessons for many of the kids. When Doy would come visit us in Florida. . . He would always come with something from his garden (hot peppers, tomatoes, green beans) and anything that would fit in the car. He always wanted to help with fixing or repairing something. . . Doy just loved to do. . . He just loved to help. . . And enjoyed and I think truly loved being wanted and productive. . . Holiday gatherings, picnics, and parties were constant... When Doy was young man he had a knack for hurting his head at every holiday function.

Doy's love and compassion was also demonstrated in the relationship he had with his dog, Shu Lou, who was a faithful companion for 13 years until she died in 2009. A little bit of Doy died when that dog passed.

For those of us that really know Uncle Doy we could relate to his struggles in life, understand his weakness of the flesh that we all have. . . And appreciate the way he battled to overcome very great obstacles and hurdles his entire life.

As echoed last evening. . . Uncle Doy made some distinct changes in his life... and came. . . I do believe to the relief that he could die with the clearness of conscious that can only come from the true repentance that God can bring.

I asked some of our family to encapsulate Doy in a one word. . . Heres what they said. Gardener. . . Thoughtful. . . Smart. . . Family. . . Generous. . . Loving. . . Henpecked. . . Patient. . . Produce. . . Drive. . . My Heart. . . I just say Uncle Doy was a "Good Man".

A special thanks from the Riffle family to Pauline Chaffen for the tireless hours of service to Wanda and Doy during the last several months of Doy's life.

I for one look forward to seeing Uncle Doy again in his resurrected body that will be free from disease and pain.

Rev. 21

See you soon Uncle Doy. . . We will all see you soon.

## TALT TUTTLE

It is with much sadness, but with a great deal more pride, that we write about the life and passing of our dad, Talt Tuttle. Dad passed away at his home in Grafton, Ohio on Sunday morning, February 21, 2010, at the age of 76, after a long, courageous battle with prostate cancer. He was surrounded by dozens of loved ones on the morning of his death.

Dad was born February 11, 1934 in Knott County, Kentucky, to Abel and Rosie (Thornsberry) Tuttle. Dad married my mom Sarah Jane (Cook), and they enjoyed 56 wonderful years of marriage, spending most of them in the Lorain County, Ohio area where dad worked at US steel for 32 years before retiring. Early in their marriage Dad served with the US Army and was stationed in Hawaii. His Company C 89th Tank Battalion replaced the last U.S. troops who came from the Korean War.



Talt Tuttle

While dad was in the Army, Mom gave birth to Dale, their oldest son, in 1955; David their second son, was born in 1958; and Philip, the youngest, was born in 1964. He and Mom truly enjoyed raising us and were great, loving parents who always made sure we got what we needed and wanted, without spoiling us. We learned many life lessons, but most of all, we learned to be good, morally sound people, just like Mom and Dad.

Dad was always giving of himself and was willing to help out his children, brothers and sister, his neighbors, his friends, acquaintances, or total strangers. Many times he would sacrifice his own rest and sleep to help anyone who needed help, even if they didn't ask him because they thought he was too tired or too busy. Dad's life was the perfect example of someone living the Golden Rule, as he would always do anything he could to help others. In his last years, Dad enjoyed spending as much time as he could with his Grandchildren and his great-granddaughter, whether it was watching them play in games, sing, act, or just having them over for a cookout. He loved them with all his heart and would do anything he could for any of them.

Dad also enjoyed spending time with his sons, brothers, nephews, and friends golfing, bowling, hunting and fishing, and especially was proud of the house that he and Mom built in the Southern part of Ohio. He loved to travel to Pennsylvania to hunt or to Canada to fish, he especially loved to travel down to the house in Vinton and hunt for days on end. In his retirement, he loved to flea market, and made many friends along the way.

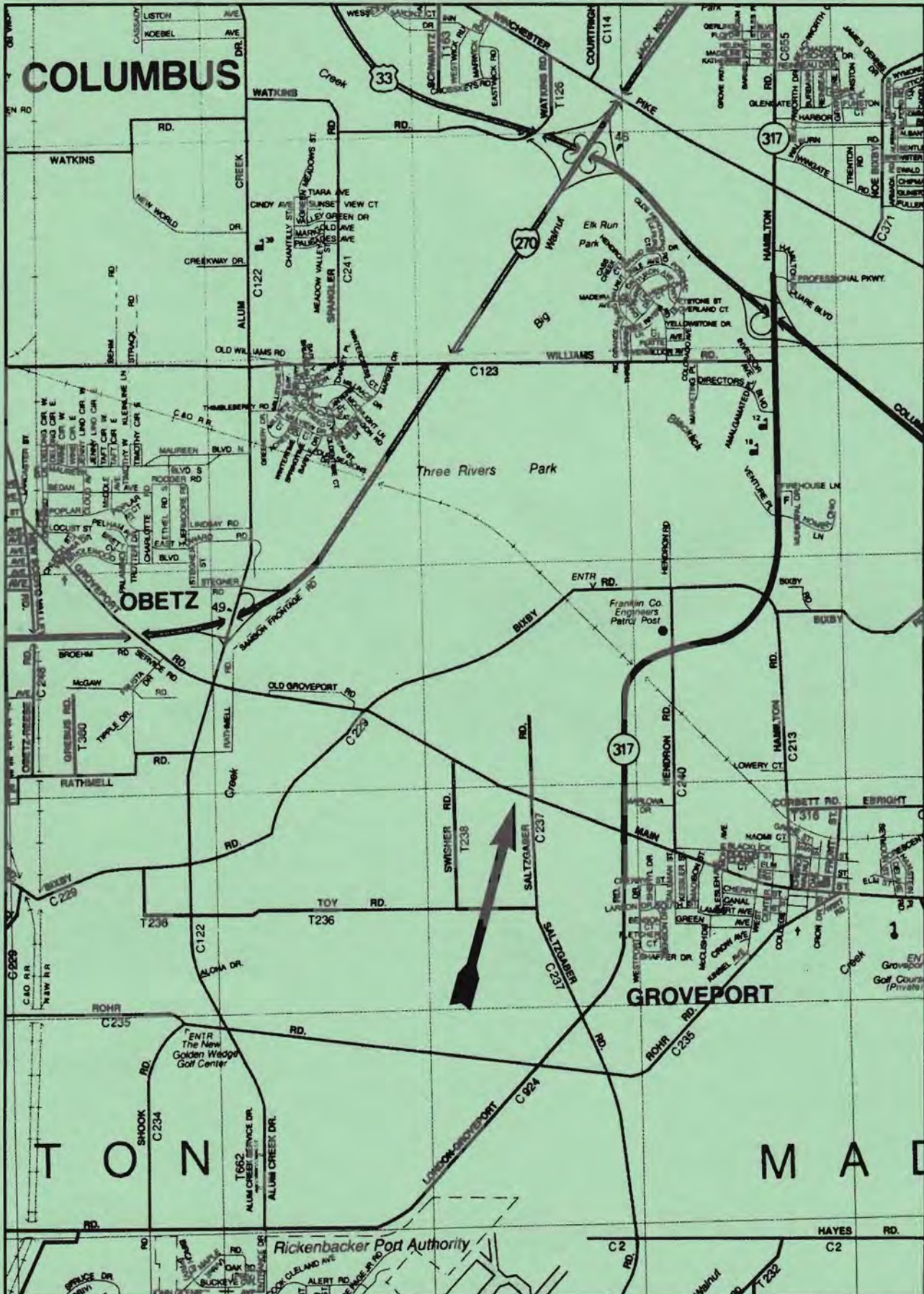
Dad is survived by his wife, Sarah Jane, his son Dale and Dale's wife Gail, his son David and David's wife Janis, his son Philip and Philip's wife DeNita. Additionally, he is survived by his grandchildren, Melissa and her husband Ted Copil, Chris and his wife Amanda, Danny, Katie, and Nikki, his great-granddaughter Makayla. Survivors also include his sister Gladys Hall of Lagrange, Ohio and his brothers, Faris of Shiloh, Ohio, Arthur of Plymouth, Ohio, Chester of New Haven, Ohio, Dennie of Wellston, Ohio, and Willard of Greenwich, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents Able and Rosie and his brother Olby.

Whether it will be that ever present whistling coming from the barn as he worked on something, the look of joy in his eyes as he returned from a hunt with a deer or turkey, or the smile on his face during the family gatherings at Christmas or Thanksgiving, we will miss Dad, but we believe he is in a far better place than we have ever seen. We look forward to the day when we will see Dad again.

Written by his sons, Dale, David and Philip Tuttle



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